

Dear Mayor Stewart, Council and Planning Staff,

My name is Rob Jezko and I am the manager of Everything Wine in South Vancouver. We were one of the very first businesses to open our doors in River District Town Centre. Over the years, I have enjoyed watching our community grow and look forward to welcoming new neighbours as residential development continues.

I am writing in support of the Official Development Plan amendments coming before Council. In particular, I would like to express my support for Wesgroup's proposal to build more housing in our neighbourhood, while also delivering the public amenities that have been planned for the neighbourhood, including a new community centre to serve the neighbourhood for the long-term. Currently, the neighbourhood is quite limited in terms of community amenities that are accessible within walking distance. Not surprisingly, there are many families here who are keen to see the community centre delivered as soon as possible.

I think it's important to advocate for better housing diversity in our community. I understand that the proposed ODP amendments coming before Council include an increase in residential density, including the provision of market, purpose built rental and below market housing. As an employer, I can attest to the need for more rental and affordable housing to support of local workforce. More employers who both live and work in our community means less traffic and congestion on our roads.

Thank you for receiving my comments. It is my pleasure to support this proposal, which will see the development of more housing choices and a suite of amenities to benefit those who live and work in our community.

Sincerely,

Rob Jezko
Store Manager
Everything Wine

