

5. CD-1 Amendment: 480 Broughton Street (Support)

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
06/29/2021	18:29	PH1 - 5. CD-1 Amendment: 480 Broughton Street	Support	I am the Chair of the Lord Roberts PAC. We support all amendments that get the Coal Harbour School built as soon as possible. Here are just some of the reasons why: Programming Issues Potential loss of programming space Our amazing educators fight against this, but the reality is that sometimes there are no slots for kids anywhere, which has in the past led to reduced programing. When schools struggle to find space to accommodate kinders there can be impacts to the programming schools are able to offer. In 2018/19 Lord Roberts Elementary took 6 kindergarten classes, but could only do so by using the music room as a classroom. As you can imagine, it's hard to teach music without a place to do it. This is just one of the many ways that a lack of space can negatively impact educational opportunities for children in the city of Vancouver. Traffic Problems Created by a Lack of Downtown Schools A Lack of Space Creates Worse Traffic Everywhere As families live further from their schools there is a greater need to drive students to school. Because more families need to drive traffic and congestion get worse. Congestion and tight timelines (work, school!) pushes more vehicle traffic into side streets and alleys in both departing neighborhoods and school neighbourhoods, negatively impacting all residents. This is especially true in the morning drop off time which coincides with rush hour for the morning commute. Increased Traffic is Dangerous for Children Children have a low profile, are still learning how to make decisions, and are most at danger of being seriously injured by a motorized vehicle. Increased congestion and traffic at pick up and drop off, especially in our low visibility winter, place children at risk. Reduced ability to safely walk or ride to school Distance reduces the ability for many families to bike or walk to school, which leads to an increase in car traffic. This increase results in families who are concerned about traffic safety to drive instead of walking or biking' which leads to worse traffic. A compounding problem. At Lord Roberts Elementary, many families walk, drive or ride from Coal Harbour today. Those who walk must cross Georgia Street during morning rush hour. This is an unsafe environment for Elementary aged children. School Community Problems Reduced community connection to the local school Schools need a connected school community to thrive. Ask teachers who have been in the system for a while, and they will consistently say that a connected parent community is key to a great education. t is this community that: catches missed homework assignments, chaperones dances, drives for sports events, fundraises for field trips, connects to local small businesses, and so much more. When the school community is dispersed this cannot happen in the same way. Schools with dispersed communities are inherently diminished. A Coal Harbour School would help to keep the community connected.	Ian Rowe		's 22(1) Personal and Confidential'	West End	No web attachments.
06/29/2021	18:36	PH1 - 5. CD-1 Amendment: 480 Broughton Street	Support	Downtown Vancouver desperately needs more schools. I have lived in the West End since 2003. My son played at Lord Roberts playground since before he could walk, he has been at Roberts since kindergarten and is now entering Grade. I am a small business owner in the West End and I live on Broughton St. I have first hand knowledge of the growing families in this area and the incredible need for daycare and schools. The development at 480 Broughton is vital to the growth of the downtown area. Family neighborhoods are safer neighborhoods. Families create involved communities who care for one another. I can't express how much we need this school development for the future of Vancouver. Thank you.	Leilani Ayley		's 22(1) Personal and Confidential'	West End	No web attachments.
06/29/2021	23:14	PH1 - 5. CD-1 Amendment: 480 Broughton Street	Support	Just get her done. My neighbours don't know what they are talking about. Blind in a money and greed/need fuelled rage against change.	John		's 22(1) Personal and Confidential'	Downtown	No web attachments.
06/30/2021	06:13	PH1 - 5. CD-1 Amendment: 480 Broughton Street	Support	I am a single parent of a 33 month old & live downtown, just a few blocks from the proposed school construction at coal harbour community. Having these units built & getting into the school would solve a lot of headaches for us, since we are not planning to move out of this area for a long time. Finding & getting into a school/ childcare is one of the biggest stresses in our lives. Thank you!	Karen Louise Chan		's 22(1) Personal and Confidential'	Downtown	No web attachments.
06/30/2021	10:52	PH1 - 5. CD-1 Amendment: 480 Broughton Street	Support	We highly support this project. As a young, professional family in Vancouver, two of our biggest concerns and challenges are both daycare and schooling. Personally, we struggled for over two years to find reliable childcare, and while our child will be too old to benefit from this project, we know it's vital to many other families in the neighbourhood. With respect to schooling, for years, we've watched friends and neighbours struggle to get their children into elementary schools - schools that are literally across the street from their homes but have waitlists that are impenetrable. Many families have considered and ultimately committed to private schools because it's a school their kid can actually get into and has the accessibility of downtown locations. Even more families we know have left the downtown core, knowing that getting their child into a school downtown is not guaranteed, and in fact, a very stressful and unpredictable situation. Private school and moving locations are options only available to those with the most resources and is certainly not a sustainable, fair or realistic choice for most families. If we want Vancouver to be inclusive and diverse, we must have support for all families and have accessible - and available - childcare and education. One of the best things about living in Vancouver, and specifically downtown, is the walkability and bike-ability. Many downtown families don't have vehicles, and yet access to education is generally not walkable or bike-able. We're not talking about access to a certain store or attraction: we're talking about a very basic and important part of our social fabric, city and communities' education and childcare. When considering this project, I urge you to consider: Who do you want to live in downtown? What kind of vibrancy do you want to create? Who is welcome downtown? If this answer in any way involves diversity, children, young people, young families, then it's time to approve more schools and childcare facilities. Our city is only set to grow with an influx of more companies, more talent and more development downtown. Already, schools are at capacity with waitlists that are too long. We cannot wait until this problem worsens and even more growing families are forced to make difficult choices, leave, or decide not to come at all' and the vibrancy and community of our beautiful city erodes. Please stay strong and make decisions to support all people, growing families and a true community.	Lisa Michaud		's 22(1) Personal and Confidential'	Downtown	No web attachments.

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06/30/2021	11:57	PH1 - 5. CD-1 Amendment: 480 Broughton Street	Support	We are a young family living downtown and as our oldest reaches school age in the next couple years, we dread the lottery system the we will be forced into to get our daughter into crosstown school that is literally across the street from us. Downtown needs more schools to support the walkable green city that we all envision. Reading the comments opposed to this project is heartbreaking. The comments and the mindset are examples of why we have no schools or childcare. Of why we have to move or consider private school or rely on a lottery - a lottery not to hope to win a car or millions, but for the basic right of education in Canada.	Troy Michaud	"s 2 2(1) P	Downtown	No web attachments.
06/30/2021	15:47	PH1 - 5. CD-1 Amendment: 480 Broughton Street	Support	There is a very significant shortage of childcare and child education options in the neighbourhood. We need the school!	Dr. Kemi Odegbile	"s 22(1) Personal d C f d t l"	Unknown	No web attachments.
06/30/2021	16:12	PH1 - 5. CD-1 Amendment: 480 Broughton Street	Support	Really in favor of more units in this location for schools & daycares! We live just a block away & it's hard to find these nearby. Hoping my 33 month old will get to attend kindergarten here!!! Fingers-crossed :)	Karen Chan	"s 22(1) Personal	West End	No web attachments.
06/30/2021	16:42	PH1 - 5. CD-1 Amendment: 480 Broughton Street	Support	PLEASE BU LD IT!!! There is one school in the west end. t isn't right! There are so many young families down here. How has this taken 30 years" Also, anyone complaining about their view knew this was going to happen in the last 30 years, so why is this even an issue' And there already is social housing in both coal harbour and the west end, so why would that be a worry' PLEASE BU LD IT!!!	Vivian Barnett	"s 22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Unknown	No web attachments.