

1. CD-1 Rezoning: 4949-5255 Heather Street and 657-707 West 37th Avenue (Heather Lands) - OPPOSE

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Full Name	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
05/23/2022	19:52	PH3 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 4949-5255 Heather Street and 657-707 West 37th Avenue (Heather Lands)	Oppose	Representing RCMP Veterans', Vancouver Area in regards to the preservation of the Fairmont Building/Heather Lands. Please see attached comments.	Donna Morse	s22(1) Personal and Confidential	I do not live in Vancouver	Appendix A
05/23/2022	23:43	PH3 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 4949-5255 Heather Street and 657-707 West 37th Avenue (Heather Lands)	Oppose	I am opposed to the rezoning of the Heather Lands as currently proposed, for the reasons outlined in the attached letter.	Stephen Mikichich		Kitsilano	Appendix B
05/24/2022	12:03	PH3 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 4949-5255 Heather Street and 657-707 West 37th Avenue (Heather Lands)	Oppose	Here is the 372 page transportation report, why has staff does not provide their comments https://rezoning.vancouver.ca/applications/heatherlands/heather-lands-rezoning-transportation-assessment-and-management-study.pdf	Nathan Davidowicz		Shaughnessy	No web attachments.

APPENDIX A

May 20, 2022

To the attention of: Mayor Robertson and City Councillors

Re: May 24, 2022 – Public Hearing Notification – Heather Lands

My name is Donna Morse, a retired member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I hold the position of Governor for the RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division.

My comments are in reference to the future of Fairmont Building (aka Barracks/Stables) situated on the Heather Lands. I want to clarify that I am not opposing the development of the Heather Lands but wish to voice my concerns on the future of the Fairmont Building within that development.

It is the history of the Heather Lands, including Fairmont Barracks, which make up not only the Force's history but that of our Nation's history – all the Nations that make up our country and its communities. This history should not be forgotten.

To clarify any misconceptions, from 1858 to 1950 the BC Provincial Police (BCPP) were the police force of note within the province. In 1920, the RCMP acquired Fairmont Barracks/Stables (as it is known by Veterans of the Force), and the building served in many capacities until 2012 when the RCMP "E" Division Headquarters was relocated to Surrey.

A book "Duty Done – Memories of Fairmont Barracks" will be published later this year putting in writing stories of service pertaining to Fairmont. I am a co editor of that book. There is a story in the book of an RCMP Officer's last wishes to be buried under the flagpole which is still on the parade square outside of the main entrance to the Fairmont building. Supt. Joe Atherton's remains were buried under that flagpole in 1988 and remain there today. Whatever happens in reference to development of the lands, it is hope that this site will be handled with the dignity and respect as it deserves. It is important that Supt Atherton's remains will be reinterred and the Vancouver Veterans look forward to working with the City and MST in this regard.

It is felt that the Fairmont Building could be used as a catalyst to ensure that uncomfortable history is not rewritten but is understood by those generations that follow. In quoting Mary Simon, Canada's Governor General, in words she said last week on the Royal Tour which, I believe, can be used in reference to all history of Canada "learn the truth of our (indigenous)history – the good and the bad. In this way, we will promote healing, understanding and respect. And in this way, we will also promote reconciliation...". The Fairmont Building should be saved and repurposed into a facility that will help to show the true history of British Columbia - both good and bad.

Sincerely,

Donna Morse, Governor

RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division

APPENDIX B

May 23, 2022

Mayor and Council
City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver BC V5Y 1V4

RE: OPPOSITION TO HEATHER LANDS REZONING

I have reviewed the staff report titled *CD-1 Rezoning: 4949-5255 Heather Street and 657-707 West 37th Avenue (Heather Lands)*, dated March 28, 2022, along with the City of Vancouver's Policy Statement for the Heather Lands.

I am opposed to the proposed rezoning of the subject properties due to the staff recommendation that the 1912 Fairview Building be "removed" (meaning "demolished") to make way for the proposed redevelopment of this site. This building is formally recognized for its heritage value and is listed on the City of Vancouver's Heritage Register as an 'A' category building. There is no approved heritage policy that would support its demolition; rather, the developer should be required to retain and conserve this building on site and consider adaptive re-use, which would not preclude a reconciliation strategy for the project.

Staff describe this as a site-specific recommendation. However, the wilful demolition of an 'A' category heritage building sets a dangerous precedent. It puts into question the City of Vancouver's commitment to heritage conservation and its stewardship of community heritage assets as it promotes redevelopment and densification across all city neighbourhoods.

Sincerely,

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