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PH 2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 3575-3655 Kaslo Street, 3580-3644 Slocan Street and 2755 East 21st Avenue - Oppose

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2023-01-19	14:47	PH 2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 3575-3655 Kaslo Street, 3580-3644 Slocan Street and 2755 East 21st Avenue	Oppose	<p>I have lived on Slocan Street near Beaconsfield Park for twenty years. Although I can appreciate the need for a facility to serve the needs of children with health complexity and their families, I have two main concerns about this particular location.</p> <p>The first is a concern for pedestrian and cyclist safety on Slocan St. with the significant increase in vehicular traffic that this project would inevitably create in an already busy and well used residential neighbourhood.</p> <p>Slocan Street between Grandview Highway and 22nd Avenue has seen much more vehicular traffic over the last two decades with the increased density in the surrounding area. With Beaconsfield Park, the Italian Cultural Center and Banana Grove Market, this stretch of Slocan street is used by many in the neighbourhood and beyond. It is also a designated bike route and is used very regularly by cyclists at all times of the day and night.</p> <p>Beaconsfield Park is used consistently throughout the week for children and adult soccer, volleyball tournaments and general neighbourhood and family use which is wonderful. However, with families and individuals gathering for these activities year round the traffic volume makes this a very busy residential street. With this current high volume safety is already a concern.</p> <p>Add the Italian Cultural Center and the many activities that they host, and this makes the traffic volume substantial in this 10 block stretch of Slocan St.</p> <p>The proposed entrance to the new facility is on Slocan Street near 21st Ave. With a 74 space day care on this property, that would increase volume by approximately 140 cars per day with child drop off and pick up. Add to that the number of families visiting and necessarily being close to their children in the health center, and the increased volume of traffic, especially on Slocan is exponential.</p> <p>Also in this location, where will families stay and access the food and other amenities that they will need?</p> <p>If this project is approved, I request that the entrance to the facility be moved from Slocan to either Kaslo Street or 21st Ave as there is currently much less traffic than on Slocan for the reasons mentioned above. Moving the entrance to either of these streets</p>		Renfrew-Collingwood	

would make it more likely that people would access the facility via Renfrew (which is already a main artery) and then 21st, rather than off Slocan which is already so congested.

I would also like to point out that traffic on 22nd is now consistently very busy and the intersection of 22nd and Slocan is quite dangerous for drivers trying to access Slocan both north and south. Just this week there was another accident.

My other concern which is even higher on my list is climate change. I have noticed over the last few years, as we have been experiencing more drought conditions, that many trees in our city are very stressed. There is an urgent need to save our trees and continue greening our city to help keep it cooler and more livable for humans as well as provide habitat for the beautiful diversity of birds and animals that also live here. The proposed site is already an invaluable green space with many HUGE old trees that would be difficult to replace. Could we preserve and further develop this site as a much needed green space for many people and animals to access for generations to come? Is there not a better site for this facility, closer to amenities that families and their children need and one that would not destroy a precious and much needed green space?

Thank you for your consideration.