

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

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2023-01-19	18:24	PH 2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 3575-3655 Kaslo Street, 3580-3644 Slocan Street	Support	<p>My name is Paul Stewart, and I am a resident of Vancouver.</p> <p>I'd like to thank the Mayor and Council for this opportunity to comment in regards to the rezoning of the property located at Kaslo, Slocan and East 21st Avenue in East Vancouver.</p> <p>My comments represent my family who reside on Slocan Street directly across from the old giant trees in the middle of the property. I am commenting to voice our support for the rezoning and frankly our excitement for the use of the property by Provincial Health Services for the benefit of the children of BC and Vancouver.</p> <p>Though we know this is very early days, we thought it was still apropos to communicate very briefly some concerns we have for the development, irrespective of our support for the rezoning. We are simply airing them early, so to speak, to raise awareness to Council of a few of the issues that we hold dear in the neighbourhood, along one of the bordering streets.</p> <p>They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the safety of the bike traffic that uses the Slocan bike route 2. our concern for future light pollution and 3. our eventual sad farewell to the coyote habitat, that inevitably will occur. <p>Number One - Bike Safety - Every day I ride my bike together with my 2 kids, aged 6 and 10, to their before and after school care down Slocan, northward across Grandview Highway. I've done this everyday for 5 years, literally 1500 times.</p> <p>-as you know Slocan is a bike route that possesses some danger. It's been said that a road with a painting of a bike is not a bike route, unfortunately Slocan doesn't even have paintings of bikes anymore as they have been worn out. Each day we face a road bordered by parked cars on both sides. Seasonally there are also leaves from the tall trees, and this year, possibly due to extreme weather, I am not sure, the leaves which form a slick surface are still there on both sides which forces us to bike in the middle of</p>	No Name No Name	Renfrew-Collingwood	

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the road. As you likely know cars also cut through Slocan to avoid Nanaimo and race up and down our street. There is also the pre-school at the Italian Cultural centre that creates additional traffic during rush hour, including dangerous u-turns by parents dropping off their kids, and occasionally we get yelled at from angry drivers impatiently cutting through.

-I mention this as the City is planning to place a 75 seat daycare on the Sunnyhill property creating additional safety issues for cyclists on top of the ones we are already dealing with. I understand this daycare traffic will be routed off of Slocan and into the alley (slocan and 19th) to avoid these conflict points, but I note that increased traffic will likely wrap around back onto slocan after drop-off or pickup, and I can tell you that drivers rarely stop for the stop sign at Slocan and 18th.

-I this meeting to review the rezoning application is not necessarily about cyclist safety, and I should state that we strongly support the proposed daycare on the property, I merely raise this issue as Slocan is already in need of some sustainable transport attention, and I suspect the daycare will exacerbate this concern. So I ask the City to pay careful attention to this safety issue.

Number Two - In regards to light pollution, the property is currently very very dark, in particular around the giant old trees in the middle, and we greatly appreciate that. I was once the Light Pollution Rep for the Royal Astronomical Society and also once contributed advice on the City's lighting strategy years ago. I think it should be known that we have strong concerns about the potential for movie set type lighting going into Sunnyhill, and we just wanted to voice our concerns early on. We hope that the dark sky character of the property can be maintained, amongst a city that suffers serious light pollution issues.

Lastly it should be noted that for the 13 years we have lived here, the neighbourhood has co-existed peacefully with the coyotes that live across the street, directly on the spot where the new daycare will