

1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1805 Victoria Drive - Other

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2024-05-30	15:45	1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1805 Victoria Drive	Other	<p>Dear Mayor & Council</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to share our comments and have them included as part of the Public Hearing and Zoning Application process.</p> <p>The referral report for this application only partly addresses the traffic congestion and safety issues for the development site.</p> <p>The recommendation for a pedestrian light at the crosswalk at Victoria & E3rd is supportive. But this is only a small a part of what should be a larger plan for Transportation and Parking in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>The Intersection of Victoria Drive and East 1st Avenue continues to gridlocked during peeks hours and during events. This backup which frequently extends beyond East 3rd Avenue south and Grant Street north has steadily increased year over year. This has resulted in East 2nd and East 3rd becoming an arterial route to East 1st Avenue. Even during non-peak times drivers are realizing our neighbourhood as their “go to” route to avoid East 1st Avenue. Added to this is the unsafe speed of drivers so that even the benign act of collecting groceries or putting a child in a car seat has become dangerous. Put simply. We have lost the casual use of our streets.</p> <p>The residents of East 2nd Ave (East of Victoria Drive) have, on several occasions petitioned engineering for an action plan to deal with the increased traffic. We have referred them to the traffic calming measures our neighbours to the north of East 1st Avenue enjoy as result of their narrow streets becoming thoroughfares.</p> <p>The response from engineering has been something along the lines of “tolerable limits,” Based in part on one traffic study, (done during a snowfall in November) and a general reluctance to spend money on infrastructure unless the neighbourhood pays for it.</p> <p>As a way to move forward the best advice we have received was from the planners who facilitate the open house for the current Grandview-Woodlands Community Plan. They suggested the best time to request meaningful change is during a re-zoning process.</p> <p>So here we are now.</p> <p>We request that the approval of this application proceed in concert with a comprehensive traffic plan that will address the current congestion on Victoria Drive, the calming of traffic siphoning onto side streets and the</p>	Murray Price	Grandview-Woodland	Attachment 1 Attachment 2 Attachment 3 Attachment 4

potential for the access and egress of emergency vehicles to be impeded.

A comprehensive plan should consider improvements including but not limited to:

- 1.) Advance turning lights at Victoria & East 1st
- 2.) Signs restrict turns on East 2nd / East 3rd during peak times
- 3.) East 2nd / East 3rd becoming one way with no access to East 1st from Semlin or Lakewood.
- 4.) Traffic diversion at Lakewood to improve bikeway safety.

Files attached

Thank you for your consideration

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