# **Case Summary**

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Subject:	CD-1 Rezoning: 1770 West 12th Avenue
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connections with many neighbourhoods and pockets of the city, whether through work, residency, or family & friends. The proposed development at 1770 w 12th, as is currently considered, would be a 24-storey, 76.6m tower directly in the heart of the Fairview South community. This proposal were it to be approved, and assuming construction starting in a reasonable timeframe, would be the tallest building south of Broadway and west of Oak, by roughly 30 meters, or 10 storeys. The building directly to its south, where I reside, is 3 storeys.

I understand that the CoV has focused and concrete goals to improve rental housing availability and increase vacancy rates to somewhat more of a "balanced market", hopefully then making housing more affordable for all. It is crucial that these goals be realized, however, I wholeheartedly disagree with the city's approach of pursuing it at the expense of upending existing community character, cohesion, and functionality. This is not a community of high-rises, built to accommodate high-rises (and the volume of added traffic that go along with them), nor does it possess the capacity in terms of vital community amenities needed for healthy living (i.e. schools, parks, community centres, grocery stores, day care, etc).

I therefore am in opposition to the proposal of increasing this project's proposed platform from 4 stories to 6, from 20 stories (as per the max allowed under the Broadway Plan [BP] – and up to 8 stories as per the BC TOA program) to 24, and from the max allowed 6.5 FSR to 6.8 FSR. Granted the BP has included within it, provisions which allow for consideration of these increases, namely, "Increased building height, generally up to six additional storeys, can be considered in circumstances where additional building height helps achieve better urban design outcomes. Minor increases in height and density may be considered where ground-level localserving retail/service use or childcare use is provided." Allowing the precedent to be set on one of the first projects the city approves under the BP in Fairview South, that these limits be stretched, will only mean that the de-facto height and density limits as they relate to the real unfolding of the BP in the next 5-25 years, leaves the original BP's intent in its shadow.

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lasting connection to place. While I have lived at this address for only four years (though I hope many more), many of my neighbours have lived in the building for 10, 20, even 30+ years. What makes our neighbourhood a community is the nature that it is mid-rise, and adjacent to Kitsilano where south of Broadway is mostly single-family homes.

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While in opposition to the redevelopment plan, I would chiefly like to point my concerns to the shared lane my building has with the proposed development. Our building has very narrow entrance and exit ramps to our parkade, making it difficult at best, impossible at worst, to access them when vehicles are parked near the entrance. It's difficult to discern exactly where the proposed loading bay would line up with our building, however I can estimate that it will be near if not directly opposite our entrance ramp. This increased traffic around this area will significantly impact our ability just to get in and out of our building. An unacceptable consequence that my neighbours and I should be expected to bare, of the City's approach to increase the rental supply in the CoV. Yet these building plans structurally install these difficulties for as long as both buildings remain standing.

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Neighbourhood:

Fairview

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2007 ...ive lived here at 1770 since 94 as a affordable home owner and currently unfortunately ranting at a expensive rate my old unit ..... the developer reps lied to me and family and told us it would be a mixed use building only 4 stories not a tower and mix of rent and to own .....Greystar is one of the worst they are 36 billionaires worth and renting from them at 1770 has been horrible they haven't fixed the intercom its been out since last year and they are cheap and you can't get a get a hold of them and they refuse to answer me on anything important ... I am in future will sue the city and graystar and get human rights .....and i oppose big towers in my area and i bought a apartment next door in 1720 graystar wants to destroy it too I will fight back ....and the building of graystar has no pool in the building they want to build and they irresponsible billionaires they are not responsible billionaires like Marriott lol .... I want my building to stay and become a co opp or mixed of rent home & ownership i want my unit back to own not rent . ....shame on gentrification Vancouver in my area of fairview and shame on the harassment and displacement of downtown eastside peoples

Neighbourhood:

**Fairview** 

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