

Rezoning: 859-883 East 33rd Avenue and 4895 St. Catherines Street - Other

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2025-06-27	00:06	Rezoning: 859-883 East 33rd Avenue and 4895 St. Catherines Street	Other	I support densification of 33rd Ave., however we are lacking storefronts and services to support the increased density. I propose that the new building include either storefronts and/or community services such as childcare spaces to meet this growing need.	Joel Bluman	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	
2025-07-07	07:16	Rezoning: 859-883 East 33rd Avenue and 4895 St. Catherines Street	Other	<p>What are you going to do to protect the trees at this site (859883 East 33rd and 4895 St. Catherine)? Our informal inventory of the properties revealed the presence of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Four mature cedars along 33rd and six more mature cedars facing the alley- Assorted mature shrubs- 1 huge spruce on St. Catharines- 4 + fruit trees- A stand of hemlocks on the alley- Assorted backyard ornamentals, including a mature holly- 2 cypress on the alley <p>Note that the tree canopy in our neighbourhood, Kensington - Cedar Cottage, at 12.1% (Source: UBC Forestry's Citizen's Coolkit) is far below the city's tree canopy target of 40% by 2050 which is part of the city's (quite responsible, in our opinion) strategy to address climate change. The City of Vancouver purports to acknowledge the value of a healthy tree canopy https://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/urban-forest-strategy.aspx And yet, as reported by the CBC, the city is failing in this goal because of rapid housing development. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/metro-vancouver-2020-tree-canopy-31-per-cent-2050-goal-40-per-cent-1.7186725 [cbc.ca]</p> <p>This project seems very similar to the one next door, where every tree on the site was removed, including some gorgeous old deodar cedars. A monolith is now going up to replace those trees that that helped protect this community's health for decades. Planting the equivalent number of new saplings somewhere else does not help us. And anyway there is no requirement for the city and developers to maintain their health (see CBC above). What are you going to do?</p>	Jeff Verbeem	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	