

Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue - Oppose

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2025-10-13	21:06	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	The space is needed for the school, Sir Sandford Fleming. The school is already over capacity and needs more space. There are more and more families in the area, and will need to expand the school's capacity. This is a very short-sighted plan by the VSB with no input from the community. Do not sell off this land for development	Beverley Lau	Victoria-Fraserview	
2025-10-15	12:08	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	As a mother of two young children who both attend Fleming Elementary, I am horrified and strongly oppose of VSB's decision to lease Fleming land to a private developer. I am deeply concerned about: Traffic Congestion & Safety Risks: Increased traffic from redevelopment will make drop-offs and pickups more chaotic and dangerous, especially for children walking to and from school. The intersection is already very busy with two main corridors, and adding additional dwellings and businesses will multiply impact significantly. Not in the Best Interests of Children: The redevelopment plan prioritizes infrastructure over the needs of the children. Decisions should center on what's best for students and the school — not convenience or cost. Impact on School Services: Redevelopment could interfere with access to classrooms, programming, and building of future expansions and portable classrooms, potentially hindering the school's ability to operate smoothly and accommodate student needs. As a parent to a grade 2 and daycare-aged student attending Fraserview Daycare at Fleming, we will be part of the school community for at least 10 years. Loss of Green Space: Fleming's outdoor areas are vital for physical activity, mental health, and social development. Removing or reducing this space directly impacts students' livelihoods and access to basketball courts, recreational space, and fresh air. Hindrance to School Activities: Sports, outdoor learning, and recess will be compromised, limiting opportunities for movement, creativity, and connection. Fleming is more than a school — it's a community. Disrupting this space affects the community's sense of stability, belonging, and joy. A small parcel of land disrupts the purpose of having a community-based space for all to enjoy.	Jennifer Lau	Killarney	
2025-10-20	12:58	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	Please see attached.	Melanie Cheng	Renfrew-Collingwood	Appendix A
2025-10-21	20:36	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	We will not allow you to sell indigenous land and sacrifice the future of our children. Shame on you and all those who set this manifestation into motion. Those who profit for money will never succeed, the universe is observing your actions. Choose wisely.	Balbir Sandhu	Sunset	
2025-10-21	20:44	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	We have almost 900 petitions opposing this development: https://www.change.org/p/vancouver-school-board-save-green-space-for-kids-at-sir-sandford-fleming-elementary My name is Heman Mehta. I'm the PAC Chair at Fleming Elementary, and a dad to two kids in grade 6 and grade 3. I'm here with humility and a simple request: please do not approve this rezoning as it stands. Give our kids—and their kids—a fair shot at space to learn and play. Let me start with what I see every day. Fleming has 422 students today - already over capacity! When the bell rings, our yard fills	Heman Mehta	Victoria-Fraserview	Appendix B

			instantly. The only real “grass” we have is on the steep edges of the site; the field itself is gravel. My kids—and many others—come home with bloody knees from ordinary play. The plan before you would lock away the very land that could fix that. We would lose two full basketball courts forever, replaced by two half courts you can’t run a real game on—no tournaments, no home games, no room for big dreams. And when enrollment grows—as it will with multiplexes and densification already underway—there is nowhere left for portables except on the last open field. That’s our only open play area. It becomes a cruel trade-off: either teach more kids, or let them run and breathe. That is not a choice a city like Vancouver should force on any school. I know there are numbers that say we’ll only be at “76% by 2031.” I’m not here to argue spreadsheets; I’m here to tell you what is real on the ground, right now, with 422 children—and a waiting future. We are not planning for a headline or a fiscal year. We are planning for 99 years. In less than 20 years, I hope to be a grandparent. I’m fighting for my grandkids to have a patch of grass at their neighborhood school. If we give this land away for a century, I will have to tell them we saw this coming—and did nothing. I also want to speak to fairness. On Vancouver’s west side, I don’t believe this would have gotten this far. Those communities are louder and better connected. On our east side, many families are immigrants, working two jobs, speaking many languages, doing their very best to show up for their kids. It is harder for them to take a day off to write letters and line up to speak. That does not mean their kids deserve less. If anything, it’s a reason to protect the common spaces their children rely on most. This isn’t a “no to housing.” It’s a yes to smarter choices. The School Board owns other properties—Kingsgate Mall is the obvious example—where value can be unlocked without taking a single inch from a school yard. If teacher housing is the goal, let’s build more of it, in the right places, at a meaningful scale. Seventeen below-market units are appreciated, but they are not worth a century of lost flexibility and play. There’s also a better path for this site, let’s work with the Park Board and VSB to move staff parking to the busy corner at 49th & Knight and give the heart of the campus back to kids—real grass, a safe field, and at least one full basketball court. That would be a legacy you could be proud of. I’m not an activist by nature. I’m a parent who shows up, who organizes movie nights and fun fairs, and who believes in this city. When the new school was built, we believed the outdoor space would be green as per the illustrations. Instead, we are being asked to accept less—for 99 years. Our community has tried to be constructive and respectful. Nearly 900 people have signed our petition because this isn’t theoretical—our children feel it in their elbows and knees every day on that gravel. So I’m asking you, with respect: 1. Defer or reject this rezoning. 2. Require up-to-date enrollment planning that reflects the reality we see. 3. Direct the parties to pursue non-school lands for revenue and housing. 4. And if anything does proceed on this corner, make it a project that gives space back—not takes it away. Vancouver’s greatness won’t be measured by how many corners we densify. It will be measured by how we treat the places where children grow up—by whether a kid at recess has room to run, a team has a court to play on, and a family feels their city stood up for them when it mattered. Please stand up for our kids tonight, Councillors. Keep our school land for learning and		
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				play—for my children, for your children, and for the grandchildren we haven’t met yet. Thank you.			
2025-10-22	11:28	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	It is sad that they do not want to use the space to create more seats available for students.When the new building was built ,the capacity was decreased from the previous building.When the population of the neighbourhood is increasing exponentially over the past few years,the capacity of schools is decreasing, which totally does not make sense to me.I feel we are doing a great dis-service to future generations by not planning ahead.	Veeramani Jagadeesan	Victoria-Fraserview	
2025-10-22	13:24	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	Submission from the Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) containing 82 letters in opposition to the application.	Heman Metha		Appendix C
2025-10-22	14:49	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	I oppose the disposition of any public school land as it will all be required to accommodate the growing population that the City insists is in our future. Even if it is not in our immediate future, unbuilt-on community space such a a playing field or sports venue is precious to every neighbourhood and it is short-sighted in the extreme to lease it away from the children and families who need it.	Sal Robinson	Kitsilano	
2025-10-22	19:10	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	Please see attached letter confirming my opposition to this rezoning application.	Tiffany Yeung	Victoria-Fraserview	Appendix D
2025-10-23	12:28	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	Rezoning will lead to no Greenland and pollution and traffic will lead to increase in accidents on 49 th and knight	Rajinder Kaur	Victoria-Fraserview	
2025-10-23	12:34	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	VSb should have priority to increase education spaces,outdoor spaces for Fleming kids, nstead of giving preferential lease rates to a for-profit developer	Joshua Lee	Victoria-Fraserview	
2025-10-23	14:29	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	I’m writing as a Vancouver resident, and as a parent to two school-aged children. I’m also writing today as a parent and active volunteer in the city’s thriving basketball community. I’m submitting this comment in opposition to the proposed rezoning because this was public land. Specifically, this site was for decades the site of two full basketball courts that were vital to the school community at Fleming Elementary and to the surrounding neighbourhood. The land was given away to for-profit interests for a pittance. This was a bad decision both for the long-term well-being of our public school system and for the City’s urgent efforts to alleviate the crisis of housing affordability. Many of the local Fleming families will have no doubt already informed about how they feel about this inequitable decision. The “disposal,” aka privatization, of this public School Board land never should have happened. For nearly a year since that ill-advised decision, students and families at Fleming have lost the use of their basketball courts. In fact, the site was immediately fenced off and - just in case any kids should think about finding a way to get around the fence to play on their old courts - the basketball hoops themselves were removed from the backboards. Last Spring, I supported Fleming parents by organizing a free 3x3 basketball tournament for kids at Fleming. The 3x3 format was forced upon us, because there no longer are any full-sized basketball courts outdoors at Fleming. Nor is there a proper grassfield anywhere on the new school site, for that matter. The kids had a good time, with the older kids helping teach the younger ones the rules of 3x3 basketball. But because of poor land-use decision making, these kids are still missing out. The privatization of land belonging to this eastside school is an example of the enclosure of the commons and of the geography of inequality in Vancouver. As the City’s website informs us, there are zero full basketball courts in the public parks in the Victoria-Fraserview neighbourhood of which Fleming is part. There is only one half-court	Derrick O’Keefe	Fairview	Appendix E

				at Humm Park. Tax cut gimmicks like “zero means zero” mean zero new play and sports infrastructure for children in our city; it’s a grave disservice to kids who can’t afford private school or expensive private sports programs to be denied the basics like a proper-size court to play on. And the commodification and giveaway of land from our public schools doesn’t just hurt kids and families who attend Fleming Elementary. It hurts this whole underserved, eastside neighbourhood. The Park Board recently discussed adopting a version of Surrey’s “sports library” concept where adults and kids have access to free sports equipment such as basketballs. This idea is fine and good - but not terribly useful if there are no free sports courts on which the neighbourhood kids can play. In terms of the rezoning in front of you in this hearing, you will no doubt have staff and legal advice that the School Board’s disposal of this land would be very hard to undo, and that you must limit yourselves to accepting the crumbs offered as public benefit in the form of a limited number of below-market units for education workers at this site. I would urge you to consider the bigger picture. We need to maximize public benefit from publicly-owned lands. In the event you determine to proceed with this development, I urge you to consider stronger affordability guarantees and make use of conditions and covenants with the proponent to maximize public benefit. Regardless of the hearing’s outcome, the developer should be asked to remove the fencing and reinstall the basketball hoops - at least until such time as ground is broken. In a few months, we are hoping to organize a second annual basketball tournament. You have the ability to give them a proper place to play. In a city as rich as Vancouver, we should be able to give all families an affordable home and all children should have the means and resources needed to participate in everything life has to offer - whether sports, the arts, or anything else. The starving of the public sector and the systemic underinvestment in the public good guarantees an uneven playing field (or court) for the next generation. Thank you for your consideration.			

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2025-10-23	15:36	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	We're asking you to reject or defer this rezoning proposal that would take educational and play space from 422 children just to benefit a developer and provide a handful of discounted rentals. I urge you to ensure the School Board updates its enrollment data, rethinks its priorities, and looks to non-school lands for housing or revenue opportunities. And if anything does move forward on this site, let it be a project that gives space back to the community-not takes it away.	Reshma Mehta	Victoria-Fraserview	
2025-11-03	15:34	Rezoning: 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue	Oppose	I do not support the land being used for commercial property. The Fleming elementary nearby is already over capacity. We should preserve the land for school use. We should be investing in our children. We should consider more green space for the kids or additional classrooms. Or extracurricular space.	Shirley He	Victoria-Fraserview	

From: Melanie Cheng
Email: [REDACTED]

October 17, 2025

To:

City Clerk – City of Vancouver (via email)
Mayor and Council (via email)
Auditor General (via email)

Dear City Officials,

Re: Request for Review -

Subdivision and Rezoning (together, the “**Fleming Land Decisions**”) of public-school lands at **Fleming Elementary**, civically described as 1401-1455 East 49th Avenue, Vancouver, BC (hereinafter the “**Fleming Parcel**”) – Public Hearing scheduled for **October 23, 2025**; and

Subdivision (SD-2022-00071) application (“**Carleton Subdivision**”) of the public-school lands at Carleton Elementary, civically described as 3250 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC (“**Carleton Parcel**”)

I am writing to request a review of the City’s processes and decision-making in respect of the Fleming Land Decisions and the ongoing Carleton Subdivision. Both matters concern public school lands and were initiated by the Vancouver School Board (hereinafter the “**VS**B”).

This request seeks to ensure that the City’s determinations are transparent, evidence-based, and compliant with obligations under the *Vancouver Charter* and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (hereinafter the “**Canadian Charter**”), specifically section 23, which protects minority-language education rights (hereinafter “**s. 23 Charter Rights**”). The City must consider s. 23 Charter Rights whenever a decision could affect the creation, upkeep, or future planning of minority-language schools.

FLEMING LAND DECISIONS

1. Background and Supporting Records

This request for a review is based on the following facts and documents:

- (a) On May 8, 2025, at the VSB’s request, the City completed the processing of [Subdivision SD-2019-00033](#) in respect of the Fleming Parcel.
- (b) On May 23, 2025, a case relevant to VSB’s facilities planning, [Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique v. British Columbia \(S.C.\), Gomery J., 2025 BCSC 962 \(Vancouver S2013627, May 23, 2025\)](#), was determined. The VSB had a dual role (applicant for the Fleming Parcel subdivision and party to this case) and should have advised the City that the judgment on this case was imminent and material to the Fleming Land Decisions. In that case, Justice Gomery held that school-site decisions and land policies cannot override s. 23 Charter Rights.
- (c) On June 16, 2025, the VSB publicly issued its updated [Facilities Planning enrolment projections](#) (hereinafter “**VS**B June 2025 Data”) for land-use decisions.

- (d) The City's [referral report dated September 2, 2025](#) recommended that Council refer the rezoning of the Fleming Parcel to a Public Hearing. The City's referral report relied on the VSB's 2020 LRFP school capacity data for Fleming Elementary ([at page 9 of the referral report](#)), and not the VSB June 2025 Data.
- (e) On September 16, 2025 City Council voted to refer the rezoning of the Fleming Parcel to a Public Hearing. That same day, I sent a request to the City and Councillors by email to update the referral report for the Fleming Parcel with the VSB June 2025 Data.
- (f) As of today, the referral report for the rezoning of the Fleming Parcel has not been updated with the VSB June 2025 Data. The Public Hearing is scheduled for **October 23, 2025**.

By relying on the VSB's outdated 2020 LRFP data, the City risks decisions that undermine access to adequate educational facilities for all students, including the francophone community protected under s. 23 Charter Rights as outlined below.

2. Legal Framework

- (a) *Vancouver Charter* (ss. 562.1, 563, 565):

The above-mentioned provisions ensure coordination between municipal land-use planning and school-facility planning.

Section 562.1(1) of the *Vancouver Charter* requires that City Council “**must consult with the boards of education for those school districts**” regarding plans for school facilities, including the actual and anticipated needs for school facilities and support services in the school districts. In Vancouver, this duty necessarily extends to both the VSB and the Conseil scolaire francophone (CSF), each responsible for public education within the City of Vancouver.

The intent of Section 562.1(1) of the *Vancouver Charter* is to integrate accurate, current school-capacity information into land-use decisions. This data remains directly relevant to assessing rezoning and subdivision processes involving school lands.

While the Approving Officer acts independently in respect of the City's subdivision approvals under Subdivision By-law No. 5208, the City must still ensure consistency with Council's statutory consultation obligations and data currency requirements.

- (b) *Canadian Charter*, s. 23 (and via s. 32(1)(b)):

Section 23 of the *Canadian Charter* guarantees members of minority-language communities the right to receive education in their own language. Under s. 32(1)(b), the *Canadian Charter* binds all public authorities acting under provincial authority, including municipalities created by statute. As a creature of the *Vancouver Charter*, the City of Vancouver is therefore constitutionally obligated to uphold s. 23 Charter Rights when exercising its discretion over subdivision, rezoning, or disposal of school lands.

The Supreme Court of Canada has confirmed that municipalities are subject to the *Canadian Charter* when exercising statutory discretion (*Godbout v. Longueuil*, [1997] 3 S.C.R. 844), and that public authorities must not impair the ability of minority-language communities to establish or maintain appropriate educational facilities (*Doucet-Boudreau v. Nova Scotia*, [2003] 3 S.C.R. 3).

In *Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique v. British Columbia*, 2020 SCC 13 (at paras. 58 and 59) the Supreme Court of Canada emphasized that **accurate, evidence-based, long-term enrolment projections** are fundamental to making a determination on the provisions for minority-language education. The Court explained that the analysis must consider “statistical models that take into account the demographics of the community in question, its geographical location and any other factor that might have an impact on the number of students,” and that reliance on short-term or outdated data would be contrary to s. 23 Charter Rights and established case law.

Most recently, in *CSF 2025 BCSC 962 (Gomery J.)*, the Court confirmed that the existence of provincial orders and local administrative policies in respect of school land cannot override s. 23 Charter Rights (at paragraphs 713-715).

Accordingly, it is insufficient for the City to proceed with rezoning decisions in areas already experiencing school over-capacity based on obsolete enrolment figures. The case *CSF 2020 SCC 13* requires the use of current, evidence-based, long-term projections to ensure that minority-language educational rights are not impaired by municipal land-use decisions.

The Fleming Parcel lies within an area of significant population growth where access to educational facilities (including potential francophone facilities) is essential. Accordingly, the City’s review processes for the Fleming Land Decisions should include an explicit s. 23-informed analysis, grounded in current data, and confirm consultation with both the VSB and the CSF.

CARLETON SUBDIVISION

The VSB filed the application for the subdivision of the Carleton Parcel with the City on September 21, 2022 ([SD-2022-00071](#)) and is currently listed as “Preparing Recommendation”. As with Fleming, the Approving Officer’s exercise of statutory discretion over subdivision engages the obligations under the *Vancouver Charter* and s. 23 Charter Rights.

The Carleton Parcel lies within the Joyce–Collingwood Station Transit-Oriented Area (TOA), a zone expected to experience significant residential growth. The Supreme Court of Canada in *CSF 2020 SCC 13* confirmed that the first step under s. 23 Charter Rights is to determine how many students are entitled to education. At paragraph 58, the Court emphasized that demographics of the community, geographic location and any other factor affecting student numbers should form part of this analysis.

The VSB’s 2020 Long-Range Facilities Plan which the City of Vancouver continues to rely on, does not account for population growth resulting from recent housing policies or geographic areas. TOAs are geographically defined zones surrounding rapid-transit infrastructure that concentrate higher-density development and family housing, directly influencing local school demand. Continued reliance on the 2020 LRFP therefore fails to meet the evidentiary and planning standards set out in *CSF 2020 SCC 13*, which requires geographically informed and evidence-based data when assessing educational facility capacity.

REQUESTED REVIEW AND ACTION

The decisions in respect of the Fleming Parcel and Carleton Parcel require the application of relevant legislation because these decisions involve public school land. I respectfully request that the following actions be undertaken:

1. For City Council (Fleming Parcel Rezoning for Public Hearing on Oct 23, 2025):

- (i) Adjourn the Public Hearing on the Fleming Parcel and refer the item back to staff; and
- (ii) Direct staff to:
 - (A) file an addendum to the referral report for the Fleming Parcel updating all school capacity/enrolment references with the VSB June 2025 Data, including without limitation the relevant Metro Vancouver youth population data;
 - (B) provide an explicit s. 23 Charter Rights analysis (per *CSF 2020 SCC 13* on evidence-based projections) assessing whether the proposed rezoning would, or would not, impair minority-language education rights; and
 - (C) re-consult with the CSF and VSB and return with their written positions on capacity impacts and accommodation options.

The rezoning should not proceed to Public Hearing until all the above items are complete and transparently published so that the public may provide feedback.

2. For Auditor General (Fleming Parcel Subdivision):

The subdivision approval of the Fleming Parcel (SD-2019-00033) was issued by the City's Approving Officer and registered at the Land Title Office. Once registered, the subdivision approval is deemed final but remains subject to judicial review for compliance with statutory and constitutional obligations.

I respectfully request that the City Auditor General review the process by which the Approving Officer issued the subdivision approval for the Fleming Parcel under Subdivision By-law No. 5208 to determine whether:

- (i) consultation occurred with both the VSB and the CSF, as required under section 562.1(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*;
- (ii) current enrolment and capacity data were used in the City's evaluation of the subdivision application, consistent with *CSF 2020 SCC 13*;
- (iii) the determination by the Approving Officer adequately considered the City's obligations under s. 23 Charter Rights, as interpreted by recent case law (*CSF 2025 BCSC 962*) in relation to decisions concerning school lands; and
- (iv) the VSB, as applicant for the subdivision, disclosed to the City the existence of the then-pending *CSF 2025 BCSC 962* case prior to the Approving Officer's decision, so that the City could properly assess potential constitutional implications.

In general, I have concerns about the processes governing the subdivision of school lands and question why the subdivision of the Fleming Parcel completed on May 8, 2025 just weeks before the Court's decision in CSF 2025 BCSC 962 on school land matters was released on May 23, 2025.

Further, the VSB's Metro Vancouver enrolment projections, showing growth at Fleming Elementary, were available to the VSB as early as March 2024. However, the VSB did not release the enrolment projection information at the public Board meetings in September 2024 when the rezoning of the Fleming Parcel came to the Board to pass the required VSB lease bylaw. The updated enrolment projections were not released by the VSB until June 16, 2025, which was about one month after the Approving Officer finalized the subdivision of the Fleming Parcel at the City. This sequence of events raises serious questions about the timing and transparency of the subdivision process. It calls into question why the VSB delayed the release of the enrolment projections until after steps were taken in respect of the Fleming Land Decisions.

3. For Auditor General (Carleton Parcel Subdivision):

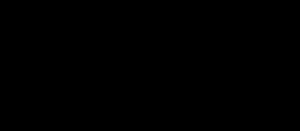
The subdivision of the Carleton Parcel (SD-2022-00071) is currently under review by the City's Approving Officer. I respectfully request that the City Auditor General examine the process and criteria being applied under Subdivision By-law No. 5208 for the Carleton Parcel, using the similar issues identified at the above paragraphs 2 (i) through (iv) inclusive for the Fleming Parcel.

It is also noted that the VSB has initiated engagement to declare Carleton Elementary surplus to the needs of the district before releasing an updated Long-Range Facilities Plan and without incorporating updated TOA geographic data. This raises additional concerns regarding data currency and the s. 23 Charter Rights analysis in the decision-making process.

SUMMARY

Beyond the Fleming and Carleton matters, the considerations noted herein have implications for all City decisions involving public school lands or lands with current or potential educational use. To ensure consistency and avoid piecemeal non-compliance, the City's decisions relating to such land should: (i) rely on the latest enrolment/capacity projections based on Metro Vancouver youth population data; (ii) include written confirmation of consultation with both the VSB and the CSF under s. 562.1 of the *Vancouver Charter*; and (iii) provide a transparent s. 23 Charter Rights analysis, consistent with *CSF 2020 SCC 13* and *CSF 2025 BCSC 962*.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this matter. I look forward to your response regarding the matters outlined above at your earliest convenience.

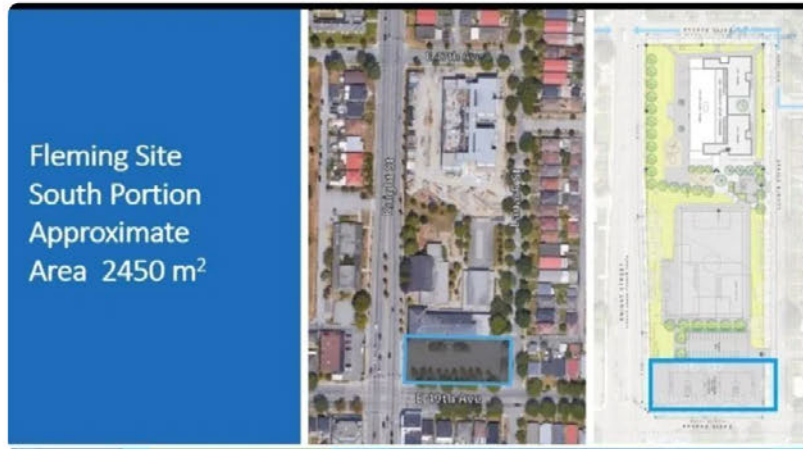


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The Issue

Hi Everyone,

The old Fleming School building is being demolished and VSB is trying to mark the South portion of that land as a "Surplus" in order to sell it or lease it.

We would like to request the neighbors living in this community to fill out the survey and express their thoughts on the potential sale/lease of this land. There is only a few more days left to share your opinion. <https://survey.vsb.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n4KI8pIM> (Two week end date: April 28th 2021)

VSB claims that the student population has been declining over the last 3 years. However, the recently built school is already completely full. There are kids on the waiting list for kindergarten and there is a lottery system in place for the pre-school upstairs.

Their student population forecast is way too short-sighted. The population in our neighborhood will continue to grow as we have more immigrants and families move into the community. As the City of Vancouver tries to tackle and create more affordable housing and with the increase in two family dwellings, secondary suites, laneway houses, land assemblies for townhouses and condos, it is truly hard to believe the forecasted low enrollment by VSB. The Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary site should retain as much land as possible so it can accommodate the potential growth. We have to consider future generations.

In addition, the current and proposed green space is insufficient. Unlike other elementary schools, Fleming Elementary does not have an adjacent park or Community Centre. Neighborhood parks such as Tecumseh, Gordon, and Memorial South are not very close to the school. For \$7M to \$21M (max) in future VSB revenue, it is not worth sacrificing the space where children and the community can come to learn, play and enjoy. Compounded by the pandemic, we need the outdoor space more than ever. Please do not give up this precious land that will surely help our kids and community in the future.

Please take the time to learn more about the project and review some of the slides they presented in their recent information sessions. Fill out the survey and help spread the word about this project so Knight & 49th does not look like a concrete jungle.

Details from VSB website - govsb.ca/south-fleming-site

VSB Survey ends April 28th - <https://survey.vsb.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n4KI8pIM>



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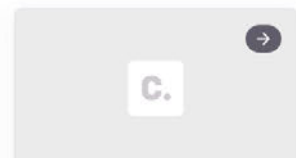
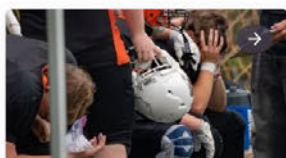
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Appendix C

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From:
Tim DeVivo
International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 963
Business Manager

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Wed, 15 Jan 2025 05:15:02 +0000
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: Ryan Cheung
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 17:51:31 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From:Laurie A Keddie

>From Email [REDACTED]

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 13:55:43 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Cathy Walker
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 15:08:14 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Terry Engler

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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Terry Engler

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2024 06:54:25 -0500

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Bhapinder Sandhu

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
Bhapinder Sandhu

From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Mon, 13 Jan 2025 17:46:52 +0000
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: Daniela Remer

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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Gladstone Pac

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2025 14:04:00 -0600
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: Bryan Doolan
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 16:15:05 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Lesley Hemsworth

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 22:15:02 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Hemanshu Mehta
>From Email: [REDACTED]

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Hemanshu Mehta

PAC Chair
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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Sun, 26 Jan 2025 13:05:38 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: J Campbell
>From Email [REDACTED]

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 21:37:23 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Jeff Aeto

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Thu, 16 Jan 2025 05:33:39 +0000
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: Caroline Cho

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2024 16:57:52 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Rebecca Reichert

>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From:
Rebecca Reichert

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Tue, 14 Jan 2025 23:38:31 +0000
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Harvinder Khangura
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 10:53:21 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Raymond Goerke

>From Email [REDACTED]

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 09:12:24 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: maia griffiths
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Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 11:23:20 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Helen May

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2025 18:53:23 -0800

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From: Celena Benndorf

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From: Vancouver DPAC
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From: Joanne Carman
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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 11:15:22 -0800
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From: Kimball Cariou
>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 17:48:19 -0500

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Jane Bouey

>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From:
Jane Bouey

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From: QVA PAC
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 12:47:51 -0800
Subject: Hi from Queen Victoria Annex + Childcare questions
Hi Facilities & Child Care Working group!

We're an annex, grades K-5 with no before / after school care. Our parents are desperate!

Since we are an annex, we have only a VP and building engineer. Our building engineer leaves the building at 4:45 which only allows for afterschool clubs, from 3:00 - 4:30. Our VP, I believe, leaves around 4 / 4:30pm. So we have no one onsite for an afterschool program.

The new reality for Vancouver families is that both parents are working full time positions, making childcare a requirement not an extracurricular.

As a PAC, we're trying to secure afterschool programs to help give parents that extra hour, but again it's hard to lure private groups into a school with only 150 students.

In a time when we need all the Vancouver schools we can get, beloved annexes are being left out of the benefits that larger schools are able to attract.

A few questions and ideas:

1. Are there efforts to make childcare a VSB priority across all schools, annexes included?
2. Why are the current afterschool programs all private entities? It appears to be such a missed vsb business opportunity! Facilities are already there and before and after school programs could recruit retired VSB teachers and new student teachers.
3. The same for summer programs - these facilities are largely empty during the summer, why aren't VSB summer programs offered or

I'm so happy there's a working group here. And I'm sure a lot of these questions are not new, so bear patience with me! I'm new in my position as PAC Chair @ QVA.

We greatly appreciate your time,
Sarah Cree

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Your PAC Executive: Sarah Cree (Chair), Barb Tinker (Treasurer), Erin Peters (Secretary)
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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 14:03:47 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Lilian Cheng
>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2024 06:45:07 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Janice Hernandez

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From: Cory Steeves

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>From Email: [REDACTED]

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Rupinder Bains

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 12:06:30 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Susan Stout

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
Susan Stout

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Sat, 18 Jan 2025 22:31:29 +0000
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Sean Orr
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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Tue, 14 Jan 2025 21:39:21 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From:m. joan conklin

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2024 18:09:17 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Reshma Chaskar Mehta
>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From:
Reshma Chaskar Mehta

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 13:59:13 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Jamee Justason

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Wed, 22 Jan 2025 17:21:15 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Julien Sellgren

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 13:46:58 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Ann Grant
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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 22:36:52 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Letrinh Louie
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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 21:13:04 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: zelik segal

>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Tue, 14 Jan 2025 23:33:12 -0600
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Tajinder Thandi

>From Email: [REDACTED]

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Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 12:46:06 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Gillian Collins

>From Email [REDACTED]

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Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: Jean Mickelson

>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2025 03:01:11 -0500
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: Ana Steenbock
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
Ana Steenbock

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 11:11:54 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Bill Bargeman
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From:
Bill Bargeman
Retired VSB teacher (Gladstone)

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2025 12:08:36 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: April Ens
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2024 07:44:45 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Chris Shelton

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 18:02:15 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Sarah Hamid-Balma
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
Sarah Hamid-Balma

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 16:33:41 -0500

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Michael Cheevers

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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Date: Sat, 18 Jan 2025 12:12:43 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Julia Lemieux

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Wed, 15 Jan 2025 18:19:06 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Kelly Quinlan

>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 12:13:19 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From:Laurie Keddie
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2025 21:03:05 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Julie Diesta
>From Email: [REDACTED]

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Vancouver Committee for Domestic Workers and Caregivers Rights
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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 22:08:14 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Bing Orense

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Wed, 22 Jan 2025 14:56:48 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Nina & Ryan Brown
>From Email: [REDACTED]

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Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 16:19:30 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Harry Dhesi
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From: kerre king

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From:
kerre king
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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 15:04:49 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: jan mackie
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 10:50:14 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Shemaine Chan

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Wed, 22 Jan 2025 12:57:35 -0600
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Nell Gasiewicz
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
Nell Gasiewicz

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2025 13:47:11 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Mary Anderson

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
Mary Anderson

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Wed, 22 Jan 2025 14:36:16 -0500
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Karolina Jones
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
Karolina Jones

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2025 16:47:08 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Fraser Tyrie

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 10:35:07 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: Toby Mustill

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
Toby Mustill

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Sun, 26 Jan 2025 11:43:47 -0600
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: Jacinthe Jacinto

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 10:58:56 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Dawn Lentsch
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 17:04:21 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Alison Jenkins

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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Alison Jenkins
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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2025 02:33:43 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: Anita L Romaniuk
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
Anita L Romaniuk

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 22:12:41 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Balkarn Dhanoa
>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From: Terry Engler
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Terry Engler

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2024 12:29:56 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Jennifer Williams

>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2025 17:45:11 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Sunshine Coast Labour Council
>From Email: [REDACTED]

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Sunshine Coast Labour Council
SCLC
president
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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Wed, 22 Jan 2025 09:41:18 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Theodore Abbott
>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From:
Theodore Abbott
TEAM for a Livable Vancouver
Director of Community Engagement

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 15:57:10 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Jacklyn Simington

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2024 07:56:04 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: Sarah Zhou

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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Sarah Zhou
Fleming PAC

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2024 01:35:55 -0500
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area

From: Tiffany yeung
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Sat, 11 Jan 2025 10:14:56 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From: Alison Mills

>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From: Vancouver DPAC
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From: Gary Leung
>From Email: [REDACTED]

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From: Vancouver DPAC
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 12:30:25 -0800
Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Damian Kuehn
>From Email: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

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From:
Damian Kuehn

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From: Vancouver DPAC

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2024 22:40:34 -0800

Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver

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From:bala sudheer

>From Email: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Save Fleming Play Area - Rezoning application re: 1455 East 49th Avenue Vancouver
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From: Tim DeVivo

>From Email: [REDACTED]

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Appendix D

October 22, 2025

Re: Opposition to Rezoning Application at 1401–1455 E 49th Avenue

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I am a parent of two children (one in daycare and one in Grade 2, both located at Sir Sanford Fleming Elementary School). I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed rezoning of 1401–1455 East 49th Avenue.

While I support the City of Vancouver’s Housing Strategy and the urgent need for more diverse, affordable housing, I cannot support sacrificing land that is essential to the wellbeing of our school communities and children. This land should be protected for school and community use—it is directly adjacent to an active elementary school and plays a critical role in supporting the physical, developmental, and social health of young learners.

Impacts to school community: In 2021, the VSB declared this school-designated parcel “surplus” despite public backlash—72% of participants disagreed. This community was clear: the land should be retained for education. Since then, **Fleming Elementary’s updated enrolment projections show strong growth**, not decline. From under 300 students, the population is now expected to rise to 423 by 2030. Yet, a **99-year lease** was signed in 2024 without an updated assessment.

This decision has long-term consequences. By locking up the land for nearly a century, we are eliminating the opportunity for school expansion in the neighbourhood. Placing portables would mean taking away the children’s only gravel field—the very limited space they rely on for play. This is not adequate.

Children in East Vancouver already face a green space deficit compared to their west side peers—fewer parks, fields, and natural spaces. Turning their limited school-adjacent land into private housing deepens this inequality. This is not just a land use issue—it’s a **matter of equity**.

This issue is also about protecting and revitalizing the heart of the school community. Green spaces on school grounds provide vital outlets for children and youth during recess, lunch breaks, and before and after school. They are essential to fostering physical activity, mental wellbeing, and social connection. Such spaces enable children to recharge and return to class more engaged, healthier, and ready to learn.

Compounding the concern is the rising issue of vandalism in the area. A quick look around Fleming reveals a stark image—**17 windows are currently covered due to breakage**.

Impact to Healthy City Strategy: The City’s *Healthy City Strategy* and “*A Good Start*” plan emphasize the importance of outdoor play, reducing childhood sedentary behaviour, and fostering supportive environments for families. Currently, Fleming’s field is a gravel lot that offers minimal recreational value – yet it holds enormous potential to become a vibrant, engaging play space for physical activity, creativity and social connection. Rather than invest in this opportunity to support children’s growth and development, the proposed rezoning would significantly compromise it. The new six-storey building would not only cast shadows over the limited play areas, but also increase traffic through the laneway intersecting Lanark Street—a route regularly used by young children walking to and from school. This creates a safety risk.

Instead of prioritizing “a good start,” the rezoning plan would surround children with commercial frontage and congestion, offering no guarantees of safety, sunlight, or space for play. This stands in direct contradiction to

the City's own values and stated goals for a healthier, more equitable urban environment. How can we uphold those values while removing the last bit of green buffer from a busy, high-need school zone?

Impact to Families: Fleming is already at capacity. I know families personally—who have an older sibling currently attending Fleming but their younger child was denied enrolment due to lack of space.

The outcome? Parents with fractured daily routines: young children at daycare, older sibling at a different school, working parents struggling with multiple drop-offs. For many East Vancouver families—especially those working multiple jobs—this adds a significant burden.

Adding nearly 90 new rental units beside the school, without clear plans to expand educational capacity, will only worsen these stresses. Meanwhile, residential parking near the school is already scarce. One side of the street is restricted during school hours. The other is overwhelmed. 49th avenue is also restricted parking. Without a robust parking and access plan, the strain on drop-off, pick-up, and community function will be increasingly difficult to manage.

Let's build more housing—but not at the expense of children. Yes, we must build more housing but we must also ask *where* and *how*—and we must act urgently when our choices jeopardize the wellbeing of children.

This proposal sets a dangerous precedent: that school land is disposable, that community voices can be sidelined, and that equity goals can be ignored when convenient.

I urge the council to:

1. Reject the proposed rezoning for this site.
2. Reaffirm your commitment to *Healthy City, Good Start*, and equity across Vancouver.
3. Call on VSB to revisit its disposal strategy in light of current capacity pressures and enrolment projections.

This is about more than one development. It's about the kind of city we want to build—for families, for children, and for future generations.

Regards,

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