

Rezoning: 1249-1263 West 41st Avenue - Other

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2026-01-12	10:20	Rezoning: 1249-1263 West 41st Avenue	Other	<p>Dear Vancouver City Council:</p> <p>Thank you for your two notices of the captioned public hearings in respect of two properties located within several blocks of my family home.</p> <p>I expect that there is nothing that I can say that would materially affect your consideration of proposed building design on the referenced projects, other than might save an existing hedge.</p> <p>However, having once played with my kids and their little friends in the garden of the W. 37th property, I was then shocked to experience first-hand the by-products of the exhaust of the myriad vehicles that had past the hedge on Granville.</p> <p>A kid's ball had flown into the hedge. Sad kids came to me to get it out. I was wearing a light-coloured cotton shirt. I saw the lost ball deep in the hedge and reached in and pulled it out. When it was recovered, I was memorably shocked to find my shirt sleeve literally covered in black dusty material, the health-threatening particulate matter left by the exhaust of so many vehicles using Granville for the age of that hedge.</p> <p>That lesson, that street hedges filter out what must be many tons of such unhealthy polluting matter, has remained with me ever since. It does appear to me that you may not all be aware of that. So much of recent development along main city arteries has sacrificed mature hedges to the designs of the buildings replacing those hedges. In those new buildings live Vancouver residents apparently largely ignorant of what harm that the particulate matter in engine exhaust can do to health, not to mention the equally dangerous non-particulate contents of automobile fumes.</p> <p>If you wish to learn about the health dangers of "exhaust fumes", please read about the severe risks inherent in them found in a simple internet search of that term. I see from such search that health risks vary from respirator/cardiovascular diseases, cancer and premature death.</p> <p>Such dangers are endemic in a city like ours, but it would seem to be overlooking an obvious serious danger if our street hedges, on major thoroughways are to be conveniently overlooked, and chipped for composting, ignorant of their long filtering history! It seems to me to be almost negligent that street hedge filters are sacrificed, even at the expense of the health of the eventual residents of the new street-side developments.</p> <p>I beg you to consider the above when sacrificing, our also ever-beautiful street hedges on busy routes everywhere in our, so far, beautiful city.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Knox</p>	Anthony Knox	Shaughnessy	