

From: Noal Balint [REDACTED]
Sent: June-30-26 12:08 PM
To: Council <Council@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: In Support of Esquimalt Village Cohousing

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Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my support for the Esquimalt Village Cohousing Project, which seeks rezoning at the July 13th Council meeting.

I feel that this project is quite extraordinary and goes far beyond the usual developments which I have seen being built in and around Esquimalt. They are working to create a more connected and community-oriented society, which I feel addresses the root issue for many of the problems we see in the world today, such as loneliness, polarization, and burnout.

I hope that you will also recognize and consider the remarkable character of this project in your deliberation, and view it not simply as another condo development, but a step towards a better world.

I hope that you will approve their rezoning application.

Kind regards,
– Noal Balint

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Council](#)
Subject: In Support of the Esquimalt Village Cohousing Rezoning Application – 1140–1148 Esquimalt Road
Date: July-01-26 10:00:58 AM

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Dear Mayor and Council

As a member of Esquimalt Village Cohousing, I write to ask for your support of our rezoning application at 1140–1148 Esquimalt Road.

Our self-financed, non-profit, multigenerational community has been designed by the people who will call it home. The site is identified in the OCP for six-storey residential use at 2.0 FSR, and the proposed 34-unit building fits naturally into the surrounding neighbourhood while offering something distinctive: a community-centred model of housing that supports residents socially, financially, and sustainably.

I hope you will vote in support of this project.

Sincerely,
Walker & Joseph Landel
Member, Esquimalt Village Cohousing

Molly Harris

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July-09-26 8:29 PM
To: Council
Cc: Janey Harper
Subject: Zoning Application for Esquimalt Village Cohousing - Readings in Council on July 13.

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Dear Mayor and Council:

As an Associate Member of Esquimalt Village Cohousing, I am asking for your support of our rezoning application at 1140–1148 Esquimalt Road.

The site is identified in the OCP for six-storey residential use at 2.0 FSR, and the proposed 34-unit building fits naturally into the surrounding neighbourhood while offering something distinctive: a community-centred model of housing that supports residents socially, financially, and sustainably.

We are a self-financed, non-profit, and multigenerational community. We are active participants in the design of our building, ensuring that the design incorporates our community values.

It will be “community with a heart” living in one apartment building. We believe in living in a genuine connected way with close neighbours. We are creating an entire level of shared community amenities to support our beliefs, goals and community lifestyle.

I sincerely hope that you will vote in support of our project.

Sincerely,
Janey Harper
Associate Member, Esquimalt Village Cohousing

The more you need someone to be different, the less you can actually meet them.

Molly Harris

From: Jill Marchand [REDACTED]
Sent: July-10-26 10:53 AM
To: Council
Cc: Paul Marchand
Subject: Rezoning Application 26-239 for 1140 & 1148 Esquimalt Road

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Greetings to the Mayor and Members of Council

We are Paul and Jill Marchand of 1310 Saunders Street in Esquimalt. We are also shareholders in the Esquimalt Village Cohousing creating a new home and community at 1140 and 1148 Esquimalt Road.

Fifteen months ago, our group launched this initiative and selected this property from options across Greater Victoria. My spouse and I were drawn enough to move here immediately — we're not just applicants, we're neighbours.

Today, 11 committed households have invested personally to purchase the property and engage our design team, with more considering joining.

We are proud sponsors of the Esquimalt Farmers Market — food security and local agriculture matter to us.

This proposal wasn't designed by a developer chasing a quick return. It was built by the people who will live here.

Over the past year, we have held five design workshops with our architects from Cornerstone and LADR — working through building arrangements, kitchen design, shared common spaces, and outdoor recreation areas together. The plans before you reflect that direct involvement.

We chose Esquimalt for its vibrancy and openness to change.

Our 'Social by Design' approach delivers on that: shared amenities at every level, spaces for seniors to age in place, and safe outdoor areas for families.

This proposal reflects our collective values: sustainability, inclusivity, and respect for the First Nations lands we occupy. We aren't just building a 34-unit strata — we are building a neighbourhood rooted in belonging. We ask for your support to make it real.

Stay well,
Jill and Paul Marchand as well as Boxer dog Sherman
Proud Esquimalt residents

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As an uninvited settler living in the territory of the diverse Coast Salish People, I express my deep respect for their inherent and ongoing rights and relationships with these lands. Huy ch q'u Siem!



July 9, 2026

Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt
1229 Esquimalt Road
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1

Re: Esquimalt Village Cohousing Rezoning Adoption, July 13th
1140 – 1148 Esquimalt Road

Dear Mayor and Council,

I encourage you to consider placing this rezoning application through to its third reading and adopting this project to become a vibrant part of this Township's ever growing community.

Unique in its nature, unlike co-op housing, Esquimalt Village Cohousing is conceived by, owned by and occupied by an immerging community of diverse individuals with a like-minded philosophy of inclusion, social integrity and the life long search for fun. This is why I feel it is a perfect home for my son.

Apart from living quarters above, the whole ground floor is "socially designed" to accommodate the tenants' group activities, meetings, events or small quiet spaces. This Cohousing project will be the first model of its kind in the Township and will positively reflect the diversity found in the Township's "Vision Statement". It also adheres comfortably to the matrix of the OCP.

Thank you,
Colin J. MacLock
865 Wollaston Street