



July 27, 2017

The Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt  
Municipal Hall - 1229 Esquimalt Road  
Victoria, B.C. V9A 3P1

**Re: 468 Foster Street, Development Application for new duplex**

**Attn: Planning Department and Development Services, Esquimalt**

The proposed residential duplex project for Christine Robinson and Trevor Bowers at 468 Foster Street will strive to incorporate 'Green Initiatives' in an effort to increase energy efficiency, improve indoor air quality and reduce the impact of construction on our environment.

Green Building standards are a desirable objective for the homeowners, as are energy efficiency, water conservation and management measures, reduction of storm and sewer infiltration, protecting and enhancing landscaping, air quality optimization, reuse and recycling of materials and resources, and increasing sustainable transportation modes.

While all the relevant items on Esquimalt's Green Building Checklist will be evaluated and contemplated for adoption by the property owners, at this point in time, prior to hiring a builder and doing all related costing they are not able to know just to what extent their project will follow the checklist. However the following list contains (but does not limit) items the private homeowner is considering employing:

**Operational Systems:**

- All windows to be Energy Star labelled
- All appliances to be Energy Star labelled
- Home is built 'Solar Ready' providing for a rough-in of 3" (75mm) thermal run from mechanical room to attic
- Energy efficient light bulbs
- Use of air tight contact insulation on recessed lights to prevent air leakage
- Installation of high efficiency, direct vent, gas fuelled fireplaces with electronic ignition
- On demand hot water system

**Building Materials:**

- Use of finger-jointed non structural framing material
- Use of advanced sealing non HCFC expanding foam around window and door openings
- High performance building envelope materials

**Interior and Exterior Finishes:**

- Entry doors manufactured from natural materials (wood, metal and glass)
- Natural cementitious exterior siding
- Minimum 30 year manufacturer warranty of roofing material
- MDF casing and baseboard trim (reducing reliance on old growth forest products)
- Highest quality interior and exterior materials as can be budgeted, for durability

**Indoor Air Quality:**

- Installation of hardwired carbon monoxide detector
- All insulation in home to be third party certified with low formaldehyde
- Low formaldehyde subfloor sheathing, exterior sheathing, insulation, carpet underlayment and cabinetry (less than 0.18 ppm)
- All wood or laminate flooring to be factory finished
- Interior paints to have low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) content (less than 250 grams/ litre)

**Ventilation:**

- Programmable Energy Star thermostat
- Ventilation fans to meet or exceed Energy Star Requirements

**Waste Management:**

- Trees and natural features to be protected during construction
- Install into new duplex a built-in recycling centre with two or more bins
- Provide composter to both units
- Existing home to be deconstructed and recycled as much as possible

**Water Conservation:**

- CSA approved single flush toilet averaging 1.6 GPF (gallons per flush) or less installed in all bathroom locations
- Insulate hot water lines with pipe insulation on all hot water lines
- Install hot water recirculation line
- Install low flow faucets in kitchen, on lavatories and shower valves
- Plant drought tolerant vegetation
- Utilize rain barrels for water collection and re-use

Thank you for your consideration of our application.

Sincerely,

David Yamamoto  
per Trevor Bowers; Christine Robinson (Homeowners)