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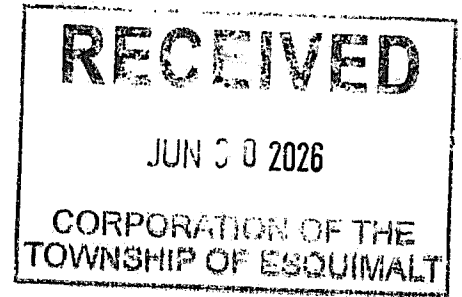
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BARBRA TRAHAN

June 30, 2026

Township of Esquimalt

1229 Esquimalt Rd.
Esquimalt B.C.
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Dea Mayor and Council,

I am writing to ask you for your support of the re-zoning application for Esquimalt Village Cohousing at 1140-1148 Esquimalt Rd. The site is identified in the OCP for six storey residential use at 2.0 FSR.

I have owned property in Saanich for 32 years and over the last few years I have watched with great interest the development of Esquimalt's core into a walkable, people friendly community. It is where I want to live.

To this end, I have become a member of Esquimalt Village Co-housing as it embodies many of my personal values: a multi-generational "village", designed and built at cost by those who will call it home, in the heart of a vibrant community.

I look forward to your support.

Sincerely,




Barbra Trahan


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Bill Brown

From: Anne Dickinson
Sent: June-30-26 2:02 PM
To: Bill Brown; Dan Horan
Subject: FW: Esquimalt Village Cohousing Rezoning

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Whittington
Sent: June-29-26 6:27 PM
To: Council <Council@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Esquimalt Village Cohousing Rezoning

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To Mayor & Council

I am optimistically looking forward to 'soon' living in the community of Esquimalt again, at EVC (Esquimalt Village Cohousing), and I am writing about an important step that comes before you on July 13/26.

I presently live in Sidney in [REDACTED] housing. I was one of two crazy founders of that project when I retired as a 'privileged' but not rich 33 year UVic professor, Human Rights Advisor & family therapist. At that time I was a single parent with three sons.

Community building is my passion. Cohousing does that well, we build community by creating a multi age, multi generational and multi talented community that contributes a great deal to the larger municipality and region.

As an example of that contribution- I started Saanich Peninsula Restorative Justice long ago with 3 others and note that this year, 2026, some 5 of the Cohousing Ravens volunteer now with RJ.
10 of us also volunteer reading with cool kids at the neighbouring elementary school.
EVC's volunteer contributions will likely be as rich or even more robust in Esquimalt.

I believed after doing my own research, then my exploring Cohousing in Denmark that I would try to find kindred spirits with some finances and more commitment and start working toward building a Cohousing community in Sidney.

For context:

The Sidney mayor & council and especially the talented Municipal Staff, were helpful and generous (with the limited time such professionals have) during our development period. It was so appreciated & helpful.

We started as two people in 2016, then found land, necessary experienced consultants, and then gradually the people-yes 35 households who shared the dream.

We moved into Ravens in 2021. On time & on budget. Over the last years we have been a very stable 'condo development'- turnover is about 10%. FYI we are all members of the strata council & work by consensus- in 4.5 years we've never had to use our back up voting procedure when we confront tough or divisive decisions. (And what FUN we have)

Now I want to be part of doing that again, in my long favourite community Esquimalt.

Why? I love the diversity of topography and people- the flora & fauna- those Garry oaks, wildflowers and rocks call to me. I enjoyed my time earlier on the board of Esquimalt Neighbourhood House, with their excellent programmes and people, and now I'm enjoying working on the board of Beacon Community Services- year 4 of maximum 6.

I've already volunteered with Buccaneer Days, and the Farmers Market this year.

As an added incentive-One of my 3 sons [REDACTED], lives with his partner and [REDACTED], children in Esquimalt. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I'll enjoy being closer, riding my bike & hope I can be more useful to them.

I'm asking Mayor & Council to support the future of our innovative Denmark inspired self financed Cohousing project. So far, cross all fingers, EVC promises new residents, who will contribute to your already beautiful and vibrant Esquimalt.

Onward,

Barbara Helem-Whittington
Professor Emerita

I ask you to excuse any errors/typos- I'm a recovering Academic

Bill Brown

From: Anne Dickinson
Sent: June-30-26 1:58 PM
To: Bill Brown; Dan Horan
Subject: FW: In Support of the Esquimalt Village Cohousing Rezoning Application – 1140–1148 Esquimalt Road

From: Godfrey Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: June-29-26 12:34 PM
To: Council <Council@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: In Support of the Esquimalt Village Cohousing Rezoning Application – 1140–1148 Esquimalt Road

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am so looking forward to be part of Esquimalt, so today, 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 us the people who will call it home. Our 34-unit building fits naturally into the surrounding neighbourhood while offering something distinctive: a community-centred model of housing that focuses on environmentally friendly and connection to the community of Esquimalt.

I hope you will vote in support of this project.

Sincerely,
Godfrey Lee
Member, Esquimalt Village Cohousing

Bill Brown

From: Molly Harris
Sent: June-29-26 2:45 PM
To: Bill Brown; Dan Horan
Subject: FW: Esquimalt Village Cohousing

From: Eleanor Liddy [REDACTED]
Sent: June-29-26 9:48 AM
To: Council <Council@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Esquimalt Village Cohousing

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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, multigenerational community is being designed by the people who will call it home and will be built at cost, without a developer's profit. 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. We are so looking forward to being part of the Esquimalt community and offering a community-centred model of housing that supports residents socially, financially, and sustainably.

Our family is intending to move from Oak Bay to Esquimalt upon completion of this building to be part of a municipality that is forward thinking and community minded.

I hope you will vote in support of this project.

Sincerely,
Eleanor Liddy and Hannah Livingston
Member, Esquimalt Village Cohousing

Wollaston Street
Esquimalt, BC

June 29, 2006

Township of Esquimalt
Municipal Hall
Esquimalt, BC

Re: Re-Zoning Application for 1140 – 1148 Esquimalt Rd.

ATTENTION: Mayor and Council:

As a current long-time owner/resident of a small cohousing home, I have – for the past 33 years - enjoyed the fruits of this particular living experience. Over the years, our co-owning partners have supported our needs as parents, and all of us share the costs and contribute to the responsibilities of day-to-day living. Everyone wins!

Because our son, [REDACTED] is now in his early '30's, having him "land" in the kind of environment he was raised in seems absolutely perfect. To that end, we will be collaborating with another parent to purchase a unit where both of our young adults will be accommodated.

I have been involved in the creation of this new intentional community for just over a year, and in that time, have found a group of people who support my values. Our community is emerging organically with each new member who joins. I strongly suggest that the greater community of Esquimalt will definitely benefit from the unique, collaborative approach that Esquimalt Village Cohousing will bring to the neighbourhood. We ARE community.

Please vote – on July 13 – to support our application for re-zoning.

Sincerely,
Wendy Stevenson
Member, Esquimalt Village Cohousing