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Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing this letter as part of my development permit application to outline some the changes I've made to my designs for 519/521 Foster Street based on some of the additional feedback I received during the rezoning hearing.

Trees:

Some residents raised concerns about our plans to remove two mature trees at the front of the property. I hired an arborist to excavate the root system of these two trees to determine if they would survive installing a sidewalk. I also asked him to take another look at my landscaping plans to see if I could make any changes that would allow us to keep one or both of these two trees.

The arborist concluded that the northernmost tree would not survive the redevelopment, because of how close it was to the construction site and to the driveway. This tree, he wrote in the arborist report submitted with my original rezoning application, had been topped and shows signs of root rot. He determined, however, that the roots of the second tree should survive the installation of a sidewalk, and that if we relocated the garbage pad from the south to the north side of the driveway and moved the pathway alongside the driveway, this tree could be kept.

We've made the adjustments to the designs to keep this tree. In addition, we will still plant an 8 to 10 foot new coniferous tree alongside the driveway in order to replace the tree that we need to remove.

Speed bump:

Neighbours also expressed concerns about cars from our property exiting into the alley and a suggestion was made to install a speed bump in that alley. If the municipality engineering recommends that a speed bump would be needed because of the traffic flow of my designs, I would be willing to pay for the speed bump to be installed. I look forward to receiving the engineering department's comments on this idea.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for reviewing my application. I look forward to presenting my plans to the municipality and to council and answering any questions you might have.

Take care,


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