

## Rachel Dumas

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April-18-18 10:33 PM  
**To:** Bill Brown  
**Subject:** RE: Esquimalt Official Community Plan Update

Hello Bill,

I wanted to send an email with regards to feedback on the Official Community Plan. While I'm excited to see many things being addressed, I'm concerned that there's no mention of addressing a couple of problems that current renters are facing.

For over a year now, I've been struggling to find a vacant apartment in Esquimalt that allows cats. Some property management companies (i.e. Devon, EY, Brown Brothers) have stated that many of their complexes in Esquimalt, if not all, were not pet-friendly. Complexes that do allow pets are usually priced higher than their non-pet-friendly counterparts (i.e. \$100-200 more), which is unfair as the living conditions don't differ between a non-pet owner and a pet owner. With many residents of Esquimalt being pet owners, I believe that having a mandate or policy around increasing the availability of pet-friendly rentals (while ensuring the rent doesn't cost more than a non-pet-friendly rental) would be beneficial in addressing the problem.

In addition, there seems to be an increasing concern of the cost of suites increasing astronomically and/or being advertised at ridiculous prices (specifically with bachelor and one bedroom suites). For example, Brown Brothers has advertised a 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor 1 bedroom suite for \$1,300 in one of their older buildings (464 Lampson St.), while a complex managed by Capreit (625 Constance Ave.) around the same age had a *two bedroom* suite advertised for \$1,350. While this is true of all of the Capital Region, I believe it's important to try to address the problem within the municipality to ease renters' concerns.

I look forward to seeing what happens through the feedback process and what the finished product would be! 😊

Sincerely,  
Kayleigh Gordon. an Esquimalt-raised person trying to move back home.

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**Subject:** Esquimalt Official Community Plan Update