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Sent: June-04-18 11:33 AM
To: Bill Brown
Cc: Karen Hay
Subject: Fwd: St. Paul's Church

Hello Bill: I wasn't sure if you received my email - might not have recognized my new address. I have cc to Karen for her interest as well. Enjoy your week.
Sherri

From: Sherri Robinson [REDACTED] >
Subject: St. Paul's Church
Date: May 28, 2018 at 12:21:48 PM PDT
To: bill.brown@esquimalt.ca
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Good morning Bill: Mayor Barb asked me to forward a copy of this email to you [found below] I sent this to her and to all councillors. I have never done this before on any matter that has surfaced in the Township but this is a proposal that I have very strong feelings about. I have expressed in the most strongest of terms that I am not opposed to the building for housing. My objection is the joining by breezeway of this new building to the one hundred and fifty-two [152] year old heritage designated historic St. Paul's Anglican Church known worldwide as St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church. It is the **only building of this age extant** in the Township. It is also recognized far and wide for its heritage designated [2006] 1891 Peter Conacher Company Ltd. of Huddersfield, England, pipe organ. The money to purchase this organ came through the efforts of crew member of HMS *Shearwater*. The Royal Canadian Navy Centennial [1910-2010] windows, designed by Mercer & Schaefer Glass Studios were installed in 2010. All fund raising efforts for these windows was undertaken by The Memorial Window Project committee under the direction of Chair, Rear-Admiral [Ret.'d] William [Bill] Hughes, RCN, CD. Money for these windows was donated from all around the world. These windows are in the original location as when the church was built in 1866. They must be continued to be seen without impediment as they tell the history of the Royal Canadian Navy and Canada. There are other memorial windows, in memory of prominent pioneer Esquimalt families, whose ability to be seen will be hindered greatly as well if the present proposal is accepted. There are still family members in the area.

Beyond the church, this is the **most important building in the Township of Esquimalt** and its future is in our hands.

St. Paul's Church needs to continue standing proudly on its own — no attachments! Thank you Sherri

" I am wondering if you might put your heritage hat on so we might have a chat. I have really, really deep concerns about the proposal that has come forward regarding St..Paul's church. I am

not opposed to the building for housing and other uses. I am concerned about the breezeway attachment to the original structure on the west wall and the idea that the Memorial Windows can simply be moved 'two or three feet upwards.' This is a designated Heritage building, a designation that was not easy to achieve. As such it must adhere to all the rules. I have looked at all the information as provided thus far [I would have come to council to speak last Monday evening but was advised it was 'simply routine' stuff and not the time.] This church, built in 1866, is the only surviving civilian building of this time period in the Township. This should demand respect from all concerned with its history - and it is the history of Esquimalt. The Memorial windows were donated to the Church at no cost through the efforts of a very dedicated committee. Every red dot represents a ship's loss. Significant in Esquimalt.

I note that no Heritage Consultant has been engaged to offer suggestions about how to better plan the project. And, it appears the designers have chosen to ignore the advice of the planning department. I also have to say that not one person came to the Archives to look at the records we hold on St. Paul's. [I see it is now being called St. Peter's and St. Paul's church when we know the church is still St. Paul's whilst the Parish name only changed. A small thing but a very important thing.]

I understand the churches need and I understand the need for housing. There is a simple way to solve the problem - no attached breezeway. Stand alone Church, Stand alone building! A stand alone St. Paul's in all its splendour with its Memorial Windows viewable for all to enjoy - it is a tourist draw - something we have very little of here. Help!"