

To: Blair McDonald, Director of Community Safety Services  
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Re: Public Consultation on proposed amendments for the public safety building at 500 Park Place

As neighbours to the east, in Esquimalt Town Square, we are interested in how this development can best “achieve public interest outcomes”<sup>1</sup>, specifically, those related to value-for-money, partnerships and public safety:

- 1) To reflect best practices and save time and resources, specifically in responding to social disorder calls and those with mental health and addictions issues, will this site support Police and Community Crisis Teams (PACT)<sup>2</sup>?
- 2) Will the site include holding cells?
  - a. If yes, what protocols and/or partnerships will be in place that will ensure that individuals released are sober and/or not causing social disorder in the adjacent community?
- 3) What traffic studies are, or will be, available to assess risks and mitigating strategies for first responders exiting the building and side streets?
  - a. To ensure the least disruption and limit the risks to residents, what is the best exit route for fire and Police to exit? (e.g. Esquimalt, Park Place, Carlisle)? And to commute to a scene across town (e.g. Lyall or Esquimalt)? Are the proposed building parkades aligned with the most efficient and safest exits for vehicles?
    - i. What are the best practices for ensuring public safety (vehicle and pedestrian) when fire and police vehicles exit the building to respond to emergency calls (e.g., what barriers or lights will be used?)
- 4) To support Esquimalt’s greenhouse gas reduction targets, and improve community safety, will there be restrictions put in place to prevent or limit idling of vehicles at this and other public spaces (e.g., I have witnessed police leaving their vehicles running and leaving their police dogs in their vehicles)?

Thank-you for considering these suggestions and questions as part of the planning and design processes. Should you have further questions or responses, please contact us at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Sincerely,  
Paul and Carol Arnold-Schutta, 107-1216 Carlisle Ave

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<sup>1</sup> (2019) Government of British Columbia, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: *Development Approvals Process Review FINAL REPORT FROM A PROVINCE-WIDE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION*

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/crm-prvntn/nvntr/dtIs-en.aspx?i=10118>