

March 3, 2019

To Mayor and Council

Re: Rezoning 461 Quatsino Blvd

We live at #2 Cranberry Street and we do **NOT** support this rezoning.

We bought here three years ago, downsizing from a storey and a half to a mobile home for very specific reasons. The yard, the privacy, and the country-style feeling. I can say with certainty that had a four-storey building already existed in this lot, we would never have purchased our home here.

We spend the majority of our time in our yard. In the warmer months, we are pretty much only inside to sleep. We spend all of our summer nights and most of our spring/fall nights out in the back yard, usually around the fire pit, catching up with each other on the day and just enjoying the night sky.

A four-storey building behind us would absolutely have a negative affect on us. Having a parking lot built up to our fence line would absolutely have a negative affect on us. The plans I've seen have all the trees between 461 Quatsino and us on Cranberry street cut down. There will be no tree buffer left at all. Nothing to help maintain privacy and reduce noise and light pollution. We all have tree buffers between our homes on Cranberry Street.

This is not just the Transition House being built here. There will be housing for over thirty families, in addition to offices, the food bank and the free store, in this one building towering over our yard. Our family barb-b-ques and our fire pit gatherings will no longer be private affairs and our yard will be lit up like day all night from the light pollution from this building/parking lot. There will be traffic and noise issues. With so many people accessing and living in the building, how could there not be?

Yes, there are apartments and townhouse across the street from us. This means that there is a whole street plus sidewalk and ditches between us. Those buildings do not tower over our yard like this one will. Their lights do not shine down in our yard like this one will. And as the man lift in our yard shows, the buildings across the street are not even as high as this one is proposed to be.

If this project absolutely must be four-storey's high, then there are other sites more suitable for that type of building. There have been offers of other land and services to the TSW for this project.

If a different site absolutely cannot be used, then there should be restrictions put on this site that keep the building height at 9 m like all of Strawberry Meadows and maintain a tree buffer between the property and our properties on Cranberry street. These would go a long way to alleviating the concerns and opposition to this proposal.

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