

EMAIL FROM NANAIMO OLD CITY NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Lisa Brinkman

From: Janet Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Lisa Brinkman
Cc: Joy Adams Bauer
Subject: Feedback/suggestions re: new CAC policy

Hello Lisa,

Joy Adams Bauer, President of the Nanaimo Old City Association, forwarded your email and draft CAC policy for my interest and review. I have a few ideas and comments:

- In general, I don't have knowledge or expertise to disagree with the proposed rates of amenity contribution by developers, and noted that the amounts were decided upon through a market analysis process for Nanaimo, which seems appropriate to me.
- On p. 4 of the Draft CAC policy, item c at top of page, I disagree that CAC amounts could be waived 100% for certain non-market developments. I think that all developments should contribute something toward the community in which they are built. I would support a waiver of 75% of the usual CAC amount for the proposed size of these developments.
- As the policy states, the City **MUST** honour neighbourhood plans in the provision of community amendments. To me, this is non-negotiable.
- As far as the type of amenities (and I'm speaking in particular to improvements I would like to see in the Old City), here are some suggestions:
 - the Old City needs more City garbage cans in strategic locations: e.g. the seating area at Franklyn and Milton streets; at each street access to the paved pedestrian path joining Franklyn and Fitzwilliam streets (between Prideaux and Selby). While it seems that many people just drop their garbage on the street, those (like me) who regularly pick up garbage would appreciate that a garbage can is near-by and would use them.
 - require all bus stops (or AT LEAST those with seating) have a garbage can at the stop. In this day and age of "commuter coffee" and snack foods, there is a need for public receptacles for garbage.
 - replace all older City garbage cans (ones with the "push flap" top) with the black metal type can. I've seen the tops of the older cans dislocated and dangling from their chains and give the impression of a lack of caring. The black metal ones are far more "sightly".
 - ensure CACs include lighting in strategic areas (e.g. pathways, secluded public areas) to promote a feeling of safety and reduce opportunities/likelihood for petty crime
 - public seating in neighbourhoods (e.g. benches) in view areas or for resting while walking up hilly streets
 - installation of traffic roundabouts with sustainable landscaping (e.g. not like the one at Hecate and Prideaux streets, which is overrun by blackberries and weeds much of the time and looks uncared for)
 - add active bicycle transportation lanes in the neighbourhood of proposed developments
 - community signage as appropriate, including increased and visible-to-traffic street signs at all intersections

- addition of boulevards and trees (dogwood, Japanese plum, Japanese cherry), including, in some cases, to replace trees that might be removed because of the development
- improved pathways linking neighbourhood streets (am thinking specifically of the pathway that links Machleary St. with Albert St.), but there are probably others

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

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