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ATTACHMENT A
NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICT 68 OCP REFERRAL RESPONSE

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October 3, 2023

via email: Kristine.mayes@nanaimo.ca

Kristine Mayes, Planner

City of Nanaimo
455 Wallace Street
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

Re: Response to Official Community Plan Amendment Application – **OCP00103**
502 Howard Avenue

Dear Kristine:

Please accept my late response to the referral request OCP00103. As you are aware, the District is a Knowledge Partner in the project and has been fully involved in the process leading to this referral.

Notwithstanding the above, the District is pleased to provide a supportive response and specifically, we would like to confirm support and commitment as part of the process to the application to amend the OCP future land use designation from Parks & Open Spaces to Mixed Use Corridor to facilitate a concurrent rezoning to a new Comprehensive Development Zone which would allow a multi-family residential development with commercial, institutional and parks and recreation land uses.

Further, the Board remains supportive of the partnership and in accordance with the letter of August 3rd, 2023 (attached) staff understand the rezoning condition of land dedication and continue to work with the appropriate authorities toward the resolution of this condition in preparation for the eventual future development of 505 Howard Avenue.

Further, I would like to thank the planning staff at the City for all their efforts in working with the District closely on this project so that the rezoning process could proceed.

Sincerely,



Scott Saywell
Superintendent

Cc:

Pete Sabo, Executive Director of Planning & Operations, Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools
Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools
Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals, City of Nanaimo
Lainya Rowett, Manager, Current Planning, Development Services Division City of Nanaimo

August 3, 2023

Dale Lindsay, Deputy CAO/General Manager, Development Services
City of Nanaimo
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Re: Te'tuxwtun Redevelopment Project – 505 Howard Ave

Dear Dale,

The purpose of this letter is to outline the School District's position with respect to the redevelopment of 505 Howard Avenue, as part of the Te'tuxwtun Comprehensive Plan that also includes 502 Howard Avenue and 564 Fifth Street. In particular, this letter relates to the land dedications for future public streets and infrastructure adjacent to 505 Howard Avenue that were noted in the Comprehensive Letter dated June 12, 2023.

At present, staff are preparing a report that outlines the proposed Comprehensive Development Zone for 505 Howard, 502 Howard, and 564 Fifth Street. This report will be presented to Council on August 28, 2023, for First and Second Reading. The School District understands that this report will include language that relates to future public streets and infrastructure that are adjacent to the School District property at 505 Howard Avenue.

School District staff can confirm that, at this time, the Board of Education continues to be committed to the project. However, staff is unable to make any firm commitments regarding dedicating land for future public streets and infrastructure because we require Board support in the event of any land disposition. Land disposition will also require consultation with our community. It is also important to note that Board support and community consultation can only occur if the Board has the statutory authority to proceed due to the nature of the crown reverter.

The earliest that staff anticipates being able to present this new land dedication / disposition information to the Board would be a meeting at the end of August, and then any further action would commence with the Board's direction. To that end, the School District's position is that any language related to land dedication for public streets and infrastructure related to 505 Howard Avenue remain non-committal and general until staff has had an opportunity to present to the Board and seek their direction on how to proceed.

Sincerely,



Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer



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