

**Rezoning Application
4500 Oak Street (Children's and Women's Health Centre)**

Community Open House - Tuesday, May 1, 2012

COMMENT SHEET RESPONSES

The following comments were submitted at the Community Open House for the rezoning application at 4500 Oak Street (Children's and Women's Health Centre) held on May 1, 2012 at Eric Hamber Secondary School. Comments were submitted by the public in the form of comment sheets, typed by City staff (verbatim) and posted here as input to the rezoning process. All comments received have been identified as residents living within one block of the site.

Do you support the proposed redevelopment of this site? Yes

We want the elevated portions of the Acute Care Center to be placed as close to the center of the development site, and as far away from 28th Ave as possible in order to mitigate the negative impact on the neighbourhood on the north side of the site.

Do you support the proposed redevelopment of this site? No

I do not want the project to go through because cars are coming down the lane, sometimes early in the morning like 6 am. How are the parents suppose to drop their children off at school - Elementary or Secondary Schools. Where are the nurses and doctors suppose to park their cars and visitors who are seeing their loved ones in the hospital?

Do you support the proposed redevelopment of this site? No

I am concerned that this proposed rezoning for Willow Street hospital entrance will cause more traffic down our street and around our neighbourhood. I am afraid that our lane will be overused by others. I don't believe 33rd should become a busy street (which it will with this rezoning) as it is both a residential and school environment. Why can't you keep the current hospital entrance on Heather Street?

Do you support the proposed redevelopment of this site? No

The rezoning of access to the hospital through Willow Street, is first, unsafe as they will be adding a traffic light at the bottom of 33rd hill, this will most likely increase car accidents and traffic on 33rd, and also will increase traffic on Laurel Street and down the lane that residents frequently use.

I am concerned for the safety of students coming from 2 nearby schools coming and crossing 33rd Street, as well as the traffic increasing throughout the neighbourhood of Laurel Street.

And just a quick question...what's wrong with the entrance to the hospital at Heather Street? Is that Heather Street is a bike route the only reason you have for rezoning?

Do you support the proposed redevelopment of this site? No

There are too much traffic on 33rd and Willow St., especially in the morning and after school hours. For our neighbours, we are already suffering these problems for many years. If the City redeveloping this site, it will increase more traffic. We have to face more problem. The parents of the student always use our laneway to go to 33rd and Willow St. We have to wait a lot of time when we go out. The City only think about the residents of 28th Ave but never consider the Willow Street. There were many changes since I moved in twenty years ago. I really disagree of this plan. The City increase our property tax (many percent) every year but never solve our problem, and giving us more inconvenience now. The City is wasting money and doing something that is unuseful.

Do you support the proposed redevelopment of this site? No

I do not support the building of a new entrance on 32nd and Willow and traffic light on 33rd and Willow. It is the volume of cars it will be added to the already existing traffic congestion on Willow Street. There are 3 schools on Willow St (from 33rd to 41st). Drop off and pick up time cause a lot of traffic congestion in the neighbourhood and along 33rd Ave. There is also a bike route along 37th and Willow. Consider the safety of students, pedestrians and cyclists on 37th. There is a lot less cyclists and cars travelling along Heather and it is a wide street. Use the existing entrance and save the taxpayer money on spending a new entrance on 32nd and Willow. If the City is concerned about the bike route on Heather, that street is very wide and a designated bike path (divide it with a white line like some seen on Cambie) so that cars and the few cyclists who ride there can share the road. Besides there are very few cyclists who use Heather St compare to 37th Ave - the cycling path there and runs from Oak, Willow and Heather, etc.... The traffic light that is on 33rd and Oak or Cambie and 33rd have a constant back up of cars due to the heavy traffic that Eric Hamber School and other schools bring in. DO NOT ADD MORE CARS TO THE ALREADY EXISTING PROBLEM ON WILLOW ST.

Do you support the proposed redevelopment of this site? No

Many of the residents in the neighbourhood are elderly or do not speak English. A petition from them will be sent to City Council against the building of the new entrance on 32nd and Willow and the traffic light that City plans to install on 33rd and Willow. Traffic congestion in the neighbourhood is already unbearable. We do not need added traffic in the area.

Do you support the proposed redevelopment of this site? No

- Current rezoning will encourage the construction of a large, ugly cube. Zoning should be stepped or shaped to create an appealing irregular shaped building.
- Strongly support closure of Heather St entrance and opening of Willow entrance. This will reduce short cut traffic and provide safe cross walk to Hamber.

- Accelerate construction of Wellness Walk Way so community sees some benefit early in the project.
- Restrict parking on Heather to 7 am to 6 pm. Too many car alarms at night.
- Hospital should be required to provide temp construction parking. On Mental Health construction endless contractor parking in residential area.
- City must step up and enforce bylaws (parking and noise). Hospital is pushing the limit on exceeding these.

Do you support the proposed redevelopment of this site? Unsure/maybe

- The redevelopment of the site should take a different form. The proposed massing is excessive. The height of the proposed rezoning should be reduced from 45 m to 30 m. The layout of the rezoning should restrict the height.
- The no-build zone should be increased in selected areas. For example along 32nd Ave and a portion of the 16 m no-build zone should be increased from 16 m to approximately 30 m.
- The traffic pattern and transportation plan needs to consider all modes. The pedestrian traffic in the neighbourhood is significant with 3 schools and 3 hospitals in the area. No information was provided on the pedestrian traffic movements now and in the future. Routing more vehicles to Willow will make this worse.
- The bike traffic safety to school and other justifications is not made better by having a major entrance at Willow and 33rd for the hospital.
- The vehicle traffic, at 33rd and Willow which already a problem will only worsen by adding another 200 vehicles/hour going to the hospital.
- Please City staff lower the building envelope and provide an improved transportation plan for the neighbourhood.

Do you support the proposed redevelopment of this site? No response

33rd and Willow St. proposed traffic signal concern about start and stop noise created by installing a traffic signal.