

Vancouver Hospice to Fight Proposed Townhouse Development

Join us in opposing a 21-unit townhouse development proposed for 4575 Granville Street. A proposal has been submitted to the City of Vancouver under the *Interim Rezoning Policy for Affordable Housing Choices* for rezoning of a property that is sandwiched between Vancouver Hospice and a single-family residence on the southwest corner of Connaught Drive.

We support the City of Vancouver's initiatives to increase affordable housing. We believe that this is NOT a suitable property for this type of project, as it is directly adjacent to the hospice.

This development will severely disrupt privacy, parking, access & noise for the over 150 Vancouver residents who come to our hospice each year to die – as well as our neighbours.

IF THE PROPOSAL IS APPROVED:

- The development will include 21 units; 63% of which will be 3 bedroom homes.
- The 32-spot underground parking will require laneway access, causing a dramatic increase in traffic in the narrow one-car lane. This will block the **ONLY** access for ambulances, hearses, service vehicles, and families coming to the hospice.
- This will cause an overall increase in neighbourhood traffic, and a marked reduction in available street parking.
- The peaceful view for patients and families from the entire north side of the hospice will be completely obstructed.
- The anticipated 2-year construction phase will severely disrupt patients and families, and may lead to a complete closure of the hospice; forcing patients to rely on emergency services and acute care admissions at local hospitals.
- The townhouse units are to be offered at market rates - well above what the average family or individual in Vancouver can afford.

We believe that the rights of Vancouver citizens in need of end-of-life care must be taken into consideration when making development decisions of this magnitude.

Please submit your comments to the city via this **temporary link ASAP:**

<http://rezoning.vancouver.ca/applications/4575granville/feedback.htm>

AND attend a city-sponsored Open House at Shaughnessy Heights United Church on Thurs, April 19th, 1550 W. 33rd (5 – 8 pm). We hope to have a strong presence at this event.

PLEASE JOIN US AT 5:00 pm!

