



Additional Correspondence

808 Royal Avenue

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 8416, 2023

QANDA

Ask a Question about 808 Royal Avenue

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Personal Information

23 August 23

why would some students rent rooms without cooking facilities? Do the ^{Personal Information} who thought this would be a good idea not have brains? You honestly think students who come back to their rooms on cold and wet wintery days after a long day doing school work really want to go out again and find a place to eat that's not going to take more money from his or her budget? Every room in that dorm should have some type of cooking facility so students who want to eat a cheaper meal can do that. To rent out a room to students with nothing in it except barely room for a bed should be against the law. Shame on everyone of you who thought this would be a good idea, (mayor and council members) as it is in reality against the law what you are doing and I intend to do something about it.

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Privately Answered

Thank you for taking the time to express your concerns and feedback regarding the proposed project at 808 Royal Avenue. The model of student housing proposed by Douglas College is communal in nature, and students would have access to a number of shared amenity spaces, opportunities for shared and semi-independent accommodation, and support from resident advisors (located on each floor) and a resident manager. Among these shared spaces are communal kitchen facilities, located on each student housing floor. These kitchens have been designed to increase socialization between students, while reducing food costs. The College has indicated that, consistent with student housing best practices, meal plans would also be provided for students in residence.

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I will ask you again after reading **Personal Information** to my question regarding how you are breaking the law by renting rooms to students without even basic cooking facilities. You say its because you have it set up to be a communal style kitchen area where the students take part. Please explain how the students who are sick or ill with another variant of the covid virus or in bed in their rooms during the flu season that's already started in some areas of the Province, end up in bed very sick with the flu or another flu type virus since there is so many types of viruses infecting young people already, will be taken care of by your one person per floor resident "caretaker" if that person is not in bed sick themselves? I and a lot of other people would like to know how you constantly believe you can break the law and get away with it just to save money on rooms you will be renting to student. **Personal Information**

when it comes to talking about the students who will be renting rooms that they have no idea is an illegal room and I will not stop bringing the subject up until you rent those students rooms legally

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While the City encourages dialogue with the community on development projects, please be aware that the City has a respectful workplace policy. We request that any future communications include only respectful, inclusive language. Comments should focus on the development project, and should not target or make assumptions about people or groups of people. Please note that we will not respond to future comments that include abusive, offensive, vulgar or discriminatory language, or that include negative commentary regarding individuals or groups. To help address your feedback, I would like to provide additional clarity on this development application. Rezoning and Development Permit applications for the proposed student housing and academic building were submitted by Douglas College, which is a public post-secondary institution regulated by Provincial legislation. The role of the City is to evaluate the land use changes proposed through these applications, with City Council providing final consideration of the proposed change in zoning. The project would largely be funded by the Province, and operation and management of the building would be the purview of Douglas College. The proposed model of on-campus student housing, which includes dormitory-style accommodation and a community-based living environment, is common across Canada and many successful examples can be found throughout the Lower Mainland. The proposed model of housing is compliant with City bylaws and Provincial regulation.