

March 10, 2022

Re: Proposal for 102 7th Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

As a nearby resident, I feel compelled to address the development proposal for 102 7th Avenue. There are many beautiful heritage homes in New Westminster that I agree should have a heritage designation. In this case, I believe the Heritage Revitalization agreement is being inappropriately used to over-build on this small lot. The existing home is in terrible condition and the proposed duplex will dwarf the home that we apparently want to highlight! A duplex on this lot will not provide affordable housing or rentals. A laneway home has the potential to be more affordable and will fit with the neighborhood.

As well, this is an extraordinarily busy corner and roundabout. Across the street is a very large daycare and a few blocks in either direction is a middle and an elementary school. I would recommend you visit this corner at daycare drop-off/pick-up times and school start and finish times. It is packed with children, parents, cars, and bikes throughout the day. A great many of these kids and parents are crossing between cars (not at crosswalks). Please don't add additional parked cars, traffic, and up to 12 additional waste cans (when glass is added) to this already congested corner. It is important we look to the future and keep our neighborhood safe for families.

Please make the decision to stay within our current bylaws.

Thank you,

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