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Brockington, Riley wrote on 30/09/2015 11:04 AM:

Good morning Craig,

Thank-you for your email and for taking the time to share your feedback/comments with me regarding the pending rezoning and sale of the former Bayview PS property on Riverside Drive.

I know the Riverside Park Community and Recreation Association (RPCRA) has been active on this particular issue and remains so. I have appreciated our many discussions together about this parcel of land since I took office.

Parcel B and Parcel C are part of the same lands that would be reserved for both low density and medium density housing. Looking at the original draft development concept map, Parcel C is identified as low density housing. The middle of the property (furthest away from existing homes in all directions) would be medium density, while the lands along the northern property line, that parallel the backyards of Mooney's Bay Place residences, would see low-density housing.

I support the community's original desire to see apartments or other residential structures kept to a height maximum that maintains consistency with the neighbourhood, as you point out, no higher than St Elias Cathedral. I mentioned that medium density housing ranges from 5-9 stories because that is what is permitted under zoning and I wanted the community to be aware that that is still a possibility, however, it is also possible to restrict building height as a stipulation before the land is sold. Planning staff confirm this is possible and this is the course of action I will be taking to limit the height.

There is a discussion among residents about whether any available funds should go in to local community parks, Mooney's Bay park, which is widely seen as a City park and not a local neighbourhood park or a combination of both. If I can secure resources to address the issues at Mooney's Bay and reserve any funds from the sale of the land to address local park issues in Riverside Park, that would be a win-win. As this project evolves, we will need to engage the community on not only what they want their new park on the Bayview property to look like and offer, as far as recreational services go, but how to address the needs in our other local parks.

I sincerely appreciate the feedback, as provided by RPCRA and commit to continue to work with you.

Sincerely yours,

Riley

Riley Brockington,

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