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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ward 6 land use recommendations

Hello,

I've become aware you are planning to make land use recommendations in Ward 6 which would include stacked townhouses.

Please do not proceed before you conduct public notice or consultation.

I think we can all agree residential densification must be accommodated to house our growing population, and to combat urban sprawl. However it needs to be done in a respectful, inclusive manner.

Allowing such a significant change from the current buildings seems drastic. I suggest several alternatives:

1. Clean up Old East Village, which has the benefits of location/proximity, and many lovely character homes. Get the persons chronically unhomed into facilities, and the criminals into jail (this is relevant City-wide). Reducing - eliminating - these sources of civil disorder will make the neighbourhood more attractive to paying customers. Proposing stacked townhouses here would have a far lesser impact than doing so in Ward 6.
2. Make a first step towards densification in Ward 6 by permitting duplexes, lane houses, and coach houses. Consider phasing in stacked townhouses somewhere down the road.
3. Lobby the federal government to lower their immigration quotas to more reasonable levels, i.e. which can be reasonably absorbed into our infrastructure - notably housing and health care. This is the biggest root cause of our current housing shortfall. It's simple: supply and demand.

I permit this communication to be in the public agenda.

Sincerely,
Greg McCormack