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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to OZ-9157 (40-storey building at 435, 441 and 451 Rideout Street North)

Good afternoon Ms. Maton,

I am writing to voice my opposition to Mr. Fahri's plan to build a 40 storey building at 435, 441 and 451 Rideout Street North.

These are heritage buildings that not only serve aesthetic purposes but actually connect to the history of local business and industry in our city. To build at this location would be extremely close to Eldon House which is also historically significant. I am aware that these buildings are not set to be demolished but the building Mr. Fahri is proposing makes virtually no effort to incorporate the new buildings in a way that compliments and respects the existing design. They would be obscured completely.

There is no attempt here to balance density on the impact on heritage buildings. In order to build here, Council would have to approve of a building that's 10 times taller than what the zoning currently allows. It was zoned this way for a reason and Mr. Fahri has not made a case why he deserves an exemption to the zoning in order to build this building at this location.

There are dozens, if not hundreds, of vacant Fahri buildings or surface parking lots within the downtown core that would be more appropriate for a proposal of this nature.

We should encourage people to live downtown and provide more housing, but we also have to ensure that downtown remains a place that people would want to live.

I strongly urge Council rejects this proposal.

Thank you,
Tyler Smith