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To: [Deneve Vanderwolf](#)
Cc: [Mark Fisher](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Written Submission Re: Crematorium
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Attachments: [Nov 29 2021 Letter.pdf](#) See Written Submission 9 for Nov 29 2021 Letter

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Written Submission Re: Crematorium

Good morning all,

I sent in our written submission (attached) opposing the rezoning Bylaw 1966 Crematorium Application to be included in the Public Hearing documentation after joining the zoom information meeting of November 17. The meeting ended rather quickly even though there were more questions in the chat room waiting to be answered. I attended the in-person meeting between Mark Fisher and David & Julie Lalik on the afternoon of December 2nd at their property neighbouring the proposed construction site.

I am writing to the Board to share in my conversation (see below) with Mark Fisher after the December 2nd meeting.

I am deeply concerned of the potential that a crematorium will be granted approval for being built in our residential neighbourhood.

There is hesitation from neighbours to submit their own letter of opposition in fear of being named and identified. I feel that the number of signatures on the petition could greatly increase thereby showing more area residents are opposed to the crematorium being built in our residential neighbourhood for a number of reasons. For example, for my residence address, I signed the

petition on behalf of our household, but we do have four adults living here.

I understand that after the public hearing on December 7th, no further information/documentation can be submitted by any party. So should items of discussion raised at the public hearing not be concluded similar to the Information Meeting of November 17, there is no further conversation before the final decision by the board is made. There were many unanswered questions from the November 17th information meeting and I am hoping that this will not hold true for the public hearing.

The idea of the crematorium service is not being disputed, but the location in a residential neighbourhood is. The petition is the voice for folks to show their opposition to having a crematorium in our neighbourhood community and there is a strong consensus that people in this area do not support living by or near a crematorium. The majority of letters of support are from people who do not live immediate area and are not going to be negatively affected on a daily basis. Location of a crematorium in relation to where a person resides makes a huge difference of whether a person will support or not support a crematorium.

I trust that when you vote on this re-zoning application, that you recognize the long-term consequences that the neighbouring community will live with for the rest of their time while residing in our area.

Please note the time of this writing – I should be sleeping but this issue is very concerning to me. The outcome of the Board's decision greatly impacts myself and many long-term area residents.

Much appreciation for your time spent on reviewing this important issue. If you have any questions for me, please contact me at

Regards,

Shari Smaha
3260 Powell Street
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From: Mark Fisher <mark.fisher@rdbn.bc.ca>

Sent: December 3, 2021 9:03 AM

To: David Lalik ; [shari smaha](#)

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]: Re: Written Submission Re: Crematorium

Thanks David.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Mark

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From: David Lalik
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 at 7:02 AM
To: "[shari smaha](#)"
Cc: Mark Fisher <mark.fisher@rdbn.bc.ca>
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I agree with you. I'll attach my list

On Thu, Dec 2, 2021 at 10:13 PM <[shari smaha](#)> wrote:

Hi Mark,

Thank you for your time this afternoon. I have cc'd David in this e-mail.

Just a reminder if you can send me the e-mail addresses of the Board so that I can connect with them prior to next weeks public hearing.

And thinking this through again after todays meeting:

- there are alternative choices for the property owners for business options, eg: storage facility / convenience store on this end of town
- if there are other locations that have less of an impact on a neighbourhood, such as the Skillhorn Road property as mentioned today, then why would the business owner not pursue that location instead?
- from the overwhelming neighbourhood consensus of not being in favour of a crematorium, residents in the area stand to lose the most and we will be forced to live with the crematorium in our daily lives. We will smell smoke, see smoke, walk past the building, have questions from children, attempt to rationalize end of life in our own minds – it's a big deal to have this constant reminder every day. It not only the financial impairment of our property values but also mental health and our well being.

We were discussing the Letter of Support and their dates that seemed out of range from the application date. Date of Application – August 24, 2021. Refer to the letters

- from Sheryl McCrea, page 29 – dated February 22, 2021 supporting 3844 Henry Road.
- from Elena Raykov, page 30 - dated February 18, 2021 supporting 3844 Henry Road.
- From Jenya Zandberg, page 32 – dated August 18, 2021 supporting 3844 Henry Road

Letter that support the service but not referring to 3844 Henry Road

- page 27, 28, 31, 33

The writers of these letter did not indicate their addresses so I can not confirm if they are in our area or simply supporters of the developers &/or business operator.

As of today, the Letter of support dated December 2nd, 2021 is the only chronological date after the application for re-zoning – and this could be perhaps sought after Laurel read my letter suggesting the date abnormality.

I have to believe that through the outpour of neighbourhood concern that the Board will recognize the hardship that we are faced with. Having to live in a neighbourhood knowing that a crematorium is nearby and that this decision is out of our hands and In the fate of others has left me feeling quite vulnerable. We built our home in an area of comfort and community, not in an area with an established crematorium.

Support of and respect for neighbours is an important standard for a community togetherness, and with this push for a crematorium in our residential neighbourhood is certainly not feeling like community; especially when the overall consensus through engagement process shows otherwise. And furthermore, the three individuals do not reside nearby.

Much appreciation of your time, and please share amongst your Board.

Shari
3260 Powell Street

From: [shari smaha](#)

Sent: December 1, 2021 3:52 PM

To: 'Mark Fisher' <mark.fisher@rdbn.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]: Written Submission Re: Crematorium

Hi Mark,

Can you please provide what happens next in this process?

I understand there is Public Meeting is on Dec 7 and we have signed up for that. What happens at a Public Meeting?

I am very worried that this will be approved, and I not comfortable with living near a crematorium that emissions are unknown and unregulated. Visibly seeing this building daily will be a challenge in my own mind set and while I know that emotional issues should not enter into this process, it honestly does. I will see it every day that I leave my house. Others will see it every time they look out their window. I recognize that there is an end to life for everyone, but having a crematorium built in an established neighbourhood is unnerving and our . After I submitted my letter, I also thought about all the times that I walk and bike in my neighbourhood. I exercise to relieve stress, and having to walk/bike by the building, will only bring anxiety and an uncomfortable feeling. I don't want to smell or see the smoke. And when I do, I will wonder who that person was.

I also question agriculture in our area. Not sure if the toxins would affect growing conditions.

What is your role in the decision making process? And how did this get to this level when in the staff report there was hesitancy regarding the emissions and regulations.

I look forward to your reply.

Thanks very much Mark!

Shari

From: Mark Fisher <mark.fisher@rdbn.bc.ca>
Sent: December 1, 2021 11:27 AM
To: [shari smaha](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]: Written Submission Re: Crematorium

Thanks Shari,
I see Deneve has let you know this will go in the official info package.
Let me know if you want to chat more about this or any other RD issues.
Thanks.
Mark

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached my written submission regarding the potential construction of crematorium in my area.

I would appreciate any further updates/information regarding this matter.

Thank you,
Shari Smaha