

November 23, 2017

Re: Public Hearing for 515 Foul Bay Road

Dear Mayor and Council,

The RNA would like to add our voice in opposition to Alpha Development's proposal for this priceless site.

Not only would it ignore the stated wishes of the neighbourhood, but it would also be a travesty of environmental responsibility to allow the destruction of a truly beautiful pocket of rare Garry oak meadow.

The OCP states that less than 2% of this endangered ecosystem remains, an ecosystem upon which 100 species at risk depend. Furthermore, the OCP promises to support the "protection and restoration" of the Garry oak ecosystem and to "enhance" the urban forest.

In order to honour its commitment to the community, the City must protect such iconic landscapes, rather than seriously consider destroying them for the sake of a few unnecessary luxury houses.

The RNA appeals to City councillors to reject this proposal at tonight's public hearing. The lichen-covered, rocky outcropping and many Garry oaks and precious Arbutus trees on this site are far too valuable to be squandered in the name of profit.

Sincerely,

Janet Simpson, President
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