



April 7,

Mayor and Council
City of Burnaby

SECTION 2 COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

City Manager
Dir. Planning & Building
Planning & Development Committee

Sirs:

I am concerned with all the high rises going up in this small city. It would seem since it was announced that there is no more land to build single homes in Burnaby now, we must go up! Well now, what advantages are these entrepreneurs' having – their own of course – because with no obvious restrictions it seems they can move any collection of rental housing to put up these high rises, with little or no concern for those who have to move, and most certainly for those who live in the area with the disappearance of familiar and regular stores, and places people are used to visit – parking restrictions, etc and it goes on and on. There doesn't seem to be much architectural incentive either, for most are straight up and down – no character.

I now live in one of these high rises in central park, after having to sell our home of 56 years in Burnaby, so the choice of living in this area was when my husband was still with me. Familiar surroundings so that he would not get lost should he venture out on his own. Also, this area has at least breathing space from all the other high rises which are closing in and blocking views of our lovely mountains and natural beauty. Burnaby could be a most beautiful city had the greenery been left in the boulevard, as Surrey city has done, and not cement covering taking its place.

My concern now is for all those human beings who will be forced to move away - Kathleen Avenue and Willingdon in particular. The fact that it is the only clear view left of the mountains to the north - Simon Fraser University way. I am well into my eighties, and this is one pleasure I have all year round. It saddens me – no, upsets me – to know that the only natural view I'll experience in my dotage is another Bosa (or whomever) high rise.

WHY is it that there are no restrictions and/or considerations here; no value on human life? This surely comes under the heading of GREED.

What voice do "we, the voters" really have? Those of us who have lived in Burnaby and called it home for decades, or a lifetime? What of our peace, our parks, our wildlife and all the collateral damage left to us? The traffic, the throngs of people, and the complete change of the landscape from the beautiful and desirable place it once was, into a steadily growing metropolis of high rises. Also, there seems to be little concern regarding Burnaby Hospital, which is too small to take on the local explosion in population.

So why no restrictions - if there are any, what are they? Certainly as a resident and taxpayer I/ we have a right to know. Perhaps it's time to consider the bigger picture, the legacy you and every government body leaves in their wake. Maybe it doesn't matter

I realize I may just be a voice calling out of the darkness with little or no impact, but I would like to think you might care about what is said. I'm not alone in my feelings, but those who share my views keep silent because they feel as though they don't count in the grander scheme of things, or simply that is the impression we are given. After all you represent the residents of this City?

I look forward to your reply - not a form letter to "handle" a situation put before Council.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daphne Sanderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end.

Mrs. Daphne Sanderson