

November 5, 2015

The Chair & Members of the Planning and Development Committee
City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby B.C. V5G 1M2

SUBJECT: DERBY MANOR

Dear Sirs,

Your foresight and understanding of affordable housing needs in Burnaby is applauded.

For a number of years the George Derby Care Society has strived to get more housing for seniors at the George Derby lands bordered by Cumberland Street the west-side and 16th Avenue on the south-side.

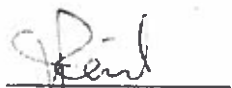
It has taken an incredible amount of effort on the part of many persons to reach the achievement of obtaining a permit. We are fully aware and appreciate the role you all played in helping this initiative getting to this stage of development.

We thank you immensely, not just on behalf of ourselves but the community of Burnaby as well, this will prove to be an invaluable asset. The Society and our staff, as well as consultants, have been supported by several City of Burnaby staff, and this has not gone unnoticed. As you know it takes a team of interested and vested parties to collaborate in order to make these types of initiatives come to fruition. Several staff have really gone the extra mile to assist us with getting this project positioned for construction while still protecting the interests of the City of Burnaby. The Society members are enthused about completing this housing proposal. We are proud of this achievement which strives to provide reasonably priced rental housing for seniors allowing them to stay in their own community.

Construction will commence next week. With the support of the City we hope to have this project ready for occupancy by early 2017. At regular intervals we will provide you with updates on the progress of construction. These and other details will also be on our website: <https://www.derbymanor.ca/>. This website will be launched in the very near future.

Again, thank you for your efforts in adding important seniors housing in Burnaby.

Sincerely



Joanne Reid
President
George Derby Care Society