

To, The honorable members of the Board of Variance ^①

The city of Burnaby has decided a new Storm Sewer in the lane to replace the current gravelly ditch system. (Currently there is a storm in the front on Napier St and the houses in the back have a storm in the front on Williams St.)

The city are requiring a payment of \$33,300 as our share in order to release the building permit. Also according to their calculations a temporary pump will need to be put in to pump out rain water from the foundations of the new house until a new storm sewer is completed by the city. This is due to the fact the foundations will be lower by roughly 10 inches than the current storm ditch in the lane.

This irresponsible cost of \$33,300 plus adding a temporary pump and.

pump (cost \$2500-4000) is a financial burden. ⁽²⁾

If the Board of Variance allows a relaxation of 1 ft in height it alleviates the cost of putting a temporary pump in. You may help us in two ways firstly by saving the \$3500 cost for the pump. and secondly reduces our excavation costs by \$4000. It also reduces the negative carbon imprint of digging and hauling the dirt away to Langley/Abbottsford.

The Topography of the area is such that it will in no way impact the views of the neighbouring homes. The views lie to the west and we are located on a hill declining towards the West. The lot on the east side is about 48" higher than our current lot not including

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the planned lower elevation of the new house. The houses in the front (North side) are already 3-4 ft above the street (Napier) and will in no way hinder their views.

Also please note we are a owner occupied property for over 10 years and are not developers or builders. This is a house that we had bought and plan to retire in. By allowing us to relax the height restriction of a foot it will allow us to cut some costs from installing a temporary pump and excavation costs. The \$33300 cost for a new storm sewer seems very unjust and create a huge financial hardship as well. I am trying to convince the city to add that cost to the property taxes over several years so it

is not thrust upon one person so unfairly.

Thanking you all

yours Sincerely

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