

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS
FROM: CORPORATE OFFICER
SUBJECT: **PETITION: SAVE BRENTWOOD PARK FROM AN INDISCRIMINATE APPLICATION OF BILL 47**
PURPOSE: To provide Council with a certified petition from the Corporate Officer from Edward Pereira requesting exemption of the Brentwood Park area from a Bill 47 - Transit Oriented Development (TOD) area.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the petition titled “Petition – Save Brentwood Park from Indiscriminate Application of Bill 47” from Edward Pereira received by the City of Burnaby on April 23, 2024 and published on the April 29, 2024 Council agenda, be received for information.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

Section 82 of the *Community Charter* states a petition to a Council is deemed to be presented to Council when it is filed with the Corporate Officer; and a petition to a Council must include the full name and residential address of each petitioner.

The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)* requires those who wish to have their name on public record consent to the disclosure, which is achieved with a notice disclaimer on each petition page.

2.0 BACKGROUND

A petition is a way for residents and other community members to share concerns or issues with Council or advisory bodies.

To have a petition, certified by the Corporate Officer, on the Council agenda, a petition request must:

- be addressed to Council or a committee
- contain the printed full names and residential addresses of the petitioners
- be received by the Corporate Officer by Tuesday, noon, before the Council or committee meeting
- be legible and use respectful language
- each page of the petition must:
 - state the matter they are supporting or opposing
 - contain a privacy disclosure statement

Once a petition is received by the Corporate Officer, the petition is submitted to Council for consideration at the next Open Council meeting under the correspondence section of the agenda.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Edward Pereira submitted a petition seeking that Council recommend exempting the Brentwood Park area from an indiscriminate application of Bill 37 Transit Oriented Development (TOD) area ring that cuts through the neighbourhood and exposes it to its inevitable decimation through upzoning to 12 and 8 storey towers at minimum. The writer noted that 141 names were collected, 65 emails were received with multiple petitioner names, and 77 names were collected; however, the canvassing forms omitted the privacy statement. In total, 356 petitions were received.

Legislative Services received petitions containing 138 names, as well as 58 emails containing 160 names that provided consent and their civic address to be included in this package.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Further details about the City’s petition process are on the City’s website under Meetings & Public Hearings / Petition Process.

5.0 CERTIFICATION OF THE PETITION

On April 23, 2024, the Corporate Officer received a Petition from Edward Pereira seeking exemption of Brentwood Park area from Bill 47. The Corporate Officer certified that the petition meets all requirements as per the *Community Charter* s. 82 and contains in total 298 names.

6.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Best, Director Legislative Services (Corporate Officer)

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Submission letter from Edward Pereira
- Attachment 2 - Petition - Save Brentwood Park from an Indiscriminate Application of Bill 47
- Attachment 3 - Petition - Emails Received

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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