

Notes for CHRD meeting

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I am a resident of Hillside-Quadra and am fortunate to have the flexibility with my job to be able to attend this important meeting. Most residents of Hillside-Quadra do not have this flexibility.

The CRHD has the responsibility for the health and well being of the regional community. To me, this means you have a responsibility to consider the needs of individual neighbourhoods, especially in Hillside-Quadra where the community has already contributed prime community space for The Summit.

Our community needs to have a meaningful voice in the development of 950 King St. This is an essential part of the Hillside-Quadra neighbourhood. The area surrounding 950 King St has high density housing which lacks green space for its residents – the current green space must be preserved for this group in particular as well the community at large. Blanchard school (or replacement structure) offers the potential for expansion of a much needed neighbourhood hub that includes community services, such as a library, child care, and expanded programs offered by Blanchard Community Centre.

Our community was promised a meaningful say in the future of this site. Hillside-Quadra community leaders and members have already clearly demonstrated their commitment to work with the City and CRHD to develop a neighbourhood plan and green vision for this part of our neighbourhood (950 King St), and to work towards its implementation.

I respectfully implore you to move your proposed facilities to other areas in the CRD and to honour your pledge for extensive community engagement for planning for this site. Please let our community plan what is best for our health and well-being.