

# Today's Agenda for Committee of the Whole: Notification of Significant Development Applications



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to Mayor, Councillor, Erin, Barbara, Couns, Councillor, Couns, Alison, Randy, ttanton

Good morning Mayor Price and Council:

The Sidney Community Association welcomes the staff report which is on tonight's agenda in response to Council's January 22, 2018 resolution.

I am writing to seek clarification of recommendation # 1.b. "Add a Notice of New Development Application step at the start of the process for Development Permit (Major) applications in the area designated as Downtown Commercial in the Official Community Plan Bylaw". We hope that this is meant to include a sign on the property, as provided in sections 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 in the Bylaw, which now apply only to OCP and Zoning amendments.

We did not include this as a specific recommendation in our January 12 letter, though we note it in reference to 9830-9844 Third St. We believe that a Notice of New Development posted on the property and visible to passers-by should be a key element in the Notice of New Development Application process for Development Permits (Major). It requires no staff time and is a minimal cost to the property owner, but greatly enhances the transparency of the process by letting the public know that an application has been made and that information is now available on the Town's website.

We hope that this is already the intent of staff recommendation 1.b., but as it is not mentioned in the body of the staff report, we are seeking confirmation.

While staff are not in agreement with all of our recommendations, we recognize and appreciate improvements to the important area of Notification of Significant Development Applications.

Yours,

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