
From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Development Variance Permit Application VP100663

From: Tina MacLean [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 11:54 AM
To: cityclerk <cityclerk@princegeorge.ca>
Subject: re: Development Variance Permit Application VP100663

This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize and trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good day;

I am touching base in regards to the Development Variance Permit application No. VP100663 referencing the structure erection of a Parkade for Northern Health.

Granted this structure is to be located directly adjacent to Lethbridge Street, Prince George, BC. I feel that this will impact all streets connected to the UHNBC. As well, I am also aware that my concerns below are not in direct relation to the variance of Section 13.3.5.1 or 13.3.5.3. but they will be in future permitting for this project.

I understand that the structure is intended to add at minimum 300 parking stalls for UHNBC, which additional parking for the Hospital and its staff would appear be greatly needed. Proof in point would be the congested streets around the hospital, residential streets I would like to point out. We are coming into the snowy season and street clearing is compromised due to hospital staff not wanting to pay for parking in the provided parkade that is already standing, nor the back lot that comes off of Alward Street. An example of this is 13th Avenue between Carney and Alward Street, the cars continue to park on both sides of the street where it only becomes passable to one car width in the height of winter, and if you are walking you are dodging between cars to not get hit.

The Hospital staff would rather chance it that a parking bylaw officer not patrol the streets, or if they have, accept the ticket and stay in that place the entire time of their shift. This way they receive one ticket and park illegally all day, with never the fear that they be towed. An excellent case in point would be currently right now as I am composing this email, there is a car parked in front of the fire hydrant on Alward and has been there since before 8am. I also would like to point out that the parking lot, at this time, is not full there are at least 20 empty parking stalls. This is not only a nuisance but incredibly inconvenient for the homeowners along these areas. We have homes that only have smaller driveways and any guests would normally park on the streets, but at this time this is not an option due to not being able to find parking near our homes.

This is just one of the examples I share of Northern Health being a "Bad Neighbor".

We are faced with excessive noise from parking lot clearing with heavy equipment every time it snows anywhere between 11pm and 4am, with no consideration that someone's bedroom is less than 100 ft from the front end loader. Garbage pick up around 6am of the big bins, which seems to require a fair amount of banging the bin to empty it when fully lifted on the truck. Inconsiderate hospital staff using their panic

buttons on the vehicle remotes to locate their vehicles in an almost completely empty lot in the wee hours of the morning. Though I shall digress for now on this point due to bringing these points forward before to the Bylaw office and being told that the Hospital is exempt from the noise bylaws that would restrict their hours that these services can take place.

To the point of the erection of the new Parking Structure, if the Hospital is intending to continue its growth one would think that additional parking would be needed, though I do hope then it becomes **mandatory** for all hospital staff and Northern Health Staff to park on their property.

My concern now though is the noise of construction, the impact of larger equipment working near our homes, commercial trucks along the streets in front of our homes, and the general noise of a construction worksite. An excellent example to this would be when Northern Health hired a Crane company on July 4, 2023 to install a large piece of equipment on the roof of the hospital. These commercial vehicles, with the teams of workers started their work day at 4AM. Proceeded to have their safety meeting on the sidewalk in front of my house at that time too, but due to the large equipment working to unload the crane pieces had to yell at the crew standing on the other side of the street. This just being a more recent example of lack of concern for the Noise Bylaw.

It is almost forgotten that these are residential street, these are older homes with likely 2x4 construction meaning less insulation to block out the noise. These homes have been standing here before the hospital was located to Edmonton Street. I do feel that some consideration should be made to accommodate the residents of this neighborhood.

I would like restrictions on construction times to be part of the planning for this structure and any future structures adjacent to residential housing. The ability to decompress in our homes after hectic workdays, enjoy our families in a peaceful environment are all incredibly important parts of our lives and to maintain excellent mental health. Restricting the noise from large construction to weekdays only and a shortened day from potentially 7am to 7pm (or less is optional) would have a large impact on this.

I am hoping these concerns are heard and taken to heart.

Kind regards,

Tina MacLean

An Alward Street homeowner.