

Colwood City Council

We respectfully request that the City of Colwood pause advancement of the current Colwood Creek Community Garden proposal. This will allow for a reasonable period for meaningful neighbourhood consultation. Most residents only became aware of the proposal in the last couple of weeks, after the project had already been publicly presented as proceeding. At a recent meeting, representatives of the Colwood City Council and the Community Garden Organization acknowledged that affected residents should have been consulted earlier and we request this consultation now.

This pause in the implementation would include the review of alternative locations, and proper consideration of the environmental impact. Other concerns that need to be addressed are traffic and safety issues relating to an expected increase in traffic, the absence of sidewalks, and a lack of parking within Colwood Creek Estates. In addition, there is a real concern of an increase in rats due to the presence of composters. All of the above concerns have been raised by Colwood Creek Estates residents to our neighbourhood association.

Our neighbourhood association now includes 65 members and continues to grow daily, reflecting the strong level of community concern surrounding this proposal. Residents are eager to join because they believe this is an unsuitable location for the proposed garden hub and want to ensure their voices are heard before any final decisions are made.

Given the scale and long-term impact of the proposed changes to this small, much loved and widely used neighbourhood park, we believe additional time is necessary to ensure a fair, transparent, and collaborative public process before irreversible decisions are made.

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