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Municipal Hall; Niall Paltiel; Mayor Ryan Windsor; Chris Graham; Bob Thompson;

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Subject:

1934 Hovey Development

## Dear Mayor and Council,

The development proposal for 1934 Hovey Rd sounds great! Having health care workers living so close to where they work would mean many of them could live car-light or car-free. It looks like the developer is putting in a lot of effort to encourage alternate forms of transportation and I can't imagine any major issue with parking because of that. The 72 and 75 have stops within a block of that address, with the 81 only a couple blocks away on Wallace. Grocery stores, pharmacies, doctors offices, and restaurants are within a 15 minute walk, and Brentwood Bay is within a 15 minute bike ride. It's a location made for a car-free lifestyle.

I think a shuttle service between a purpose-built staff housing property and the hospital makes a lot of sense.

This whole project could be the "thinking outside the box" solution to parking that the Saanich Peninsula Hospital needs, if they can only see it. Population will only increase on the Peninsula and we can't assume that driving is the only solution or the entire peninsula will be a parking lot one day. We don't want to become the next Langford, we need to develop for people instead of cars. Don't pave over the Agricultural Land Reserve next to the hospital for the storage of privately owned vehicles.

Best regards, Jamie Wellbourn

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