



November 14, 2023

Planning Dept.
City Hall
City of Kelowna

Via email

Re: Development Permit File No. TA23-0011
1261 Centennial Crescent

Att: Sara Skabowski and City Council

Dear Sir/Madame,

I have received an email from the Planning Department related to comments from some neighbors with regard to our application. The issue raised was parking.

I am not really sure as to the issue being raised. We do have sufficient parking on site for all staff, volunteers and residents. The vast majority of residents don't have cars. Some parties have bikes and we have adequate room in our rear yards for bike storage.

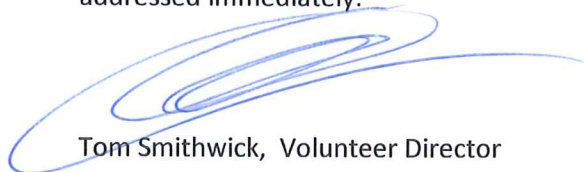
Occasionally, we have events, such as a Graduation Ceremony, where visitors of graduates would be in attendance. When this occurs, we have made permanent arrangements with the First Baptist Church which has a parking lot at the corner of Lawrence Avenue and Richmond Street to allow our staff or volunteers to park there to prevent excessive parking on the street. Appreciate however that these graduations only occur on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 so there is not a long-term issue.

We endeavor, as much as possible, to be respectful of our neighbors and appreciate that occasionally a visitor will come to our homes and will park on the street. This is difficult to control and is of course what street parking is for. I am enclosing some photographs of the street in front of our homes, taken at 2:00 on Tuesday, November 14, shortly after receiving the email from your Planner. The photos of the parking areas in front of our homes show spaces available. The parking areas across our street show many spaces available.

Our staff and volunteers are not on site after 4:00 weekdays and only one or two staff members are on site on weekends, so there is an abundance of available parking during those times. In addition, we limit

the number of visitors to our men as they are busy with recovery programs during the weekdays and many have evening AA and other meetings off site.

If Planners or City Council members would like to discuss this issue please contact me. Or please feel free to drive by at random a view whether there is really a parking problem. Any concerns will be addressed immediately.

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Tom Smithwick, Volunteer Director



Photos taken November 14, 2023, at 2:00 PM



ATTACHMENT B

This forms part of application
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