

Councillor Bruce Phinney: (speaking to reporters after the council meeting) I just feel it's the wrong place, I really do. I don't think it's going to resolve our housing problem. Most rents, the way I've looked at it over the years are based on two salaries and if it's about a thousand dollars, that's five hundred bucks a piece, that's fine, but for the ordinary person not making very much money, that's really steep. As a matter of fact, you've got to remember all of your other amenities too plus if you have a car, plus if you have insurance and the price of food and things are going to continue to get higher and higher. And I'm going to be honest with you too. I voted no twice to Gordon Beal, twice, and to me, if I voted in favour of this, I'd consider myself a hypocrite and that's one thing I'm not. I told Gordon I didn't think it was the right place. I think it's beautiful that heritage property. We should have had the heritage bylaw or policy back in place many years ago...but I just feel that it's the wrong place...There is going to be more traffic, more people driving even though they have underground parking, there's a lot of people that will drive and they drive because they have a car...and the congestion that's going to be on that road, it's going to be out of this world...Also, I really feel that some of the concerns that the people that are living in the co-op housing had...people flicking their cigarettes out or throwing things over, it will happen and being able to look down into their yards, being able to see into their windows. I just don't think I would want that either.