

July 5, 2010

City Counselors and Planning Department

City Council - City of Victoria

1 Centennial Square

Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Re: 1238 Richardson Street, Victoria, BC V8V 3E1

Dear Counselors and Planning Department:

We understand that the owners of this property are now requesting an extension to the illegal occupation of the detached building on this site.

The Board is hereby writing to express the neighbourhood's opposition to consideration of such a request. Our concerns are as follows:

1. The duration of time requested is substantial. Two years is much too long a time for the owners to be permitted to continue with an occupancy they have always been aware was illegal.
2. The addition of rear and side windows to the building, which has no setbacks, presents an unacceptable loss of privacy to the neighbours.
3. The precedent such permission would establish is dangerous.

The Clean Hands Policy was brought in to ensure that neighbourhoods would not fall victim to the illegal construction and occupation of buildings. Waiving the policy for two years would be to the detriment of the community.

Sincerely,

Janet Simpson, Past President

Rockland Neighbourhood Association