



## ROCKLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

January 17, 2011

To: City of Victoria Planning Department

Re: Zoning Regulation Bylaw Improvement Project - proposed changes to the common low-density residential zones

Concern: Absence of regulations for the newly permitted accessory use of “daycare” in single-family dwellings

A new definition for “daycare” has been added to Schedule A: "a licensed community care facility for persons of various ages not forming part of the operator's family." We understand "community care facilities" to include those listed in the provincial Community Care and Assisted Living Act for persons requiring care for

- a) Hospice
- b) Mental Health and/or Substance Dependency
- c) Long Term Care
- d) Community Living for Developmental Disabilities
- e) Acquired Injury

Presently, **adult** day care facilities are administered by non-profit agencies outside of single-family zoning districts. As there are no provincial regulations governing adult day care facilities larger than 8 persons, the City must enact regulations not only pertaining to the number of clients, staff, and hours of operation, but also clearly defining accessory use of single-family dwellings.

The diverse make-up of Rockland's R1-A zone includes many large homes and underdeveloped lots. Due to our neighbourhood's past experience of gross disregard of the intent of our zoning bylaw, we feel it is critical that regulations for “daycare” be clearly defined by our local government. Without a maximum limit for the number of clients, profit-oriented business facilities of institutional size would be permitted.

We are of the opinion that section 20 of the provincial Community Care Act, by allowing a maximum of 8 persons in single-family zones, recognizes the need for facilities to be of an appropriate size which is sensitive to the neighbourhood. We request that this same 8-person maximum be applied to our single-family districts. As with all other House Conversion Regulations, we also request that “daycare” use be limited to existing homes.

We believe that no facilities should be so large or numerous as to dominate the neighbourhood or change its character.

Sincerely,

