



February 10, 2018

Re: 1201 Fort Street/1050 Pentrelew OCP Amendments

Dear Mayor and Council:

The RNA remains committed in its adamant opposition to these proposed amendments.

Council approval of such amendments would be profoundly disrespectful of

- the intent and spirit of the OCP, itself,
  - the Rockland Neighbourhood Plan,
  - and the upcoming Local Area Plan for Rockland.
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- The OCP vision for the Fort Street Corridor is one that promises to “conserve the heritage value, special character, significant historic buildings, and features and character of this area” and complement the “clusters of high quality examples of Italianate, Gothic Revival, Second Empire and Edwardian Vernacular-style houses between Cook and Ormond Street.” It also commits to Traditional Residential areas and the “side by side” dwellings with “direct access to the outside at grade level” that “must be built” there.
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- The Rockland Plan clearly advocates for retention of the R1-B zoning.
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- The process for Rockland’s LAP was supposed to begin last fall. At the very least, the mandate of the OCP should apply until the neighbourhood has its fair chance to determine the direction of its LAP. Allowing profound change in the neighbourhood immediately in advance of the Rockland Local Area Planning process is inappropriate.

These amendments to the OCP would not enhance the neighbourhood. What they would do is further demoralize the neighbours and add to their intensifying frustration with the system.

Sincerely,  
Janet Simpson, President