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**Subject:** In support of two-storey ADUs - please do not support Councillor Danko's motion

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Hello,

I am messaging you with regards to my strong support for 2 storey ADUs.

If anything, we should be increasing the allowable size of ADUs, not decreasing. We have a housing crisis, and ADUs are a way to unlock the vast potential of ordinary citizens to provide housing in a way that minimally affects a neighbourhood. More regulations and limitations on housing, in the most literal sense of NIMBY, is the last thing we need. I cannot think of a more direct translation of "Not-In-My-Backyard" than limiting the height of a neighbour's backyard ADU to one story.

For example, my wife and I are discussing with our parents the possibility of building a backyard ADU in which they can age-in-place. A two-storey ADU would be necessary as it provides ample space for them while they yet enjoy good mobility as well as gives the opportunity for grandchildren and visitors to stay. This possibility provides housing, allows them to stay in their long-time neighbourhood, and also frees up their current family-sized home to be passed onto a family that needs the space. There are currently few options for over-housed retirees that would like to age in their neighbourhood. ADUs present a win-win scenario.

And in the future this ADU could be used to house a family, further supporting the vibrancy of that neighbourhood.

Limiting the height of ADUs to one storey is counter to achieving the intentions of provincial legislation supporting ADUs, would minimize the opportunity to create affordable homes for families, and adds further strain on our already stretched and sprawling infrastructure by limiting the potential for gentle densification.

Please, do not support the motion to limit ADUs to one-storey. Please consider the future of our city, the need for homes for our neighbours and our young people, and the vast potential of ADUs to address so many of our challenges. Do not hinder that potential by limiting them to one-storey. Please do not support Councillor Danko's motion.

Thank you,  
David VanderWindt