

# Longtime Victoria diner relocating to Quadra Village

## Condominium proposal for Cook Street location set to move forward

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It's one month until blast off for Pluto's diner as the beloved Victoria restaurant prepares to launch from its Quadra Village location into Quadra Village.

Having spent the last 33 years in its iconic downtown spot, the move is no small change for owner Brun Dahlquist.

"I have really mixed feelings about leaving here. It's hard because a lot of people associate Pluto's with the building itself," he said. "But that's O.K. ... everything has to change."

And, if Dahlquist had to move anywhere it would be Quadra Village he said. Pluto's will be taking over the old San Remo location near the corner of Hillside Avenue and Quadra Street.

Dahlquist said the clas-

sic Pluto's aesthetic will change a little to complement the new space but that the essence of the diner will go with them.

The move, although difficult, has been a long time coming. In the summer of 2019, Dahlquist was told they had until April 2020 to make way for a new development. Then, in December, they were given an extension until March 2021.

A 15-storey, 105-unit condominium building with ground-floor commercial space is proposed for 1150 Cook St. The residential space is set to include four studio and den units and 99 one- and two-bedroom units.

"Once they tear this building down it's going to be really difficult for me to drive by this corner," Dahlquist said. "Thirty-three years is a long time."

Reflecting on his time at the Cook Street location, Dahlquist said his main take-away is how wonderful the people of Victoria are.

"I know so many people through this place. I've made so many friends over the years, it's just heartwarming."

The Quadra Village location is set to open in late April or early May.



A 15-storey, 105-unit condominium is proposed for 1150 Cook St., the current site of Pluto's. (Courtesy of City of Victoria)



After a months-long reprieve due to a delay in the proposed development, owner Brun Dahlquist is preparing to move his iconic Pluto's diner from its Cook Street location to Quadra Village this spring. (Black Press Media file photo)



### CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**TAKE NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC HEARING** will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Esquimalt Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC, V9A 3P1 to allow the public to make representations to the Municipal Council respecting matters contained in the following amending bylaws:

**Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2018, No. 2922, Amendment Bylaw No. 3005** which changes the Development Permit Area designation from Development Permit Area No. 6 – Multi-Family Residential to Development Permit Area No. 3 - Enhanced Design Control Residential by amending Schedule H, Development Permit Areas Map for 842 Carrie Street (legal description below).

**Zoning Bylaw, 1992, No. 2050, Amendment Bylaw No. 3006** which provides for a change in the zoning designation of 842 Carrie Street (legal description below) from Single Family Residential [RS-1] to Comprehensive Development District No. 133 [CD No. 133].

The general purpose of these changes to the Official Community Plan and zoning is to facilitate the future subdivision of the lot, and the construction of a new house to the west of the existing principal dwelling (house with secondary suite). The comprehensive development zone is written with specific permitted uses, density, setbacks, height, lot coverage and parking regulations for this proposal.

**Site Location:**



**Description of Land:** 842 Carrie Street [PID: 000-385-336; Lot 14, Section 10, Esquimalt District, Plan 276]

**AND FURTHERMORE, TAKE NOTICE** that **Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2018, No. 2922, Amendment Bylaw No. 3005** and **Zoning Bylaw, 1992, No. 2050, Amendment Bylaw No. 3006** may be inspected, and other information related to this application may be reviewed from February 16, 2021 until March 1, 2021:

- online, by visiting the municipal website at [www.esquimalt.ca/PublicHearing](http://www.esquimalt.ca/PublicHearing); or
- upon request, at the Municipal Hall by booking an appointment either by emailing Karen Hay, Planner at [karen.hay@esquimalt.ca](mailto:karen.hay@esquimalt.ca) or contacting Development Services staff via phone at 250-414-7103.

Pursuant to Ministerial Order 192, the public will not have physical access to the Municipal Hall; however, the Public Hearing will be streamed on the following link: <https://esquimalt.ca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Affected persons may address Council by written submission before noon on March 1, 2021 to 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC, V9A 3P1, by email to [corporate.services@esquimalt.ca](mailto:corporate.services@esquimalt.ca), or by telephone to respond to comments during the electronic input portion of the Public Hearing by texting or calling 250-883-6426. To arrange to participate electronically by means of inclusion on the speakers' list, please call 250-414-7135 before 4:30pm on the day of the meeting to speak with the Corporate Officer.

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CORPORATE OFFICER

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