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**From:**  
**Sent:** December 10, 2008 5:42 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Ambleside Redevelopment

Dear Mayor and Council;

I watched with interest your discussion on the liquor store application both from the perspective of my past involvement with the Ambleside Town Centre Strategy and my upcoming application for Dundarave Shopper's Drug Mart in the old Caper's building. I completely agree with the need to move these projects forward in an effort to promote business and revitalization in our community. Applications should not be held back when the applicant has fulfilled their obligation to meet the needs of the community and associated planning objectives. Unfortunately as identified by the Mayor in her summary the liquor store application falls short of meeting this test. This should have been the start of a new generation of renewal for the community and instead it is a very mediocre solution without proper resolution of signage, building graphics and canopies. It seems impossible to me for council to debate the relevance of these issues without the impartial input of the Advisory Design Panel. At the very least the extension of the existing canopy on Marine which is a very significant component of the building should have triggered this requirement.

With all due respect and admiration for the work that you do I offer these comments as an observation and hope that you consider them as constructive.

Regards,

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