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Dear Mayor & Council,

Re: Comments from the Public – October 28th Regular Council Meeting

St. Andrews Lodge

What will be the legacy of this Council? Qualicum Beach loses its charm.

It appears it is this Council term when Qualicum Beach loses its charm. Three members of Council have chosen to demolish the origins of our quaint tourist beginnings and the contributions of those who were instrumental in building Qualicum Beach into what it is today.

Yes, there can be costs involved when you invest in community assets, however, what would Qualicum Beach be without The Old School House? The Curling Club and Lawn Bowling Club? Our Museum or Golf Course? Why would people come to Qualicum Beach and where would we gather? A community is worth more than the sum of its parts.

When Council embarked on the consultation for the park, 75% supported and strongly supported keeping the Lodge and there was “general agreement” the Lodge should be preserved. The Consultants presented three phases in their planning document to Council. However, Council never followed through with Phase 3, which was to present their plan to citizens at a public meeting and allow a period of time for public comment. What happened? Why were citizens not given the opportunity to provide input?

Parksville Heavy Equipment was used as the excuse as the Town had entered into a contract and they might be upset if it were terminated. Did Council ask? What would this company take as compensation for the work done so far?

The legacy of this Council is a waterfront park with no amenities but a convenient parking lot. And yet, another betrayal of citizens by circumventing due process, making decisions in private and not allowing citizens to comment.

Sincerely,

Anne Skipsey

GENERAL SUPPORT FOR:



**NATURAL
ACCESSIBLE
FAMILY-FRIENDLY**

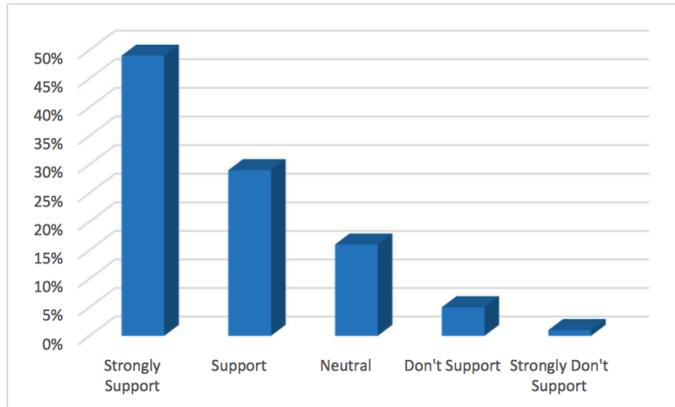
DESIGN STRATEGIES THAT
SUPPORT ACCESSIBILITY
**FOR ALL AGES AND
LEVELS OF MOBILITY**

 A NATURAL PARK SETTING THAT RESPECTS COASTAL PROCESSES

 RETAINING SIGNIFICANT MATURE TREES AND VEGETATION WHERE POSSIBLE

 PRESERVATION AND REUSE OF THE EXISTING LODGE BUILDING (PENDING FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT)

4. Pending feasibility assessment, the existing St. Andrews Lodge building could potentially be preserved and reused for alternative park functions (multi-purpose space for small community meetings, small events, washrooms). To what extent do you support exploring the feasibility for preserving and re-using the existing lodge building?



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Mayor & Council - the following are my comments on a several matters raised at the October 28th Council meeting:

- **Zoning Amendment: 201, 207 & 211 First Avenue West** - it's encouraging to see a revised First & Beach proposal back for reconsideration by Council. The proposed two 20-unit condominium buildings, providing a 40-unit multi-residential development, offers an appealing design which will enhance the form and character of this area, adjacent to the Village core. Hopefully, undue demands aren't placed on the applicant which lead to downgrading the quality or even killing the project again.
- **Water Rates** - the information provided indicates that Qualicum Beach water rates will increase by ~ 25% over the next two years. In view of this, it was surprising that there was so little discussion by Council in approving first reading for these significantly increased water rates in just a few minutes.

The supporting Staff Memorandum indicated that the primary cause for this increase is increased maintenance and replacement costs to the Town's aging water system where a large portion of the system is over 40 years of age and the number of failed or leaking services increases yearly. It's also not clear whether the figures presented include all the water related capital expenditures that will be required over the next 2 to 3 years and whether these costs are fully provided for in the proposed rates. This aspect of Town business will require a lot of future attention by Council.

- **Asset Management (AM) Update** - to date, the AM Plan work has primarily focused on developing policies and procedures to improve operating efficiencies. However, the priorities and nuts and bolts of AM which require focused attention are the condition and future needs of the Town's roads, potable water, storm water, wastewater, recreational structures and buildings. This is where the dollars are and assessing the infrastructure deficit that the Town, like most other communities face, will determine our future financial situation and by extension the future level of property taxes that home owners will be facing. The sooner this is known the better.

Happy Halloween to All



Tim Pritchard

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