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**Subject:** Cold Weather Shelter  
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At QB Council meeting Feb 3, the architect representing Kiwanis presented the Railway St. Affordable Housing building – so glad this is going ahead! But clearly a **Cold Weather Shelter** is different from affordable housing.

Also at Feb 3 meeting, QB was requested to write a letter of support for RDN, which Council agreed to do, to establish a Treatment Facility and Complex Care Housing in the RDN. Amazing! This would address the needs of the homeless in the future, **but not this year or even next.**

At the same meeting, a notice of motion to **discuss the use of Town-owned land** for a Cold Weather Shelter for 15 people was made by Councillor Harrison. Next Council meeting is Feb 24, when hopefully a Motion will be made, and progress will begin.

On Feb 4, PQB News printed my letter:

<https://www.pqbnews.com/opinion/editorial-still-no-solution-to-parksvilles-cold-weather-shelter-issues/>

QB can provide for a Cold Weather Shelter. The issue must be raised at every Council Meeting, until a Cold Weather Shelter is in place.

Sincerely,  
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February 4, 2021

Mayor & Council  
Town of Qualicum Beach  
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Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1J5

**Re: February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 Comments to Council**

**Council Delegation**

Today's second delegation was very informative and took approximately 15 minutes to present most of the pertinent information. Although Council recently reduced the time allotted for delegations from 10 to 5 minutes, it is apparent it is often not enough time. It was generous of Council to afford the extra time (without interruption) and I hope this practice continues with future delegations.

**Correspondence - Street Lights**

Citizens understand this worthy Federal Government initiative is not optional, however, what is optional is how local governments choose to implement this change.

There are excellent examples of where other municipalities took a very different approach to why and how the new LED street lights were chosen. They first **informed citizens** this change was coming, they then **educated** citizens on the options and features, they **consulted** with citizens to **understand preferences** resulting in the **introduced changes** having the support of citizens. Although Staff suggested citizens are complaining because it is change, I submit there is more to it than that. And because the Town chose to not consult with us, it is now proposed residents will have to initiate changes as well as pay for them.

**Eaglecrest Lease**

It was refreshing to hear Council express a desire to want to: establish solid and friendly relationships; have better communications beyond saying "here are the rules"; do things in an amicable way; have a conversation about how to go forward; and openly share that you wish to work with others. Could this collaborative and respectful approach also be applied to how you work with your citizens on issues such as land encroachments, cell towers and managing the urban forest?

It would be wonderful if Council's desire for proper process could be expanded beyond Eaglecrest to all future dealings with your community.

Anne Skipsey

**From:** [Jo and Dave Golson](#)  
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**Cc:** Section 22, FOIPPA  
**Subject:** Feb 3rd Qualicum Beach Council Meeting Comments  
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Re item 5 "Delegation from Kiwanis Architect" and item 10 "Staff Report Luke Sales Affordable Housing":

There was no shadow study completed for the 6 storey building shown. It will be the highest in town!

There was no tree and vegetation proposal offered, in comparison to 103 Railway St.

Can we obtain a full range of rental cost options for all types of housing and income?(\$375 for 1 bed upward to maximum for any townhouse.)

Underground parking for both building types would provide a much lower total hard surface footprint. Was this considered? Semi permeable parking surfaces not shown.

Who will develop the community survey? Which groups has Kiwanis already met with? I suggest inclusion of resident groups.

Kindest Regards,

Dave Golson  
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Qualicum Beach

Sent from my iPad

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Item 8 Bylaws (1) 103 Railway St.

Also In combination with item 3 and 10 Planning (1) Affordable Housing Project:

Closure of Railway St requires access to both developments on the single access road of Village Way West.

Emergency vehicle access and egress may be severely limited in the event of an accident from increased congestion arising from these 2 developments catering for the 69 new residences. Will the barrier across Railway St from Memorial Avenue be permanent, or made temporary for an alternative temporary access?

Kindest Regards,  
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I live at 265 Hoylake Rd W, Qualicum Beach BC V9K 1K5 and I love the new street lights, good initiative, regards  
Duncan

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**From:** [Tim](#)  
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**Mayor & Council** - the following are my comments regarding the February 3rd Council meeting:

- **Correspondence Log - February 3, 2021** - in future Correspondence Logs when the 'Date & Source' columns just say 'Various', it would be good to indicate how many correspondence items 'Various' means.
- **Railway Street and Village Way Affordable Housing Development** - the architect, Mr. Sampson made a very good presentation. It is good that a public survey will now be conducted and hopefully the questions will be completely objective. The basic project concept is fine but the architectural design leaves a lot to be desired. I'm not sure that it compares very well with the design of the 103 Railway St. project. Usually, renderings look better than the end product; hopefully that's not the case this time. It would be good to tone down the vivid white a bit, shutters might help break-up the austere south side view and the roof line isn't the greatest. Also, 'm not sure that the comparison with the Berwick is valid. Other than that it's OK.
- **Strategic Plan Update** - it's good to hear that there will be a Strategic Plan update in March. The priorities need to be kept front and center as the year moves forward.
- **Zoning Amendment: 103 Railway Street** - it's good to see this project get over the final hurdle. Now all we need to hear is when shovels will be in the ground.
- **Eaglecrest Golf Course Lease Situation** - this is a very unfortunate situation that has developed. Councillor Westbroek's comments about the importance of this course to Town and area citizens and to the local tourism industry needs to be kept in mind. Hopefully, the 'Open Letter' Council agreed to send can be issued as soon as possible.