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March 17, 2021

Town of Qualicum Beach
201 – 660 Primrose St
Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1J5

Dear Mayor and Council,

After viewing the Council Meeting of **March 17th**, I am submitting my personal comments:

St. Andrews Lodge

It is disappointing, but not surprising, to hear Councillor Harrison publicly criticizing and finding fault with the efforts of the St. Andrews Lodge Historical and Cultural Society volunteers. I do not believe Councillor Harrison has reached out to the Society Board, so am unsure where he is obtaining his information? I would like to set the record straight.

In addition to crafting the Vision and Mission Statements (a requirement for many grant applications which can impact the success of the application), the Board has also:

- Established a Constitution & Bylaws
- Elected a ten person Board of Directors
- Registered Society with the Province of BC
- Taken out a membership with Heritage BC
- Spoken with the Mayor and CAO and agreed to the Mayor's two month timeline for meeting with Town staff
- Drafted a Lease Agreement
- March 3rd, requested a meeting with the Town to review a Lease Agreement
- Sought clarification on the Town's new donation policy
- March 12th, made application to the Town for the Lodge to be added to the Town's Community Heritage Registry, which included a Statement of Significance
- Researched allowable signage
- Drafted a fundraising brochure
- Researched several upcoming grant opportunities
- Formed a Grounds Committee; working on establishing Fundraising and Building Committees
- Created and manage a Facebook Page and Mail Chimp account
- Launched a GoFundMe campaign to pay Hydro bills and incidentals

I would suggest a public apology from Councillor Harrison to the community members who have been volunteering their time to the betterment of the community would be highly appropriate.

I thank and commend both Councillors Filmer and Westbroek for their support on this matter.

Sincerely,
Anne Skipsey

From: [John Wood](#)
To: [communications](#)
Subject: Comments on March 17, 2021 council meeting
Date: March 19, 2021 11:06:25 AM

Mayor and Council - the following are my comments regarding the March 17th Council meeting:

1. **St. Andrews Lodge**

I am very disappointed to hear that the St. Andrews Lodge Historical and Cultural Society is exceeding their mandate and trying to influence the overall design of the Elizabeth Little Waterfront Park. The society's raison d'être is to save the lodge by raising funds, while also working on a Statement of Significance for the BC Register of Historic Places. According to one Councillor, after nearly three months of existence, they are still not settled on their mission statement. I can do it for them – "our mission is to save the St. Andrews Lodge." – all said and done. The statement by one Councillor that other members of Council were "slagging" the society is untrue, they were simply stating facts.

2. **Council decorum**

It is ironic that one item on the agenda was "Respect Forum". The treatment of senior staff members by some of the Councillors was rude, disrespectful and disappointing. Senior staff members deserve respect at all times, particularly in these difficult and stressful Covid-19 times. I sincerely hope such mistreatment does not recur.

John Wood
466 Troon Close

From: [Kim Donohoe](#)
To: [communications](#)
Subject: Qualicum Chickens
Date: March 18, 2021 11:44:45 AM

Dear Council,

I am very disappointed in your decision to disallow backyard chickens in Qualicum Beach. We are a rural community. We have sizeable backyards. Local food security is an important issue of the day. Connection with food and responsibility of care for anyone, but especially our children, is so important. You should reconsider this decision. What is the legislative process for this? Please know that there is a large online population discussing this decision with a lot of upset residents. Your decision, based on the discussion that I read in the local paper, sounds petty, shortsighted, and backwards-thinking. For shame. I think the pilot program was a success and that the program should be extended to include ducks, geese and turkeys. Don't go backwards, think of the future.

Sincerely,
Kim Donohoe

From: [Tim](#)
To: [communications](#)
Cc: [Haylee Gould](#)
Subject: Public Comments re: March 17th Council Meeting
Date: March 18, 2021 12:45:57 PM

Mayor & Council - the following are my comments regarding the March 17th Council meeting:

- ❖ **Pheasant Glen Project** - it was good to see this proposal move forward and establish a reasonable balance between the residential and tourism components of the accommodation plan.

- ❖ **Strategic Plan Update** - as indicated by the CAO, there is a sizable roster of projects in this plan addressing a wide range of Town initiatives. It was good to hear that the Plan will be the subject of a virtual Committee of the Whole meeting on April 21st with this timing providing more information on pending grant applications. What wasn't clear was whether a virtual COW meeting would provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and make comments on specific Plan items and if so, how this would be coordinated with some 40 projects in the Plan. Clarification on this would be helpful.

- ❖ **Traffic Calming** - Mr. Weir's Memorandum on this matter was very informative as were his comments at the meeting. It was good to hear that asphalt speed tables and raised crosswalks with appropriate signage will be installed where traffic is being diverted in conjunction with the current roundabout construction. It was also good to hear that data will be collected on the effectiveness of these traffic calming measures and that this would be used to assess other traffic calming needs going forward.

Tim Pritchard

663 Windward Way

From: [Todd and Joanne](#)
To: [communications](#)
Cc: [QWRA Email](#)
Subject: Comment for Council Meeting of March 17th, 2021 Attention Mayor and Council
Date: March 18, 2021 9:57:38 AM

When the Town issued a reply to ten community organizations who wrote to the Town to highlight concerns about a lack of communication and public consultation, amongst the reply from the Town were these words:

“We are invested in improving the Town of Qualicum Beach for ourselves, our neighbours, our families, and future generations. We are listening.”
-February 12

Ahead of the March 17th, 2021 Council meeting, the QWRA wrote to remind Council that over 500 people had objected to the sale of the land at 504 Juniper Drive last year, as listing the property for sale was an agenda item reported as a decision made *in camera*.

Despite the sale being an agenda item, and Council being reminded of the community opposition to the sale, and Council having received a number of new letters opposing the sale, there was absolutely no discussion about the decision to sell this land.

There was no discussion about the QWRA request that if Council goes against the will of the people and now sells the land, they should allow residents input on the sale, such as a walk through of the property to clarify land markers, and identify old growth and significant trees that should be preserved.

Ironically, at this very Council meeting, Rosemary Taylor of the Arrowsmith Naturalists appeared before Council to educate on the detrimental impact that development and cutting down trees was having on pollinators in our community. In spite of Ms. Taylor’s clearly articulated presentation on the negative impacts of reducing green space for vital food security and climate issues, Council went ahead with the decision to sell 504 Juniper Drive.

Council went ahead without any explanation, discussion, information, or public input, and decided to list this property.

Somehow the assertion, “we are listening,” rings hollow yet again.

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