

To: Qualicum Beach Communications

Re: Comments regarding Wed. July 21, 2021 Council Meeting

My compliments to council on extending the timeline for public input into the Community Climate Adaptation Plan to Sept. 3, 2021!

Dramatic worldwide weather events of the last few weeks illustrate the importance of giving the CCAP a high profile and addressing its contents. There has been very little public notice because of council's focus on planning for the future. It makes no sense to contemplate spending great amounts of money for the future without guaranteeing that the town will have one! As one of the most heavily forested towns on Vancouver Island, we must be very aware of the risks of a forest fire as devastating as the Town of Lytton has experienced.

In contemplating a viewing area near the Memorial Avenue/Hwy.19A new traffic circle, it is also important to fully evaluate the escalation of rising sea waters.

With such an extensive Agenda, the wisdom of holding such a meeting late in the afternoon should be questioned. The meeting lasted approximately three hours! Those who attend a Zoom meeting are unseen and can temporarily leave the meeting for sustenance, but council cannot! How can thoughtful discussion occur under these circumstances? Discussion on post-Covid meetings should include a hybridized format, so that those who are unable to attend in person can still follow the meetings. The Zoom format gives clear viewing and an easier understand of council discussion than those held in the council chamber. A hybridized format answers the concerns of those who do not wish to drive.

I would suggest a return to previous schedules when the meetings began at 7 p.m., allowing councillors who are still working to participate without jeopardizing their work day.

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Mayor & Council - the following are my comments regarding the July 21st Council meeting:

Viewing Platform & Walkway at the Memorial Avenue Roundabout - a roundabout is normally intended to improve traffic flow and enhance roadway and pedestrian safety. This proposed viewing platform and walkway will likely provide a good waterfront feature and attract many tourists but could also present problems. There will be a need for more parking nearby and it will likely attract more pedestrians to the roundabout crosswalks which are already a concern in this tight intersection design. This could create unwanted congestion and result in new pedestrian and traffic safety concerns that the roundabout is intended to eliminate. Some serious thought is needed about this before creating new problems.

Zoning Amendment: 111 Fourth Avenue West (Naked Naturals) - this proposal continues to mystify. We have a land sale and a concept approved which differs significantly from all the proposals and public review over the past 5+ years. Another food store so close to the existing QF store was never mentioned in the previous proposals and public review for this site or contemplated as a component of the 'Gateway' entrance to the town.

One could easily argue that this is the right project in the wrong place and that there are other and better options available, like the existing Public Works Yard site that would make more sense. Now with an approved concept, Council and Staff decide to do a parking study after the fact to see if there's a parking problem. What if there is? Wouldn't this have been good to know this before the approval was given? Does this reflect reverse planning? This is even before considering the traffic problems and the doubling of large trucks in this already congested area. Maybe a second look is needed before accepting more parking and traffic problems.

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Mayor and Council,

At the recent Council meeting during the discussion on Councillor Westbrook's motion to have staff study the speeding issues on Highway 19a in the area of Milner Gardens and Hemsworth, Councillor Harrison repeatedly made comments that this motion was only in response to some recent emails.

We have difficulty with these comments, as the issue of speeding in this area has been an issue of concern to residents for years.

Records indicate that there was a delegation before Council concerning excessive speeds at the Regular Council meeting of May 13th, 2019.

On December 3rd, 2019, Councillor Harrison himself was present at a Board meeting of the Qualicum Woods Residents Association where speed limits, safety and noise levels in this area of Highway 19a were discussed as an agenda item.

When local resident Lisa Wallace appeared before the QWRA Board and Councillor Harrison at the 2019 meeting, she advised that she had been raising these issues to the Town, and had requested enforcement RCMP, for years.

Ms. Wallace has advised that she believes she submitted correspondence to the Town CAO in approximately 2017 on the issues.

The issue of speeding on Highway 19a in this area has been discussed repeatedly at the Select Committee on Public Safety, including at the September 9th, 2020 meeting and onwards.

We would ask Councillor Harrison to be cautious when categorizing an issue as only being a response to recent emails in the future.

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I have the following comments on the July 21st council meeting:

Traffic. Rather than responding to every individual request for a traffic change (crosswalk, flashing lights, speed tables, speed bump, speed change) the town needs to take a holistic look at a framework for making decisions and responding to individual requests. The plan should interface with the Age Friendly Transportation Plan which has been a guiding document for years now. Specifically, I would suggest that collision/injury/fatality statistics from ICBC form an integral part of the framework.

Item 5(1) Correspondence. How much of the information in the referenced report is already in the Tree and Vegetation Management Plan, that seems to be never coming to light. And fiscal responsibility needs to be taken into account in any plans.

Illumination Engineer. The Notice of Motion from Councilor Skipsey is far too prescriptive on the methodology to be employed by the illumination engineer, if any of them will actually agree to work with the town. It is a perfect example of Council meddling in the minutiae of day-to-day operations, when their function should be to set policies, and ensure the CAO and staff execute those policies in whatever manner they determine is most appropriate, efficient and effective. Tell staff what you want accomplished, but NOT how to do it.

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