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Good afternoon Mayor Wiese and Councillors,

**Pheasant Glen and Naked Naturals:**

Pheasant Glen renderings of building styles have been included in information meetings, many previous meetings, and information well-circulated in the community, but that can't be said about Naked Naturals. These details are just now being released to the public, and, little is known about the special group that has been working with it behind the scenes.

**Memorial Golf Course:**

The letter from the Volunteer Finance Director of the Memorial Golf Course was appreciated. It outlined the huge contribution to a town asset by community volunteers. Happily this was recognized and will be formally acknowledged to club members.

*Town amenities can't be measured in dollars, nor can the Quality of Life. Volunteer contributions have been key elements in the development of The Old School House, the Museum, the Heritage Forest, refurbishing the old train station and fish bearing streams and more. It is "value added" to town money spent and should be appreciated by all of council.*

**Park Benches:**

The new approach of separating benches from the Memorial plaques is practical. The importance of park benches was first identified in the downtown re-vitalization program in the early 1990s. With climate change and hotter weather, benches are really critical for our large population of seniors. Benches were especially important during Covid quarantines in providing outdoor meeting places, and sometimes two benches close together helped meeting with distance. Of importance were the four benches in the circular landscaped area by the train station. With varied positioning, they afforded shade when needed. Please replace all four!

**Daniel Sailland:**

Under Daniel's guidance the town has embarked on some exciting major projects. I wish him well in his new capacity. He will be greatly missed.

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**Mayor & Council** - the following are my comments regarding the October 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting:

- ❖ **Naked Naturals Project** - this project is moving forward although some major concerns have yet to be fully addressed. Serious concerns have been raised about the movement of large trucks in and out of this rather restricted site and a promised parking study has yet to be revealed.

This property has been identified as a Town 'Gateway' location to be seen by all for decades to come. Such a project was never visualized as an option in the VIU review of the options for the Qualicum Commons property or the Old Bus Garage site. This would never have happened except that it got intertwined in trying to reduce the debt assumed with the purchase of the St. Andrews Lodge property. This may not be a good long-term trade-off for the Town which only future generations will be able to judge.

- ❖ **Backyard Chickens** - this program will continue with licencing provision setting out basic conditions to address the impact on neighbours. It was not clear whether this would include property size and property line considerations, have a limit on the number of licences or establish a monitoring and licence review process. All of these should be done.

It is noted that Qualicum Beach has many strata's which have bylaws that can prohibit keeping chickens. This was brought to the attention of the Director of Planning who indicated that '*The Town's bylaw would not supercede*' such a licencing program. This needs to be noted in any communications on this matter.

- ❖ **Outstanding Matters** - only two scheduled Council meetings remaining in 2021 and the next election is less than a year away. Meanwhile, a new CAO search is underway with a new incumbent not likely to be in place until next spring. In the interim, Staff will be challenged to just trying to keep the day-to-day activities moving. In addition, there is much to be done to complete the items in this Council's Strategic Plan. When will the planned Strat Plan review be conducted?

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Mayor and Council,

During your recent Council meeting you discussed the draft Code of Conduct and the process to be used for implementation, including sessions with staff and a consultant.

This is a very productive step towards professional, courteous and respectful standards of behaviour that residents expect of Council.

During the most recent Committee of the Whole meeting, the Mayor commented that although the Code will not apply to the public, he hoped the public would behave in line with the spirit of the Code.

Will the Mayor and Council hold staff to the same standards of professional behaviour expected of them in the Code?

If Council decides the Code does not apply to staff, will Council establish a policy and guidelines for staff, and an updated complaints policy that will offer meaningful levels of accountability for staff from the public?

Although Council did allow some public consultation on the issue (albeit with restrictive parameters set by the Mayor) at the Committee of the Whole meeting on the Code of Conduct, will there be a chance for public consultation on the Code of Conduct?

Will the public be given the opportunity to provide the consultant with public concerns over the proposed Code of Conduct, including examples of Council behaviour of concern to the public to help clarify whether the Code of Conduct would address these examples of concerning behaviour?

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Good day Your worship and council,

First of all, thanks for the almost 100% adherence to being respectful of each other, it makes watching the council meetings much easier.

I'm very happy to see that council has recognized their role in staffing matters is focussed on reviews and discussion at financial budget time. It was also good to see that council recognized the tremendous value of volunteerism to the town.

Adoption of the Pheasant Glen Multi-Use Lifestyle Resort Community bylaws has been a very long time coming, and will allow the development of a world-class destination resort to occur.

The Naked Naturals building still looks very commercial/institutional, not very much in keeping with the uptown look and feel. Hopefully more dialogue will result in a better-looking facility.

Once again, the "backyard chicken" debate took a lot of time, and all for a handful of a couple of dozen folks who want to have them.

Thanks again for keeping things civil and getting things done.

And I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the tremendous contributions of Daniel Sailland to the town in his tenure here, and to wish him all the best for future successes.

Cheers, John

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