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Good morning Mayor Wiese and Councillors,

Wednesday's meeting had positive news to bring us out of a siege of nasty weather. Kudos to our public works staff for an outstanding job of snow removal in a very short time! The news that the spit created a year before the Memorial/19A traffic circle stood steadfast during major storms was reason for celebration. Kudos to the public works staff for clearing some of the waterfront debris so quickly.

It was heartening to hear that sober second thoughts are being given to the idea of relocating the public works yard. The tendency to solve every problem by reaching for the nearest consultant is concerning. It seems to indicate lack of confidence in the ability for the collective thinking of our staff and council to create their own solution that could be reached without the expense of a consultant, and additional staff time required to supply information.

The public works staff deserve an improved facility, and upgrading the current location has great merit. The location is hidden from the view of nearby residential housing. The proposed addition to the parks department seemed to discount the impact increased public work traffic would have on residents on the other side of Jones Road. The removal of trees and encroachment on the tranquility of the adjacent Community Park was truly negative, and mention of future expansion a further worry. Other locations have many challenges and will cause delay. The Bennett/Rupert Road location, as mentioned by Councillor Skipsey, is better suited for housing.

The suggested efficiency of the joint location of the two departments raises many other questions. World diplomacy is conducted by Zoom! Two town departments communicating by phone and emails, and only five minutes apart surely doesn't justify such an upheaval.

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**Mayor & Council** - the following are my comments regarding the January 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting:

- **Zoning Amendments** - there is a need for greater consistency in reviewing Zoning Amendment applications - examples:
  - On the **190 - 194 First Ave W application**, Council is requiring that a traffic study be conducted on First Ave. W before the application proceeds. This is probably a good idea, although it's not clear whether this will be project specific or part of a larger 'downtown' area traffic study.
  - Meanwhile, the **111 Fourth Avenue West (Naked Naturals) application** is being expedited through to adoption without a parking study, supposedly conducted in August, having been introduced or traffic concerns on Memorial Ave. having been addressed. Where's the consistency? What's driving the thinking here?
- **Increasing the Size of Council** - there's some fuzzy thinking here as to whether this should be addressed in a referendum or in a by-election. Concurrently, this is getting intermingled with how post-election Council stipends should be handled. All this is causing unnecessary confusion.
- **East Village** - this project seems to finally be edging forward. Supposedly, a completely new concept plan has been presented to the Town but hasn't yet surfaced for the public to see. When will this happen?
- **Infrastructure** - four 'critical' projects related to serious slope stabilization problems have been identified and it is proposed that 'necessary geotechnical analysis' be conducted within the next three years to enable these projects to proceed. These geo-tech surveys should be done in 2022 so that these projects are shovel ready to proceed before serious problems occur.
- ❖ **2022 Looms** - the Town and Council has a lot on its plate for 2022 which could have long term impacts. Many of the matters are intertwined and require serious thought and dedication if they are to be addressed effectively. These may also become focal points of the 2022 election campaign. The public needs to keep its antenna up. These include:
  - A search for a new CAO
  - Level of Service Review to be conducted by the Brentwood Advisory Group
  - Communications & Community Engagement review
  - Planning Development Review

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Good day mayor and council,

Thank you for the productive, collegial council meeting today. Herewith are my comments.

### **Snow Removal**

The Public Works crews did yeoman work in clearing the December snowfall. Service levels for snow removal were far exceeded, crews apparently worked round-the-clock shifts, the snow clearing was efficiently, effectively and cheerfully done.

### **East Village**

It has been a long and arduous process, that began virtually the first day of council's term. Many obstacles were overcome, and with the East Village Local Area Service Bylaw and the East Village Loan Authorization Bylaw given third reading, definitive design and development work can finally begin. I look forward to a vibrant, dynamic East Village extension to our downtown core.

### **Council's Responsibilities**

The "job" of council is to set policies and priorities for town staff through hiring and ensuring the CAO delivers projects and priorities within the budget. It is staff's job to do investigations, fact-gathering, reporting and recommendations to council for moving projects and priorities ahead. However, it is NOT, I repeat NOT the "job" of council to micromanage how staff does their work. Council's job is to get the information from staff, then make decisions on directions forward.

In today's meeting, there were numerous occasions where some members of council sought to delve into staff's areas, including suggestions that certain options for evaluation under the Operations Department Workplace Modernization project be stricken from the list before the consultant has even been hired.

Stick to what you are supposed to do, do it well, and make good decisions. Keep your fingers out of all other areas. Thank you.

Cheers, John

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