
From: Tim Pritchard <REDACTED>
Sent: March 4, 2022 6:53 AM
To: communications
Cc: Weslie Gould
Subject: Public Comments

❖ Mayor & Council - the following are my comments on the Feb 23rd / Mar. 2nd Council meeting:

Financial & Decision Inconsistencies - it is reported that the Town currently has traffic counters and speed recording devices at the VW / 19A / Country Club intersection and that this is being done in connection with a 'renewed debate about the roundabout'

This is difficult to reconcile with the 'Notices of Motion for Financial Plan' which recommend that *'the Town does not proceed with construction of the Eaglecrest Roundabout at this time due to the high cost of construction and maintenance'*. If the Town is not going to provide funds for the VW // 19A Roundabout in the 2022 - 2026 Financial Plan which why would it be undertaking traffic studies at this site at this time?

When the Age-Friendly Transportation Plan (AFTP) study was conducted in 2013, the estimated cost of the VW / 19A Roundabout was projected at a ~ \$1.2M. Now, almost a decade later we're hearing that the cost will be in the range of \$2.75M. This doesn't seem to jive with the Financial Plan presented at the October 6, 2021 Council meeting that says the cost this project would be \$1,986,000. It's hard to believe that the costs could have increased by almost \$1 million or almost 40% in just six months. Clarification is needed, how is this difference explained?

When originally proposed in the AFTP, there was only about a one point difference in ~ 20 with the ranking of other projects that have proceeded. At the time, the Town could have borrowed funds from the MFA as it did at favourable rates for the new firehall and the roundabout would have already been built, paid off and have been in operation for five or more years. Is this the cost of indecision?

The March 9th COW meeting, provides a good opportunity for this matter to be clarified and for this important future infrastructure project to be reconsidered. Let's have a discussion.

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From: Charna Macfie <REDACTED>
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To: communications
Subject: March 16 Council meeting comments

Mayor and Council,

March 16, 2022 Council meeting.

Delegation Fridays for the Future. The presentation by high school students on recommendations to Council for a Climate Emergency Plan, although difficult to hear due to technical problems, was well presented with relevant information. A very serious topic which they are clearly passionate about. Thank you Teegen, Lyanna and Lyra for your involvement and actions in support of the movement for climate action.

Councillor Skipsey's motions regarding Public Information Meetings and Development Permit Areas review.

Thank you Council for exploring the possibility that owner consider a Public Information Meeting for subdivision project at 2150 Island Highway.

Policy 3008-3 recommends that the applicant "schedule the PIM early in the development application process." But does not specify the public meeting take place after first reading. Not all development applications are equal in scale or significance and it may be appropriate that larger or controversial applications hold a PIM before first reading. Secondly, the policy states "PIM serves the best interests of both the applicant and the community" particularly when it impacts the community.

During the last OCP review the focus was on housing, and I don't recall any updates made to environmental policies and no updates to Development Permit Areas. Qualicum Beach's DPAs are insufficient to address the rate of growth and evolving land use best practices. Two current examples of lack of environmental protection policies or Environmental Development Permit Areas is 2150 Island Highway and 3324 Island Highway. Having a focused review of DPAs versus reviewing DPAs as part of a full OCP review would provide a superior result that best serves the community.

From: Todd and Joanne <REDACTED>
Sent: March 18, 2022 9:55 AM
To: communications
Cc: Anne Skipsey; QWRA
Subject: Comments on Council Meeting of 16 March 2022

Mayor and Council,

Thank you for your support of Councillor Skipsey's motion to protect ecologically significant areas of Qualicum Beach and encourage developers to hold a public meeting.

We also appreciate that you have asked for a staff report on her motion for a review of the OCP taking climate change impacts into consideration.

Mayor Wiese's comments during the discussion on the first motion when he expressed that the Town should not review existing property developments after the fact are concerning.

The world is becoming more aware of the impacts of climate change, and it is clear that there is an urgent need for policy makers to take urgent action to mitigate these harmful impacts.

We also draw attention to particular comments Mayor Wiese made, when he stated at approximately the 01:07 hour mark that:

"...nope, you can't do that because we think this, maybe, it's something...(inaudible) might be old growth trees there, which there of course it's not..."

We do understand if one relies on the developer's biologist report that the property is portrayed as being in the majority tall, skinny trees of second and third growth, having no capability of supporting eagles.

In fact, as shown in our previous correspondence to Council, there is at least one old growth tree estimated to be at least 500 years old visible from the boundary with the naked eye.

And it was noted by a member of Friends of the Trees there were further old growth trees on the property.

The biologist may not have seen eagles in February when they visited, but as shown by Roy Hancliff's many photos (one previously supplied to Council) and by numerous observations of local residents, there are eagles regularly seen perching in area trees.

Thank you,

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