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**Mayor & Council** - the following are my comments regarding the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Council meeting:

- **Backyard Poultry** - the public hearing and the subsequent Council discussion and deferral of this matter raises several concerns. First, it was concerning, as Councillor Filmer noted, to hear a member of Council giving more weight to oral than written comments on this matter. This is a bad precedent and should be clarified, particularly since there were approximately an equal number of comments in each category albeit expressing opposite views.

In addition, prior to the meeting, clarification was sought as to whether the proposed Bylaw could override or supplant an existing Strata Bylaw that does not permit backyard poultry. In response, Mr. Sales said that *'Town zoning amendment under consideration would not overrule a strata bylaw prohibiting backyard poultry'*. Based on this, it was requested that this clarification be noted when this agenda item was introduced for Council discussion. Unfortunately, this was not done. It is therefore requested that this matter be referenced in the bylaw when it is given further Council consideration. This would provide better public understanding on this matter.

In this regard, it is noted that there are approximately 265 strata units in Eaglecrest (Oceanside, the Bluffs and Eaglewood). This represents one third or all the homes in the Eaglecrest community which is significant. It would be interesting to know how many strata units there are in the Town's total 4,763 dwelling units reported in the 2021 Census. This could be significant and again is important for the public to know when this matter is considered further.

- **East Village** - it was encouraging to see a revised East Village proposal come forward and start the review process. Hopefully, this process will move forward in an orderly and timely manner and not drag on and get embroiled in politicking. This project has the prospect of making a significant contribution to achieving the long sought after OCP objective of revitalizing the Village core. This area has been neglected for a long time and as the OCP states on page 2 - 9, *'This area is generally in need of revitalization'*. So, now is the time to move forward.

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