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**Mayor & Council** - the following are my comments regarding the September 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting:

- It was encouraging to see the Development Permit Application for the **126, 130, 134, 144 and 148 Second Avenue East project** receive Council approval enabling the East Village Project to move forward. Hopefully, we can see shovels in the ground by early 2023. This is good news for potential renters.
- **Councillor Filmer's comments** on the increasing 'toxicity' of many public comments are worthy of note. As he said, this is happening on an increasing basis in many communities and unfortunately Qualicum Beach is not immune to this negative trend. This raises the question about motivation and what can be done in the community to stop this corrosive trend?

In most cases, there is a relatively small group involved using social media in a destructive manner. The Town's OCP Vision statement of a '*charming coastal village*' does not visualize this type of public engagement. This is a real loss to what built Qualicum Beach and It will be a challenge for a new Council to right the good ship Qualicum to revitalize the OCP Vision.

- **Electric Scooter Pilot Project** - in assessing this matter, consideration needs to be given to factors that influenced reactions to the Province's 2016 Golf Cart Pilot project. The requirement for golf carts to be licenced to use roadways and ICBC's requirement for vehicle insurance introduced significant annual cost considerations which influenced public views in the surveys conducted. This needs to be part of any Electric Scooter assessment.

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