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Duncan, BC, [REDACTED]  
January 24, 2023

Dear Councillor,

I write to state my strong objection to the proposed Motion by Councillor Findlay which will come before Council at the February 1, 2023 Council Meeting. As stated in the Notice of Motion, this Motion will exempt Developers from the lawful provisions of the new OCP and UCB. This is atrocious. I ask that you reject this motion and anything deriving from it, out of hand.

As a community of staff, councillors and voters, we worked so hard to create a new and improved OCP including the new valuable protective Urban Containment Boundary (UCB). The approval process was an expensive four year effort with many opportunities for public input, culminating in a Public hearing July 19, 2022. The previous Council approved it with a decisive 5:1 vote.

Administration and Council should take pride in this accomplishment. This was democracy in action and the proposed Motion makes a mockery of the will of the people. This should not be allowed to happen.

I am blessed to live on the shores of Quamichan Lake which unfortunately is so imperilled. During the summer months we have up to 25 cm of toxic algae against our shore. At times, especially at night, the stench is powerful! I was so hopeful that the new OCP and UCB would help protect the Lake's health going forward.

These measures will serve to care for the lake to a large degree. Now, it seems, that one duly elected official, who works for us all, would put these proposed benefits on hold for two years. Shame on him and other Councillors who would allow this to happen. Please give the flora and fauna around the Lake a chance to survive.

Also, please know that I am not against development, which we sorely require. However, guidelines are needed on how this is done and the 2022 OCP and UCB is a responsible and reasonable Road Map to accomplish this.

To me, it makes no sense to go back in time and use outdated plans. To put these two valuable guidelines on hold for two years is a toxic pill. When travelling around our community, I am impressed by how much development is actually in process. It is befitting and in appropriate areas. As a private citizen I can not get tradesmen for work on our property because everyone is working flat out. This is wonderful! The new OCP will not hinder this.

Please reject this draconian Motion. Thank you,



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