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From: Bryan Senft [REDACTED] FIPPA s 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 7:09 PM
To: Council
Subject: Urban Containment Boundary-24 month Amnesty

Mayor and Council

I am in opposition of the Urban Containment Boundary-24 month Amnesty motion that councillor Findlay is bringing forward, for the following reasons.

The new OCP was approved because of about 4 years of analysis, work and engagement of the North Cowichan community. Every stake holder, land owner, advisory group, citizen group, community ambassador, consultants employed by the municipality, citizens and our First Nations neighbors had ample time to provide their input.

After a large expenditure of taxpayer money spent and time invested in this process council then listened to the community at a public hearing where the public was again given, the opportunity to be heard.

The majority of the community had spoken in favor of the new OCP and council then approved the OCP.

Now without any advertising by the municipality there will be a motion on the table to allow certain landowners to have their proposals of development go forward within restricted areas of the community.

If this motion were to carry the new council will be setting a dangerous precedent of which anyone that has land in restricted areas, designated by the OCP, may want their proposal treated the same way.

Council, consider the message that you would be sending to the community if the well thought out guidelines of the OCP can simply be changed by a motion that in essence, undermines the rules.

Further more if some of these proposed developments were allowed to go forward, their impact to the already negatively impacted Quamichan Lake would cause even greater harm to the ecology of the lake. Additionally the infrastructure required for a larger development would impact our already overtaxed sewerage system. Long-term taxpayer cost would be inevitable.

Consider the message you would be sending to our First Nations neighbors who presented their impassioned reasons for wanting the OCP approved. What would truth and reconciliation look like for them if you disrespect the relationships that have been developed with our First Nations partners.

I submit that this motion is simply wrong on so many levels and I encourage council to vote against this motion of amnesty or any change to the OCP that allows development that doesn't fall within the guidelines of the OCP.

I grant permission to have my name made visible to council.

Sincerely,
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