

Municipality of North Cowichan
7030 Trans-Canada Highway
Duncan, BC V9L 6A1

Re: Councillor Findlay's Motion on the Urban Containment Boundary

Dear Mayor Douglas and Councillors,

It is with great disappointment that I write to you about the above referenced motion. After four years of hard work by Municipality of North Cowichan staff, planners, developers and the community we democratically chose to enact a new Official Community Plan (OCP). Everybody in and around the Municipality of North Cowichan had ample time for input, demonstrated by the number of comments received, as well as many council meetings to discuss this with access both online and in person. Council voted 5-1 in favour of the new OCP reflecting the overwhelming desire of the community to adopt the new plan.

The motion by the Respected Councillor Findlay if adopted by Council will allow irreparable damage by allowing urban development in areas that was democratically agreed through the OCP process to be kept as non-urban. This will be irreparable damage to the community and community plan because once high density developments are built, they cannot be undone. Any development would permanently change the character of the areas proposed to be non-urban.

This motion completely disrespects the desires of the majority of the community and of the Municipality of North Cowichan Councillors and staff who worked so diligently to create the new OCP. The argument is that this is a compromise allowing the developers to make huge profits on projects that they have already proposed, however there is no compromise for the majority of the voters who chose to have these areas remain non-urban. A compromise allows a win-win alternative, where this motion is a win-lose proposition.

I am in complete agreement that North Cowichan needs urban density housing and note that there are significant areas in the 2022 OCP which allow for this development. Let us work with developers to build new housing for our community in areas where the community desires them and to maintain non-urban development where the community desires. This way we create a win-win situation where the community and the developers both win.

Please respect the desire of the community and the previous councillors and do not allow words like amnesty and grandfathering to sway your opinion to create a win-lose situation for our community. I urge you to vote no on this motion.

Respectfully Submitted,



Taxpayer and Believer in Win-Win Solutions

Duncan, British Columbia