

# Summary of Public Hearing Input

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At the January 18, 2023 Public Hearing, Council received: two email submissions for the agenda package, three email submission received after the agenda was published, with three members of the public speaking at the public hearing.

***Two email submissions received as part of the agenda package:***

- (1) Randy Noble commented that retaining walls in excess of 1 metre in height should be required to have structural drawings prepared by an engineer; and,
- (2) Nicholas Schwetz was in support of the bylaw but had concerns where watercourses and waterbodies were impacted and suggested that retaining walls or fences not be allowed below a ravine top of bank.

***Three late email submissions received after the agenda was published:***

- (1) Chris Clement asked that the bylaw be amended to allow retaining walls to be constructed at subdivision;
- (2) Bruce Muir agreed that rules around the construction of retaining walls was needed but asked that the bylaw accommodate the practical needs and timelines of contractors; and,
- (3) Bruce Muir suggested that a reasonable approach to providing rear yard access on sloping lots be given.

***Three public speaking comments:***

- (1) Robyn Kellen had concerns about a development application that they currently have open with North Cowichan since last year. Would like Council to consider grandfathering applications that are active.
- (2) Chris Clement commented that the bylaw looks like it would work well for homeowners and builders after subdivisions are complete. Would like subdivision to continue the current process of going directly through staff. Problems/struggle with the construction approval phase.
- (3) Cameron Williams in agreement with Chris Clement, stated that from a design point, applicants currently submit Geotech drawings at the approval phase and would like this considered in the Bylaw.