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

Re: Zoning Amendment 7245 Bell McKinnon Road

We are grateful to have the opportunity to provide this document in support of our zoning application. We are applying to build a Second Dwelling on our property under the guidelines of "Section 219 Covenant - Second Dwelling Unit Rural Lands". Our hope is to build a low maintenance 92 sq. meter rancher that will be manageable for us in retirement.

We have strong ties to the community. We have lived at 7245 Bell McKinnon Rd since November of 2000. We originally purchased the two acre property because we love to garden and have spent the past 22 years creating our dream home and yard. I have been a teacher in SD79 Cowichan Valley for the past 30 years. Wendy is a cabinet maker and last worked on her family's commercial fishing boat prior to being disabled by Rheumatoid Arthritis. We have one married daughter, who currently lives with her husband and our two grandchildren in Saskatchewan.

If our zoning application is successful and we are granted the necessary permits to build, Wendy and I will move into the smaller secondary dwelling and our daughter's family will return to Duncan and live in the primary residence. We believe that this will create an affordable opportunity for our daughter's family and allow us to stay on the property we love in our retirement.

The property is currently zoned A3 and is not part of the ALR. We are not proposing to change zoning. A3 Zoning allows 30% lot coverage. Our current home and shop cover 0.04% of the lot and if the second dwelling is approved lot coverage will increase to 0.05%

Thank you for your consideration,

Dan Norman & Wendy Thoms