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To: [council@northcowichan](mailto:council@northcowichan.ca) <[council@northcowichan](mailto:council@northcowichan.ca)>
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My name is Rob Bunyan . I am writing to you today with respect to the memorial bench that I gifted to the town of Chemainus for the benefit of locals and tourists while honoring my parents in perpetuity . My parents were part of the fabric that helped build the town from 1964 to 2004 when suddenly my dad passed away at the age of 90. I decided that I would place the bench next to the Waterwheel since my father had a hand in making parts for the Waterwheel before it was erected back in the late 60's early 70's .

In the spring of 2014, I returned to Chemainus and when I arrived at the Waterwheel park, I was horrified to see that my family bench was no longer there. I contacted North Cowichan, and they informed me that the bench was in the shop for maintenance. **What a pleasant surprise, when I bought the bench in 2004 there was no mention of a maintenance program that would take place every 10 years let alone that I might have to pay for it one day.**

On February 11,2025 I received a call from Ms Tammy Buttler informing me that there were changes made to the **Legacy Memorial Bench program** from an earlier administration and that they would be doing the maintenance sometime in 2025 and being that I am only learning of this change I would not have to worry about this potential cost until 2035.

I will reiterate by saying that when I placed the Bench, I expected it to be there in perpetuity and maintenance would be covered, this is what I signed up for. **I am therefore requesting that on behalf of my family it be grandfathered.**

Your attention and consideration to this delicate matter is appreciated,

Sincerely,

Rob Bunyan