

ATTACHMENT 5

To the Planning Department Staff, Council and members of the public in attendance.

We are seeking a Zoning Bylaw Amendment at 7999 Stoney Hill rd. The reason we are requesting this change is to build a 48 square meter (520 square foot) auxiliary dwelling unit near the top of the property adjacent to Stoney Hill Rd. The suite is to be expressly used by a retirement aged family member, the mother of one of the property's owners. The family member is well past retirement age, (now 73) yet must continue to work due to past family circumstances and the long-term illness of her late spouse having consumed all her savings. Her significant health challenges are aggravated by working full time nights in the service sector. Should we receive approval for this project she would be able to retire to our property in her own home and not be concerned with working to pay rent in a very competitive rental market. As her health deteriorates, having family members near to provide care will be another benefit of the project being approved.

The proposed ADU will be of a minimal size and will use natural exterior materials to be complementary to the existing dwelling on the property. It is important that this addition has minimal visual impact on the area. The intention is for this property to remain with the same family and to become a multigenerational home. The proposed ADU has the potential to house the owner's immediate family members (grown children or as a retirement home for the owners) in the future and can reduce dependence on housing inventory in North Cowichan.

The subject property already has a 1900 square foot home that was completed in 2022. The existing septic system was designed with extra capacity to handle the addition of a secondary suite and the property is serviced by a 24 gal/minute artesian well, that will easily meet the demands of both dwellings.

For these reasons we, the property owners feel that our location would be appropriate for this use and request that Council Amend our zoning to allow it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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