

April 14, 2022

7167 Bell McKinnon Road
Duncan, BC
V9L 6B5

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

To Whom It May Concern:

We are looking to build a new primary residence on our property and convert our current house into a secondary residence. Our current house is very small and with having our first child this last Fall we have very quickly learned that we have outgrown it. We would like to have the opportunity to build a new house at the back of the property. With our current house we would look to have my mother-in-law move into allowing us to have family close by, easy access to support, child care, and down the road be able to care for my mother-in-law.

Our current house is not large, slightly bigger than the specifications for it to become the secondary residence. The measurements for allowed house size is 92M² in the Secondary Dwelling Policy. Our current house is 96.6M², so it is very close to meeting that requirement. The home we are planning to build would be approximately 180M². This additional square footage would give us the opportunity to add another bedroom and space to accommodate our children giving them room to grow and play.

Option one: We are hoping to keep our old house as is due to it already being quite small. We meet all the other criteria except for being over size by 4.6M².

Option two: If we are required to remove 4.6M², we can wall off our dining room to make it unlivable to meet the requirements.

We really love living in North Cowichan and feel this is the best option for our family. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Kyle Leidenius