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Dear mayor and council,

Some thoughts on our planned area expansions.

I attended the Aryze new proposal in person recently. From our neighbours it appears the plans to improve our area of Central Saanich in previous Plans have never been addressed. The corridor from the Legion to the shopping area has never been lighted as promised. Traffic calming with more 4 way stops and cross walks has been ignored.

The Aryze team was kind to show the plan updates but it's our public purse and council that has to implement improvements to East Saanich and Wallace Drive to calm speeding and traffic calming. Wallace we know will be updated by the public access meeting in January.

Hovey Road that has 2 separate lanes both are acute to meet the arteries feeding them and should be realign to square up which will help our Prosser Road from being the x over race track.

The Lot A for the new facility of Fire and Police is now in the denser population with the new developments. As we live on Blossom Park all sirens are clearly heard on code 3 calls. It will be a drastic annoyance to hear more of the same all year.

What are the plans to the current CS building? I believe if you have plans to Lot A on Hovey Rd they should be sent to the tax payers and show how the current building will be demolished and the land used for housing.

In this area we see more expansion with traffic using East Saanich to the Island View Access but no plans to widen that road to the Pat Bay Hwy. I feel you should be looking at the land parcel between the CS Hospital and the shopping area as your purchase expansion. The ALR crops are only poor quality hay.

I ride my bicycle to work daily to Keating area and see many 80km/hr vehicles driving in a rush to get to work between 6-7 am. The routes along East Saanich need 4 way stops that will allow easy access onto the traffic flow, calm the speeding, allow walker to easily access our parks. The added housing is welcomed to all that need it. As we found the new neighbours in Prosser building have enjoyed a quiet safe home.

If you can send a file to read on what's in store for our area and updates more frequently we would have a better understanding of your growth plans.

Appreciate our living space

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To:

Mayor Windsor, Councillor Riddell
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District of Central Saanich

Subject: Seniors living in their cars and concerns regarding the Proposed Aryze Development on Hovey Rd.

To: Mayor Windsor, Councillor Riddell, Councillors,

We are writing in response to Sarah's comments highlighting the critical issue of seniors being forced to sleep in their cars, as well as Luke Mari's mention of seniors living on the streets if they didn't build this housing project on Hovey Rd. Could this be an emotional plea used to short-circuit in-depth rational thinking, an observed marketing technique studied by Daniel Kahneman? It appears to have been widely used by politicians and Aryze since the beginning of the proposal on Hovey Rd.

Firstly, we need clarity on the actual number of individuals currently living in vehicles due to a lack of affordable housing. Understanding the scope of this issue is essential to addressing it effectively

The proposed Aryze development on Hovey Rd. raises questions about its relevance to this urgent need. While it may offer long-term benefits, how does it address the immediate crisis faced by seniors living in cars today? Associating the outcome of this development as a solution to their plight seems disconnected from their immediate reality.

- What will be done for these individuals during any construction of new units?
- How will their needs be met in the interim?
- If, after any development is complete, rents are still unaffordable for those currently struggling, what will be the recourse for them?

This raises a further question: Why is there no effort to seek immediate support through provincial government programs? These seniors have an urgent need that cannot wait years for a solution. What steps are being taken to engage with provincial services and other agencies to secure aid now?

Additionally, the affordability of the proposed housing must be critically examined. For someone unable to afford rent and necessities, housing that costs significantly more than their current means will not solve the problem. If the plan is to provide housing at extremely low or subsidized rates (e.g., \$500/month or less), that needs to be clearly articulated.

Regarding the procedural concerns, the urgency to push this Hovey Rd proposal forward—through tie-breaking votes, revisiting quorum, and fast-tracking it to an Official Community Plan public hearing—raises questions about priorities. The disruption caused by revisiting the vote appears to stem from your absence as a councillor during a critical moment. You were pursuing a political higher office under the NDP banner while not being available for your constituents in the community that elected you. This situation has created unnecessary chaos and appears to reflect a prioritization of personal or political objectives over the immediate needs of the community. The NDP appear to be supporting Aryze's projects alongside the UDI's agenda. Given Mari's observable closeness to the BC NDP leadership and the BC NDP leadership pushing his company's developments to local government, wouldn't that form a potential conflict of interest, perceived or biased? The optic doesn't look good.

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The residents of Central Saanich deserve leadership that prioritizes their best interests. The focus should be on immediate, tangible solutions for the most vulnerable, not on advancing agendas that may not directly address the issues at hand.

We look forward to your response and actions that reflect a commitment to addressing these concerns.

Sincerely,

Brian and Josée Smith

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