



The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

REGULAR COUNCIL REPORT

For the Regular Council meeting on Monday, October 6, 2025

Re: Correspondence Regarding Redevelopment

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with all the correspondence received to date on the project known as Municipal Redevelopment. This correspondence reflects comments addressed to Mayor & Council throughout the last 18 months.

DISCUSSION:

The following provides a high-level summary of the content of the correspondence contained in Appendix A.

Transparency and Public Engagement

- Residents want more transparency and public input on the Hovey Road expropriation and 1903 Mt. Newton redevelopment, including access to studies and financial details, and consideration of a referendum or broader consultation.
- There are calls for clear communication and accountability, with requests to understand council members' positions and decision-making.

Financial Considerations

- Concerns about project costs and tax impacts, with suggestions to consider renovating existing facilities as a cost-effective alternative.
- Emphasis on careful financial planning, including contingencies for legal and project risks.

Community Character and Land Use

- Strong interest in preserving Central Saanich's village character, green spaces, and sense of community. Many prefer development that fits the existing neighbourhood.
- Mixed views on housing: some support affordable or seniors' housing, while others prefer limiting new housing to avoid straining infrastructure.

Infrastructure and Environment

- Importance of addressing traffic, parking, and pedestrian safety, especially with changes to emergency services or increased density.
- Environmental stewardship, including protecting green spaces and managing watershed impacts.

Recreation and Amenities

- Support for new recreation facilities (e.g., outdoor pool, skatepark), especially if centrally located and accessible.
- Suggestions for amenities such as daycare, medical offices, and community spaces.

CONCLUSION:

The correspondence shows themes of transparency, fiscal responsibility, and meaningful engagement. There is interest in preserving Central Saanich's character, carefully considering infrastructure and housing needs. Writers want a redevelopment plan that balances today's needs with long-term well-being.

Concurrence by:	Christine Culham, Chief Administrative Officer
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ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A: Correspondence Regarding Redevelopment 2024-2025