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From: Deborah DICKSON [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 11:05 AM
To: Mayor Dean Murdock
Cc: Mena Westhaver; Councillor Judy Brownoff; Susan Brice; Zac De Vries; Teale Phelps Bondaroff; Karen Harper; Colin Plant; Nathalie Chambers; Council
Subject: (External Email) Re: Agenda item D4 Quadra McKenzie

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June 9, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council,

I request you support the ideas provided in agenda item D4. I believe it is in the best interest of Saanich residents that you inform them on how their tax dollars are being spent prior to any further development plans moving ahead for Quadra McKenzie.

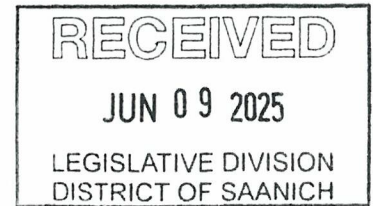
Trust is the issue. You have the opportunity to pay some respect to your constituents by supporting Councillor Chambers motion, "Thoughtful Planning is key to this study" is foundational to moving forward.

Preparing a detailed Business case is another key element. Tell residents know where our tax dollars are going before hand, not after. Cart before the Horse isn't an acceptable approach to spending our money. Don't You want to know the impacts of adding additional debt to present and future generations?

There is no question about the Operations Centre needing improvements. Especially getting staff out of rat infested working spaces. No more rat traps. I'm disgusted Council has let this go for this length of time given how long you Mayor, Judy, Susan, and Colin have been on council while this has continued to put health and well-being of your employees at risk for all these years. This is shameful. Why haven't you brought up the idea of upgrading the Operations Centre during your time on Council? Wasn't it important to provide a clean working environment back then too? A sad state of affairs indeed.

All eyes are on you right now. Take the high road on this life changing decision that will have a serious impact on the health, well-being and safety in the future. Provide the details for your constituents to consider.

Regards,



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Mayor Murdoch and Council

Re: Councillor Chambers motion to direct staff to conduct a design charrette in the Quadra McKenzie Community.

The Ideas Plan: A Design Charette for the Quadra Street/McKenzie Avenue Area was created in March 1998. The document can be found on the District of Saanich website.

The planning process engaged residents, local businesses, institutions, education facilities, parks and the two effected community associations. The late Vic Derman represented the North Quadra Association. I represented the Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association.

Saanich Municipal Staff including planning, parks, engineering, and resource staff facilitated the process. The neighbourhood walkabout involved all study participants including residents, businesses, students, construction industry, architects, and designers.

The Quadra Cedar Hill Association utilizes the "Ideas Plan" as a guiding document. The community looks forward to taking part in updating the Quadra Street/McKenzie Avenue Area plan.

Regards

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From: Homes For Living <hello@homesforliving.ca>
Sent: Sunday, June 8, 2025 4:38 PM
To: Council; Mayor Dean Murdock; Susan Brice; Councillor Judy Brownoff; Nathalie Chambers; Zac De Vries; Karen Harper; Mena Westhaver; Colin Plant; Teale Phelps Bondaroff
Subject: (External Email) Item F.4 on Council Agenda: Do not support

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Homes for Living does **not** support item F.4 on Monday's agenda, which proposed a brand new community-led consultation process for the Quadra-McKenzie Plan.

We believe that the motion proposes a redundant process: council has already directed staff to revise the draft plan, bring a revised plan to council, and then launch another round of public engagement. We are confident that staff are capable of leading this process appropriately.

Furthermore, we are concerned that the plan - which has already gone through two rounds of engagement, and is about to undergo a third round - is already sufficiently delayed. Another layer of process, however well-intended, will only lead to additional delays, staffing requirements, and confusion with the public.

Finally, we are satisfied with the current goals of the plan with respect to affordable housing and sustainability. The plan promises to unlock a significant amount of new infill development, which will help ease the housing shortage in Saanich while reducing pressure for urban sprawl in the West Shore.

Kind regards,
The Homes for Living Team