

Presidents report for the QBRA AGM

Your Board has been very active this year, and there is much to share. The issues we faced, and our concerns follow:

1. The RDN at the request of the Town has re-aligned the Regional Containment Boundaries with the town boundaries. The Town's request originated from the previous council's decision. **Our concern is that this decision may place ALR lands at risk of development**, and we presented our concerns to the RDN directors and were ignored.
2. The council granted itself a significant wage increase **without an independent need's analysis**. The decision to increase wages **was sprung on us at the Committee of the Whole, moved to a regular meeting, and quickly passed 4 to 1**.
3. The Memorial Avenue project will continue well into December, and **The Roundabout will be delayed subject to the effect of extreme weather on the newly constructed 'Spit**.
4. Attendees at the September 9th Public Hearing for the original East Village proposed **were surprised by the last-minute Naked Natural's Alternative Proposal for East Village**. The Mayor would not allow questions or comments from the citizens present. The Mayor closed the meeting rather than adjourning it as had been moved by Cllr. Filmore and seconded by Cllr. Walker. The Town must invalidate the Public Hearing and **begin the process again** with the details of both proposals made available to the public.
5. Important issues to remember: The East Village does not have a design standard; The old derelict lumber yard building remains; The Town's parking lot is being sold for an undisclosed amount, and **the Naked Natural proposal looks to be a very good idea.**

6. I had hoped that the new Council would work together. **Council's conduct has been disappointing and Cllr. Fillmore's call for a Code of Conduct is timely especially considering serious discord displayed during council meetings as recently as October 28th.**
7. The Council's decision to **move seven regularly scheduled council meetings from 7 pm to 10 am is illogical** and results in reduced transparency.
8. Patient-Centered Health Care for Qualicum Beach is still a work in progress and **The Perfect Storm have requested the Town to pay for a \$75,000 dollar Feasibility Study. The Town has approved the request**
9. Traffic speed along 19a On East and West Crescent is a growing concern. Once the Roundabout construction begins, **the volume of traffic on East Crescent will increase dramatically and constitute a significant safety hazard**
10. Finally, the Board fully supports the recommendation to move **"Public Comments" from the bottom of the agenda to a position in advance of the issues scheduled for decision.** This will allow for additional information to be provided council **to assist in the efficacy of its judgments.**