

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006**

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Middleton / G. Keller

To: RDN Planning Department by fax July 23, 2006

Re: Variance Application 90615
4595 Berbers Rd, Lot 68, District Lot 40, Newcastle Dist. Plan 21776

From: Dean Sharpen, 4600 Maple Guard Drive, Bowser
My Objection to Approval of the Variance

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My property backs on to the above noted property that has applied for variance.

I strongly disagree with approval for this application because of the precedent it sets.

The owner was told by his builders, at the outset, he was in contravention of the development bylaws.

On the survey he has conveniently not shown the house that is now located on the property. I am very concerned with future buildings being erected in contravention to the lot coverage provision in the bylaws, which would impact the value of my property.

Since I live on the road side, facing the ocean, and have a reasonable view, I believe that approving this variance condones the idea, that, "you can build what you want, where you want, as big and high as you want, without regard for your neighbours quality of life and property value." I have an expectation that the RDN will protect me through the bylaws from those who choose to ignore them thinking they can get a variance approved after to make it legal.

I would hate to think that someone could buy one of the smaller houses or lots in front of me on the waterfront, build a huge oversized and over height home and take away my view because of any precedent you've now set.

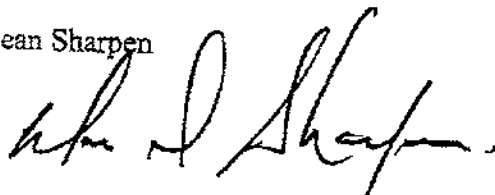
You currently have a variance application from property owners on Maple Guard who are going through the process legally. What do you say to them?

I'm sorry, but there are only four rules in the bylaw to follow in locating a building, in Area H. Surely this isn't hard to do.

Please enforce the bylaws.

Regards,

Dean Sharpen





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MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Mason
Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: July 24, 2006

FROM: N. Avery
Manager, Financial Services

FILE:

SUBJECT: Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Excellence Awards

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board support for an application to the UBCM on behalf of the Errington Fire Department, for their achievement of a "Superior Tanker Shuttle" rating.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2005 the Errington Fire Volunteer Fire Department became the first rural fire department west of Ontario to receive a "Superior Tanker Shuttle" rating. The rating means that the department, which operates in an area without community water systems, can haul water to a fire at the same rate as a residential hydrant. For property owners, their success means that they receive the highest discount on property insurance premiums available to a volunteer fire department in the range of \$200 - \$500 annually. The department accomplished this over an eight year period by acquiring and installing water tanks at strategic locations and purchasing a new type of firefighting vehicle. Two truck chassis with a multi-lift system and several portable units were purchased. The portable units can be dropped onsite and/or be hooked together to provide a large volume of continuously flowing water. The vehicles the department chose proved to be the component leading to their final success.

This initiative was creative and forward thinking and staff propose that an award application be submitted under the category "Leadership & Innovation - Regional District." This application will be in addition to one recommended on behalf of the Liquid Waste Department for their Environmental Management System. All applications for an award require a Board resolution of support.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Support an application to the UBCM Community Excellence Awards under the category "Leadership & Innovation - Regional District" in recognition of the Errington Fire Department's achievement of a "Superior Tanker Shuttle" rating.
2. Decline to submit an application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no significant financial implications. Should the application be successful a Board member, the Chair of the Fire Department and the Fire Chief would likely attend the award presentation and incur a minor amount of travel costs.

SUMMARY:

Staff recently obtained Board support for an application under the UBCM Community Excellence Awards program for the Liquid Waste Department's Environmental Management system. Staff recalled a second initiative which also deserves to be highlighted as a successful community achievement – the Errington Fire Department's certification as hydrant equivalent status under the "Superior Tanker Shuttle" rating. The Board's support is part of the application requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board support an application to the UBCM Community Excellence Awards under the category "Leadership & Innovation – Regional District" on behalf of the Errington Fire Department for achieving a "Superior Tanker Shuttle" rating.


Report Writer


C.A.O. Concurrence

COMMENTS: