

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014  
7:10 PM**

***(RDN Board Chambers)***

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**From:** Anne Marie Webb-Hughes  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2014 5:36 PM  
**To:** Planning Email  
**Cc:** Anne Marie Webb-Hughes; Graham Hughes;  
**Subject:** Re Notice of Development Variance Permit application No. PL2014-002

To:  
RDN Planning  
RE:  
Application for 3617 Dolphin Drive Development Variance Permit

Thank you for your letter to us dated March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We were in receipt of a previous letter from the developer Village Design and Drafting – Gary Bentham. We had responded to his letter with our concerns, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013. While we respect our neighbour's wishes for a renovated home and garage to be built, we have the following concerns as far as the drawings that have been sent to us.

Our address is 3623 Dolphin Drive. This is our future retirement home – at the moment we still work in Vancouver – teaching at BCIT until 2016.

Our concerns are with the variances going down from 8 metres to 0.0 metres – from the various setbacks – most specifically the ones that are on our property line – the front lot and the side lot - for the retaining wall going from 8.0 metres to 0.

Does this mean that we will have a cement, or other big structure, butting up against our fence with no space in between? How high would it be? This will likely take away our view of the road and it will effectively make us look directly on to a wall. Currently our view east is of the fence, our trees and the road.

We don't believe this is a good idea. We bought this property last year because of the natural views. We would not like to see that taken away. We also wonder about our trees – will it mean they will be cut back – or damaged as a result? We do not want destruction of our trees on our property. There would be no walking space or clearance area if anyone needed to get alongside the property for fencing – surveying – or other possible reasons. This might raise a concern about safety for anyone requiring to walk along the property line for tree trimming or other work. Would the height of the house at 9.2 metres, mean destruction of trees or restriction of view?

We believe that a variance cut back should leave at least 3 metres of variance from our property line.

Thank you for considering our request.  
Anne Marie and Graham Hughes  
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