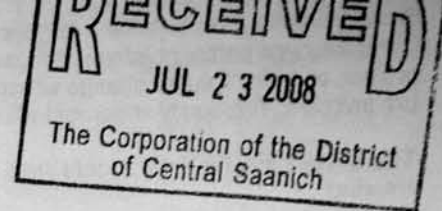


July 23, 2008



To: Mayor Marr and Council of the District of Central Saanich

Dear Mayor Marr and Councillors

Subject: OCP Amendment - Regional Context Statement

First, I wish to commend Council for committing to a Regional Growth Strategy in our Official Community Plan that recognizes the importance of urban containment for sound reasons, including our environment, agriculture, and finances. I also recognize that we are in the early days of intentional urban containment and its close relative, infrastructure limits.

Council is currently attempting to draft criteria to address exceptions to these limits. It is my great fear that the exceptions will be so broad as to nullify the intended containment.

Urban development pressure remains high on the Saanich Peninsula and, therefore, I ask council to take considerable care in drafting exception criteria. To quote the wisdom that was recently offered at the District council table "When in doubt, don't!".

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely

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Council July 28/08