

Since governing bodies have a diligence obligation to be reasonably informed on the matters that come before them, they therefore need pertinent information in a succinct, useful form for the issue, whether it's to launch or stop a program or project, or make a major change where taxation, fairness, community values, regional agreements, and the environment are involved. The equity statement will structure this information for citizens to make a knowledgeable response.

The Council and the Staff should state this equity position to the community in an informational document prior to a Public Hearing.

Since this recommendation affects OCP and RGS intent, Central Saanich staff and the Council owe it to the public to fully explain any official plan amendment application, by-law amendments, variance/special circumstances involved, risks to community plan intents, environmental studies conducted to support such changes, and justifications for extraordinary changes requested of other bodies of governance for approval and adjustments.

Based on benefits and costs that were subject to public challenge through the equity statement, all residents and proponents of these changes can judge the fairness of the staff recommendation and the ultimate voting by council members.

Please consider a Public Hearing before entertaining any further changes of our OCP, and certainly before any Bylaw is given a hearing.

Sincerely,

S. Lawrence
8381 W. Saanich Rd.
Saanichton, BC

1. That the Administrator be required to have further discussions with the public regarding the proposed changes to the OCP and RGS, and to provide a report to the Council on the results of these discussions.
2. That the Administrator be required to have further discussions with the public regarding the proposed changes to the OCP and RGS, and to provide a report to the Council on the results of these discussions.

PROPOSITION roles (not listed)

On July 7, 2009 Special (Open) Council Meeting, the Administrator presented the proposed amendments to the OCP and RGS, and the Council discussed the proposed amendments. The Council discussed the proposed amendments and the Administrator's response to the public comments that were expressed at the following meeting on August 11, 2009. The Council's review and consideration are two options. The Council's review and consideration are two options. The Council's review and consideration are two options.