2019-392-RZ: 22904, 22910, 22922 Dewdney Trunk Road

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Re: Public Hearing July 20

Dear Mayor and Council,

In Maple Ridge, bike parking is presently only required for multi-family and commercial buildings in the Town Centre. Even though this development is just outside the Town Centre, the developer is planning to provide long-term bike parking similar to what is required for the Town Centre, i.e. 1 space for every 4 residential units. We appreciate the willingness of the developer to provide bike parking, which likely reflects the expectation that there will be a demand for it.

In our <u>letter</u> dated July 8 regarding 2018-180-RZ; 22083 and 22057 Lougheed Highway, also on the agenda for the Public Hearing of July 20, we pointed out that the bike parking requirements for multi-family developments in our Town Centre are significantly below what's required in other municipalities in Metro Vancouver.

As Council will be reviewing the Off-street Parking and Loading Bylaw this year, we expect that, in the near future, bike parking requirements in our City will become comparable to the requirements for other Metro Vancouver municipalities, i.e. 2 to 6 times higher than they are now. We also expect that bike parking will be required for multi-family, commercial and office developments throughout the municipality rather than only in the Town Centre.

As it is Council's goal to provide people with improved transportation options including cycling, in view of the many benefits it brings to individuals as well as to our community as a whole, we kindly ask you to request this developer to increase the planned long-term bike parking to 1.25 spaces per unit, and to also increase the short-term bike parking, some of which could be provided in the gated (either below- or above ground) parking area, for added security and piece of mind of visitors. As some of the short-term parking will be needed for the commercial component, this should of course be outside the gated area.

With kind regards,

Barry Bellamy Co-chair HUB Cycling Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Committee