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Thank you for considering the needs of landlords and renters on Saltspring Island. Any reprieve from the high cost of living for owners and renters should be welcomed.

I question why the minimum lot size has not been lowered to allow accessory dwelling structures. There are many 2+ acre properties ideally positioned to provide a second single family home close to Ganges that will not be considered due to the land size requirement. Every jurisdiction in the province that I am aware of prioritizes density in town hubs where most people live, work, play and study. This reduces strain on already stressed roadways, provides shorter commutes and reduces carbon usage among other benefits. So why does the bylaw not acknowledge this fundamental tenet of land use and planning?

As a homeowner living on a [REDACTED] acre property close to Ganges and surrounded by larger lots I am saddened that we can not help the rental crisis by building a small home for a permanent resident. We are not interested in sharing a home by creating a suite.

I am curious to know if this bylaw is adopted, will the hundreds of illegal secondary dwellings currently operating be shut down?

Many thanks for all your hard work on this important issue.  
Ivan