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Subject: letter about house size and setbacks

Hello Dag, Kristina and Staff,

I have been to all but one of the special meetings concerning the house size and set back meeting and I want to say on the record that I would like all the bylaws to remain as they are.

1) Large sized houses = more building materials = More extraction of resources = increased stress on environment. On the back end: most of the material ends up in the dump or burnt: more stress on the environment.

There is a trend to build larger homes (check the permit applications for a few years ,please, they come to the staff first then to the CRD)

a) I believe our/your focus/job should be on helping to alleviate stresses on the environment.

b) Larger homes are not what is considered Rural character. Rural character is farm and cottages.

c) only wealthy people can build now in this financial climate and do we want the out fall of that??

I have been impacted by that and have seen the land impacted.

example: Two homes beside me: 1st lg.home built- 3 different owners in 12 years. 2nd home renovated, 3/4 trees clearcut, chain link fence around whole property-now 3rd owner. Often the wealthy people think they will like the "Rural" life but don't, so let's keep the house size down to deter this.

2) The setbacks are good the way they exist now.

a) Larger setbacks create corridors for wildlife.

b) more privacy for neighbours.

c) on the oceanfront: less human activity = less impact on the environment.

Thank you for reading this and considering my thoughts.

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