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In addition to protecting the environment and maintaining a rural character, I believe South Pender ought to support various family arrangements and communal living situations. It was "forever thus" that communities had a mixture of large and small homes. I am saddened that house size has preoccupied our community since 2016 and caused division. Households which include our adult children and grandchildren from time to time are wonderful and the next generations gain love, insight and the motivation to "preserve and protects" with their familiarity of Pender life that is not fleeting. In some cases, with a larger home, elder folks will be able to remain in their homes and have the room to accommodate caregivers. The ability to have some office space or hobby rooms is desirable for folks. Families of all sizes ought to be encouraged. Community diversity ought to be encouraged. South Pender is a jewel and will never be affordable to everyone. Nor is it desirable to urban dwellers in large homes...there is no airport, shops or industry. Rural character which includes, privacy and low density can be maintained with appropriate set-backs. We should focus on "lifestyle" as opposed to singling out footprint and quantity of building materials for environmental protection.

In summary with adjustment to setbacks and maintaining the previous house sizes, and focusing on lifestyle, our community will achieve diversity, maintain its rural character, and not compromise the environment.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards, Shelley Henshaw