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TO: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parksville – Qualicum Beach News paper

Please publish this letter as part of your ongoing election coverage for the upcoming Qualicum Beach Civic election

Dear Letters to the Editor –

*I write to share a fairy tale – it starts with **Once Upon a Time** It ends with ... ‘**their used to be a Village there**’...* such is the situation we find in Qualicum Beach today with the rapid pace of development underway.

What used to be single family home neighbourhoods are being threatened with the creation of what I call ‘big box buildings.’ It is odd to consider this style of housing, given Qualicum Beach’s strict rules on NO ‘big box retail’.

Would the soon to be newly elected Qualicum Beach Mayor and Council please stop and pay adherence to the Official Community Plan’s specifics regarding form, character, height and overall size of new construction. Please do not let Developers sway you from your duties to the people who have voted you in.

This iteration of Town Council must **NOT** be the ones who have forever changed the Village Charm of Qualicum Beach. We can’t allow future generations to drive the Town and tell their kids ‘**their used to be a Village here.**’ Make sure you get out and vote this October. Too much is riding on the decisions our next Mayor and Council make.

Sincerely,

Mrs. T. Henschel, Qualicum Beach