

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Mayor and Council

District of Sechelt Planning Department

Re: Proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment 492-35

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The West Sechelt Community Association (WSCA) has been advised that prior to the public hearing on the above noted bylaw, there is to be no public open house or information session to inform community members of its justification and its implications, particularly with respect to potential heights of mixed residential/commercial and multi-family developments.

In the Special Infill Areas zoned and designated multi-family in West Sechelt, 4 storeys (12 to 16 meters) would be permitted compared to the 10.5 meters currently permitted under zoning, and 6 storeys plus (24 meters) would be the threshold in multi-family/Mixed Residential areas. On what identified parcels does the District of Sechelt envision these increases in heights? Why is it necessary to undertake these amendments outside the context of an overall OCP review? What is being proposed for West Sechelt that would justify such urgent changes at this time?

Reading a public hearing binder consisting of staff reports, referral comments, and bylaw language is questionably sufficient for informed comment at a public hearing on a bylaw amendment that is not minor. This is especially true for members of the public lacking a clear and precise explanation of the details of a complicated change.

We respectfully request that members of the community, if interested, be given the opportunity for an open information session prior to the public hearing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted

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For the board