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Subject: District of Ucluelet Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1396, 2026 (RZ 26-02 – Weyerhaeuser Home Occupation)

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To Mayor and Council,

Re: District of Ucluelet Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1396, 2026 (RZ 26-02 – Weyerhaeuser Home Occupation)

I am writing in response to the proposed zoning amendment regarding home occupations.

I want to start by saying that I do support home-based businesses within residential areas. Allowing residents to work from home, whether through online work, creative pursuits, or small-scale services, reflects how people live and work today. It can provide flexibility, support local entrepreneurship, and help residents sustain themselves within the community.

That said, I do have an important concern that I would like to see clearly addressed within the amendment.

Given the current pressures our community is already facing with housing availability and the impacts of tourism, I believe it is essential that this bylaw is not interpreted or used in a way that enables short-term vacation rentals or investment-style properties to expand further into residential neighbourhoods.

Ucluelet is already operating at or beyond capacity when it comes to tourism, and housing for local residents and workers remains a significant challenge. Any new permissions within residential zoning should be carefully defined to support people who live and

contribute to the community, not to create additional pathways for non-resident use or tourism-based income.

For that reason, I respectfully ask that Council clearly clarify within Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1396, 2026 that home occupations do not include, and cannot be used to support, short-term vacation rentals.

Clear language and boundaries in this bylaw will help ensure that it achieves its intended purpose of supporting local residents, while protecting the long-term health and balance of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alishia Fox