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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed development at the entrance to Big Beach.

Having lived in Ucluelet for over 25 years, I have seen this town change significantly — and not always in ways that serve the people who actually live here. What has always made Ucluelet special is its balance: a small, connected community surrounded by accessible, untouched nature.

Big Beach is one of those rare places. It is a local gem — a space where families gather, where people come to slow down, and where the natural beauty of this area can be experienced without commercialization.

The scale of this proposal feels completely out of alignment with that. A “resort village” at this location risks fundamentally changing the character of the space — shifting it away from community use and toward tourism-driven development.

While development is inevitable, it should be thoughtful and proportionate. Increasing density to this degree, particularly with a focus on visitor accommodation, does not address the real needs of locals — especially long-term housing and infrastructure.

We are already seeing increased pressure on roads, parking, and basic services. Year after year, property taxes continue to rise, yet the infrastructure needed to support this growth does not seem to be keeping pace. Expanding tourism capacity without first addressing these foundational issues feels short-sighted.

Ucluelet’s charm is not something that can be rebuilt once it’s lost. It exists in places like Big Beach — in its accessibility, its openness, and its simplicity.

I strongly urge council to reconsider the scale and impact of this proposal, and to prioritize developments that genuinely support the long-term well-being of the local community.

Kindly

Macayla Friesen