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**To:** Community Input Mailbox <communityinput@ucluelet.ca>

**Subject:** Re: Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1394, 2026 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1395, 2026 – Hyphocus Island Development Proposal

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing regarding the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1394, 2026 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1395, 2026 concerning the proposed Hyphocus Island development.

While I understand and support the need for thoughtful housing development in Ucluelet, I do not support the rezoning and development of Hyphocus Island at this time.

My concerns are no longer primarily centered around housing density or neighborhood character. Instead, they are focused on cumulative wildlife displacement and the long-term environmental consequences of continuing to reduce one of the last remaining forested and undeveloped areas within town boundaries known to have active wolf and cougar presence.

The community is already dealing with growing concern surrounding wolf activity, trail closures, dog restrictions and increasing human-wildlife conflict. These concerns are no longer hypothetical. They are current and ongoing issues affecting residents throughout the community. As additional developments continue to expand into previously forested areas surrounding Ucluelet, wildlife is being pushed into increasingly fragmented spaces.

Hyphocus Island represents one of the few remaining intact forested areas within town limits. Once this land is cleared and developed, the habitat cannot be meaningfully restored. Even a scaled-back proposal still introduces roads, traffic, lighting, domestic pets and increased human activity into an area already recognized as active wildlife habitat.

At the same time, Ucluelet already has several other housing developments underway or in progress. Before approving further expansion into sensitive forested areas, I believe the District should first evaluate the cumulative impact of developments already approved and assess whether existing housing targets can be met through projects currently in the pipeline.

I also believe it is important to consider whether this is the appropriate location for additional development at all. Helen Road is currently a quiet and established residential neighborhood with limited access, and this proposal would significantly alter both the character and traffic patterns of the area.

This is not an argument against housing or growth entirely. It is a call for strategic planning, environmental responsibility and caution before permanently rezoning and developing one of the last undeveloped forested spaces remaining within the community.

Once these ecosystems are fragmented, the consequences are not easily reversed. I respectfully urge Council to prioritize preservation of this area and focus first on the housing developments already underway elsewhere in town before approving additional expansion into known wildlife habitat.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alishia Fox

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