

May 18, 2026.

Dear Mayor and Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to give input on the proposed rezoning and changes to Ucluelet's Official Community plan as it relates to Hyphocus Island.

I am of the opinion that this amount of urban density is highly excessive for a small island situated in this location. As you are aware, Helen Road at this end of town is narrow, runs through an existing residential neighbourhood, and is a dead-end road across a causeway. Increased traffic is a major concern.

Having previously held the position of Fire Chief in Ucluelet for seventeen years, I question the common sense of locating this many residences, with this level of urban density, on a small treed island with one way on and off, creating the potential for an extreme bottle-neck situation in the event of wildfire or tsunami evacuations, or emergency response situations.

I also have concerns re the overburdening of the present infrastructure and services of this community. There are already other developments scattered across town that are either in limbo, or in various stages of development. Please consider carefully just how much Ucluelet can reasonably handle, and what negative effects await as a result of overdevelopment.

Thank you for your consideration of the opinions and wishes of residents.

Sincerely,

Keith Martin

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