

To : Regional District of Nanaimo
Re: variance allocation No. PL2019-024
Location : 2254 Alberni Hwy, Coombs Bc.
Electoral Area F

Regarding the Variance application to effectively reducing the minimum parking requirements for 2254 Alberni Hwy from 12 spaces to 6 spaces.

My concerns are as follows:

I am not new to the Coombs situation. As a customer frequenting the Coombs area it was not unusual to have an issue with finding a place to park my car. You either had to park on the highway or park behind the market where they provided public parking on their own property. From about May to November these places are usually already occupied and thus no parking would be readily available. Now, for the past year, I have been a business owner and can still see that there is a problem with the parking in Coombs. My customers reflecting the same concerns as well. We need more parking in Coombs. When talking about the variance proposed, the biggest concern I have is that there is no parking being added to the area. If and when people would park on the commercial property discussed, parking would be taken away from Terry Road. They are not adding parking only relocating it. It doesn't make sense. We need more moved parking. My suggestion would be for the RD N to find unused property and convert it into parking for customers and staff. This would be a much better solution but personally I can't see that happening in the near future. The Old Country Market went so far as to buy the old Frontiersman Pub property so that their land would have parking for their customers....it makes sense that this is the most realistic solution. You can see that in the satellite image I have provided.

There are 2 businesses on 2254 Alberni Hwy property but there is no parking on it. The business that I operate has parking on that property. How can they get a 3rd business when they have no property that they are unable to convert to parking?

I don't want this variance to pass as it will only cause more pressure added to the parking problem that is current in Coombs. We don't need more business we need more parking.

Brent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Brent', written over a horizontal line.

Google Maps 2254 Alberni Hwy



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