

Subject: Urgent: Concerns Regarding Recreational Vehicles and Squatters at 3 South Shore Road - PID 000-187-861

Good Morning Mayor McGonigle

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to bring to your immediate attention a pressing issue concerning the presence of four recreational vehicles and squatters currently occupying the dilapidated house at the referenced site.

I understand that previous reports to the Bylaws Department, as communicated by other community residents, may not have yielded the desired results. The issue raises several critical concerns that warrant prompt and decisive action.

Firstly, it has come to my attention that while the BC Building Code, BC Assessment, and the town do not officially recognize RVs as residential structures, their presence appears to be tolerated in the center of town. I seek clarification on this matter and its implications.

Safety is a paramount concern. The dilapidated condition of the house poses a significant risk, and its potential demolition should be considered to prevent any serious injuries, especially given recent emergency services' response to a fentanyl overdose in the vicinity. This highlights the urgent need for a thorough assessment of safety hazards.

Additionally, there are questions regarding the health and environmental impact of these campers. How are they serviced with water, sewer, and refuse disposal? The use of hoses with unknown destinations raises environmental and public health concerns, especially given the property's proximity to the Cowichan River.

Finally, I have heard speculation about a potential conflict of interest involving a council member and a town employee connected to this property. To ensure transparency and fairness, I recommend that individuals with such connections recuse themselves from decision-making processes related to this issue.

I appreciate your prompt attention to these matters and trust that appropriate steps will be taken to address these concerns and ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Caroline