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Mayor and Council
Town of Lake Cowichan

RE: Heritage Sign commemorating Pallies Place long time history in our community

I write to all of you requesting for your kind consideration a Heritage sign be installed at the corner of Cedar and Nelson where the new named Penny Lane exists today. I would like to honour my grandparents and family who are long pioneers in our community.

Pallies Place was built by hand by my Grandparents Bill and Verna Palliser who came here hunting in the 1920's and loved the Cowichan River. They came from Victoria. They bought the property. They spent a lot of time and effort since the 1930's on their property. Throughout the years my Grandmother owned other properties in our community which she used the sale of to support herself financially through her life as her Husband, my grandfather died in the river in 1951 after he saw a young fellow fall of the Trestle at Greendale, jumped in his river boat, and died of a heart attack while on the river. Local resident Don Palmer can attest to this. Don Palmer also guided on the river as a young fellow for my Nana, Verna Palliser.

Together my grandparents built Pallies and all the cabins and moved them around on logs. The original house they built on the river was moved by logs to the southwest corner of their property and became #4. It has been modernized and a new owner under the Strata at Penny Lane. Nana and Grandpa built a new home on the riverfront of the property. Although modernized and renovated 5 existing cabins are still on that property today.

My Grandparents built Pallies Place as a hunting fishing retreat/ motel and entertained many Fly Fisher and hunters over the many years. MLA from Kamloops and Radio personality Rafe Mair often talked about Fly Fishing the Cowichan, staying with Ma Palliser, and enjoying dinner and a scotch. Pallies was a large part of our community where Forest workers like scalers stayed, Curlers, Tree Planters, Hockey School attendees and School teachers who started out there and stayed a lifetime in our community. For example, Georgi and John Clark. Not only did they bring business to our community, but many people over the years also made beds, painted, mowed lawns, and earned money.

My Nana Verna, owner and operator ran Pallies until her death in 1991 at the age of 91. She contributed, donated, and helped many people in our community. After that, my brother Wayne and his wife Pamela and children took over Pallies and ran it for many years and sold to the current owners. Wayne and Pamela contributed long hours to Pallies and entertained Guests from the Ohtaki exchange program and hosting many guests over the years like my grandparents.

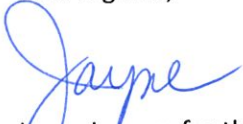
I feel heritage is an important part of our community and we need to honour those before us who helped make our community what it is today. Growing and striving for the best for our residents.

There is lots of history here and I look forward to our Town recognizing the heritage that we have in our community to remind us of hard-working Pioneers before us who paved the way.

Our family would like to contribute to the Town to help offset the costs of this Heritage request. We have included a kind donation.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jayne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

Jayne Ingram for the
Palliser Family