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Further to your email of February 21/08.

I agree that Council committed to holding a public meeting to review the Silverback service agreement and the District will do that. There have been so many changes to the development proposals for this site over the past years that it is important that everyone be able to understand what in fact is planned and what arrangements have been made for community amenities and benefits. This meeting will be held after the OCP and rezoning bylaws have been passed, and there is commitment on the part of both the District and the proponent to proceed with the project.

The servicing agreement is a list of commitments and obligations required by the District from the developer for subdivision of the land. This agreement has been completed over an extended period of time, through discussion between District and the proponent, and in consideration of the Districts bylaws and policies that govern such development. This agreement is subject to the approval of Council. February 27th is an opportunity for Council to review the agreement, discuss it with the proponent. The decision to accept to reject this agreement is the responsibility of Council and I do not believe that it is appropriate for us to put this agreement out to the community for further debate.

Council understands that some in our community have opposed this development from the beginning. Public input has been received and has been taken into consideration in the development of the bylaws and servicing agreement. Unfortunately, it is true that you cant please all the people all the time, every effort has been made to ensure this proposal is the highest and best use of the land involved, and that the development can become a positive thing for Sechelt.

At the Special Council Meeting on the evening of February 27th, District staff and the proponent will present the proposal, give a summary of the work on the project to date, and review the commitments the service agreement includes. Also at this meeting Council is scheduled to consider further readings of OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 435-7, 2006 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 25-195 and to review the related servicing and development agreement(s).

The second, text amendment, 25-195-1 will not be presented February 27.

Cameron Reid - Mayor