

BOARD OF VARIANCE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 AT 7:00PM VIEW ROYAL VIRTUAL MEETING

AGENDA

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this Joint Advisory Committee meeting will be held electronically. Should you wish to listen to this meeting by telephone, please use the following phone number and conference ID:

Phone: 778-402-9227

Conference ID: 608 528 218#

If you have any questions, please contact the Administration Department at 250-479-6800.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
 - a) Selection of chair and co-chair
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (motion to approve)
- 3. MINUTES, RECEIPT & ADOPTION OF

Minutes of the Board of Variance meeting held March 10, 2021 (motion to adopt)

- 4. APPLICATIONS
 - A) 2368 Lund Rd (Lot 14, Section 98, Esq Dist, Plan EPS71784)

 Applicants: C. Clark.

 Variance: Retaining wall height from 1.2m to 2.8m.
 - B) 220 Brian PI (Lot AM 21, Section 3, Esq Dist, Plan VIP9875)

 Applicants: L. Jarawka.

 Variance: Residential driveway setback from 1.5m to 0.2m.
 - C) 1258 Burnside Rd W (Lot B, Section 16, Esq Dist, Plan 39445) Pg.18-30 Applicants: K. Chan.

Variance: Retaining wall height from 1.2m to 4.8m.

- 5. CORRESPONDENCE
- 6. NEW BUSINESS
- 7. TERMINATION

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF VARIANCE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 AT 7:00PM

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

PRESENT WERE: D. Adair

P. Devonshire K. Armstrong J. Davison, Planner

D. Miles, Committee Clerk

L. Chase, Director of Development Services

PRESENT ALSO: 2 Applicants

1. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair called to order at 7:03pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(motion to approve)

MOVED BY: D. Adair

SECONDED: P. Devonshire

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

a) Selection of Chair and Co-Chair

MOVED BY: P. Devonshire SECONDED: D. Adair

THAT P. Devonshire be selected as the Chair to the Board AND that D. Adair

be selected as Co-Chair

CARRIED

4. MINUTES, RECEIPT & ADOPTION OF

MOVED BY: P. Devonshire SECONDED: D. Adair

THAT the minutes from August 12, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. APPLICATIONS

42 Kingham Place (Lot 6, Section 91, Esquimalt District, Plan VIP11125)
 Applicants: A & C Murray

The Planner introduced the application.

The Applicant Aaron Murray, of 42 Kingham Place, stated a clarification that the proposed structure was an extended covered walkway and not an extension on interior space.

The Board discussed the application.

MOVED BY: R. Tacoma SECONDED: P. Devonshire

Variance to the minimum front yard setback from 7.5m to 6.1m contained in Section 8.3.4 (c) of Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 2014

to permit the construction of an extended entryway in the front yard.

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- 6. CORRESPONDENCE
- 7. NEW BUSINESS
- 8. TERMINATION: 7:10 pm

CHAIR - P. Devonshire

RECORDING SECRETARY - D. Miles



Board of Variance Report

TO: Board of Variance DATE: March 3, 2021

FROM: James Davison, MEETING: March 10, 2021

Community Planner FILE NO: 3730-20-2022-01

BOARD OF VARIANCE APPLICATION NO. 2022-01 2368 Lund Rd

APPLICANT REQUESTED VARIANCE:

THAT the Board approve the issuance of the variance which would have the effect of relaxing the regulation within Section 4.8.9 of Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 2014:

variance to the maximum height of a retaining wall from 1.2m to 2.8m

as shown in the plans and elevations attached to the staff report dated March 3, 2022 for the property having a civic address of 2368 Lund Rd and more particularly described as:

LOT 14 SECTION 98 ESQUIMALT DISTRICT PLAN EPP71784

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide the Board with information related to the subject Board of Variance Application.

BACKGROUND:

RELEVANT BYLAWS / POLICIES:

Section 4.8.9 of Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 2014:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Schedule 1 Subject Property Map
- Schedule 2 Applicant's Letter
- Schedule 3 Plans
- Schedule 4 Photos

DISCUSSION:

The owner wishes to build a retaining wall to maximize the utility of their yard, which currently consists of sloping grass and stacked boulder retaining wall.

The variance requested is:

variance to the maximum height of a retaining wall from 1.2m to 2.8m

The Board is to consider the variance according to the following section within the Local Government Act:

542 (1) On an application under section 540, the board of variance may order that a minor variance be permitted from the requirements of the applicable bylaw, or that the applicant be exempted from section 531 (1) [alteration or addition while non-conforming use continued], if the board of variance...is of the opinion that the variance or exemption does not do any of the following:

- (i) result in inappropriate development of the site;
- (ii) adversely affect the natural environment;
- (iii) substantially affect the use and enjoyment of adjacent land;
- (iv) vary permitted uses and densities under the applicable bylaw;
- (v) defeat the intent of the bylaw.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

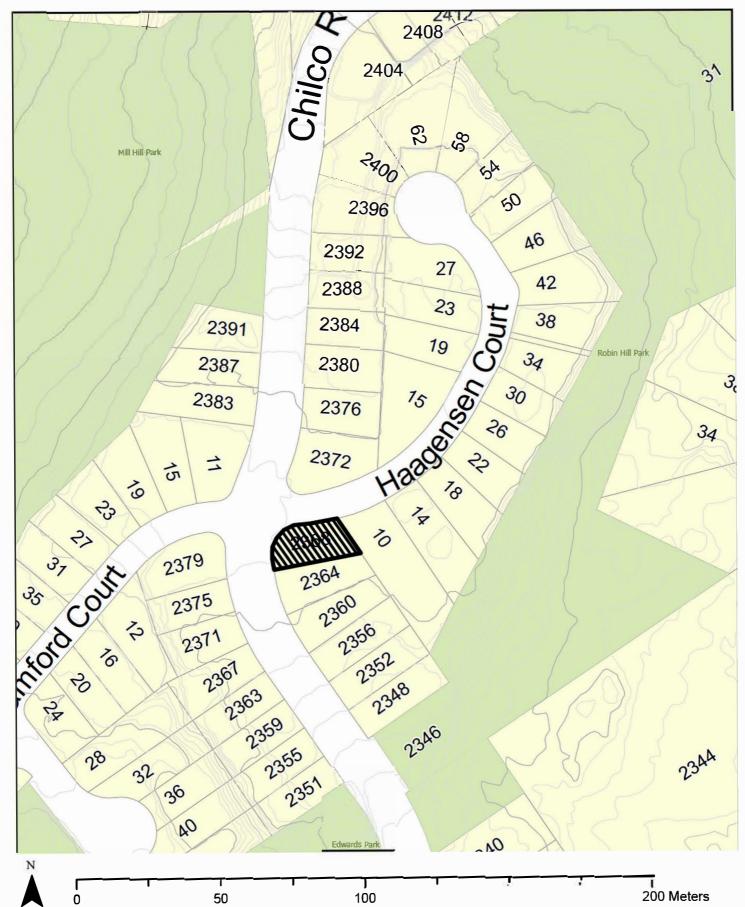
It is staff's opinion that the requested variance is likely to benefit the subject property and the adjacent lot by providing much more useable space on both properties. While the intent of the bylaw is to prefer stepping of retaining walls, there is limited room for stepping and not a clear benefit given that the effective height of the existing stacked boulder retaining wall in this location is also substantially higher than 1.2m.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

A notice of the Board's consideration of this variance application was delivered to owners and occupants of properties within a radius of 100 metres (328 feet) of the subject parcel.

SUBMITTED BY:

James Davison MCIP RPP Community Planner



February 8, 2022

To the Board of Variance of View Royal

Please accept this letter in addition to my board of variance application for 2368 Lund Road Victoria BC, V9B 0S9

RE: Back yard rock and mortar retaining wall

My wife and I (property owners of 2368 Lund road) are requesting a variance in the height limitations for a retaining wall for our back yard. This would allow us to utilize more of our property and be safer for adults and children.

Details of proposal: We wish to have a professionally constructed rock and mortar wall installed to provide multiple benefits to ourselves, our property and our neighbors. The wall would be up to nine feet high as measured from the lowest point and would step up as it went along the existing layered boulder structure until it reached grade.

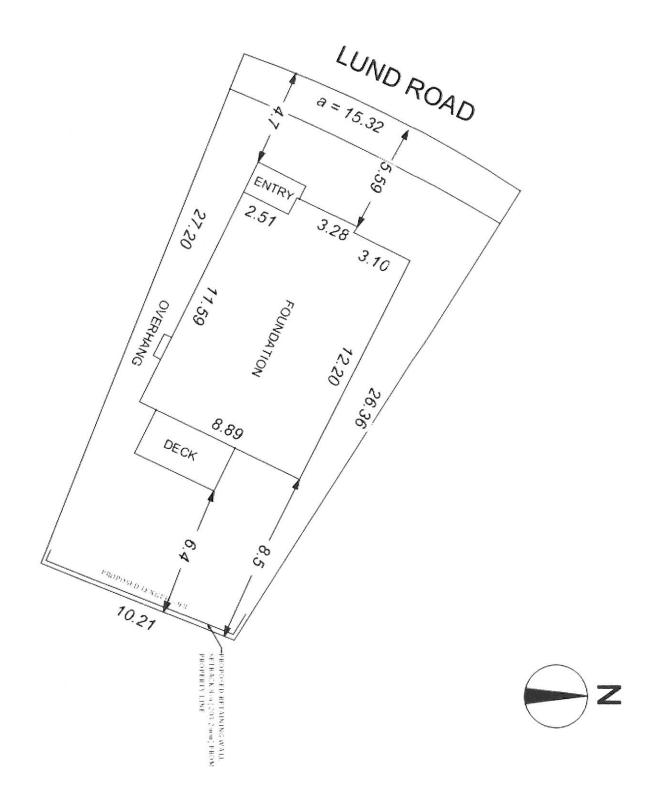
Hardship conditions: The current layout of our back yard has a significant slope from the end of our patio to the drop off created by the boulders which were stacked by the developer. This is problematic for many reasons. First and foremost, it is a safety hazard. The rock and gravel drop off would cause significant injury if an individual fell. It makes the installation of a fence difficult without drilling into rock and/or losing valuable feet of our property. If we were to erect a fence along with losing back yard space, the space would have limited use due to the considerable slop.

Rational: Improved safety, utility of backyard and privacy.

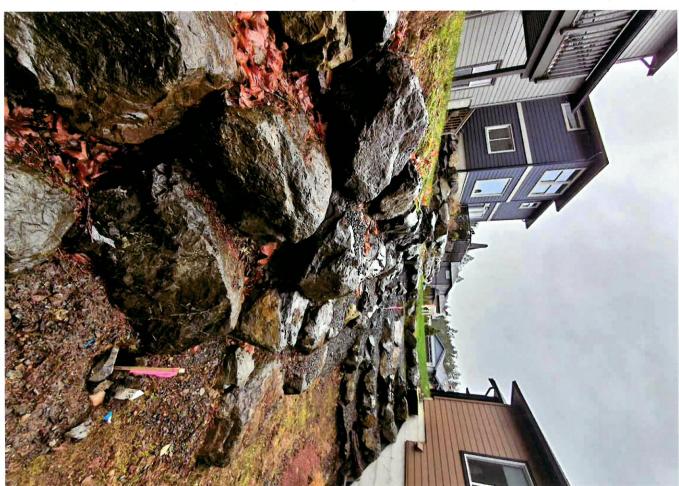
Justification: A retaining wall would allow us to "level" (while still having some slope for drainage) our back yard resulting in more utility and a safer environment. This would also allow for a fence to be constructed on saddle posts installed into the rock wall which would provide privacy between my neighbors and ourselves. The result is a safer, more usable and more private space for both my household and our neighbors.

I have had a geotechnical engineer review our plans and has approved that the ground is suitable as the base for the rock and mortar wall, I have had a property surveyor to the site to confirm and mark the property line so that CBS masonry can build the wall well within our property borders. Please find included copies of our building plans, photos of the site, certification of title and our completed application form.

Regards, Calvin Clark









Board of Variance Report

TO: Board of Variance DATE: March 3, 2021

FROM: James Davison, MEETING: March 10, 2021

Community Planner

FILE NO: 3730-20-2022-02

BOARD OF VARIANCE APPLICATION NO. 2022-02 220 Brian Place

APPLICANT REQUESTED VARIANCE:

THAT the Board approve the issuance of the variance which would have the effect of relaxing the regulation within Section 5.14.3.d of Schedule B: Supplementary Design Guidelines within Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 985:

 variance to the minimum distance of the outer edge of a driveway crossing from 1.5m to 0.2m.

as shown in the plans and elevations attached to the staff report dated March 3, 2022 for the property having a civic address of 220 Brian Place and more particularly described as:

AMENDED LOT 21 (DD J131614), SECTION 3, ESQUIMALT DISTRICT, PLAN 9875

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide the Board with information related to the subject Board of Variance Application.

BACKGROUND:

RELEVANT BYLAWS / POLICIES:

• Section 5.14.3.d of Schedule B: Supplementary Design Guidelines within Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 985:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Schedule 1 Subject Property Map
- Schedule 2 Applicant's Letter
- Schedule 3 Plans
- Schedule 4 Letter of Support

DISCUSSION:

The owner expresses that the 1.5 metre distance from the property line to the driveway crossing would impose a hardship and not provide any benefit due to the unique relationship between the driveway and the property line configuration.

The variance requested is:

• variance to the minimum distance of the outer edge of a driveway crossing from 1.5m to 0.2m.

The Board is to consider the variance according to the following section within the Local Government Act:

542 (1) On an application under section 540, the board of variance may order that a minor variance be permitted from the requirements of the applicable bylaw, or that the applicant be exempted from section 531 (1) [alteration or addition while non-conforming use continued], if the board of variance...is of the opinion that the variance or exemption does not do any of the following:

- (i) result in inappropriate development of the site;
- (ii) adversely affect the natural environment;
- (iii) substantially affect the use and enjoyment of adjacent land;
- (iv) vary permitted uses and densities under the applicable bylaw;
- (v) defeat the intent of the bylaw.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is staff's opinion that the requested variance is benefitting the subject property and the adjacent lot without defeating the intent of the bylaw or impacting other properties.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

A notice of the Board's consideration of this variance application was delivered to owners and occupants of properties within a radius of 100 metres (328 feet) of the subject parcel.

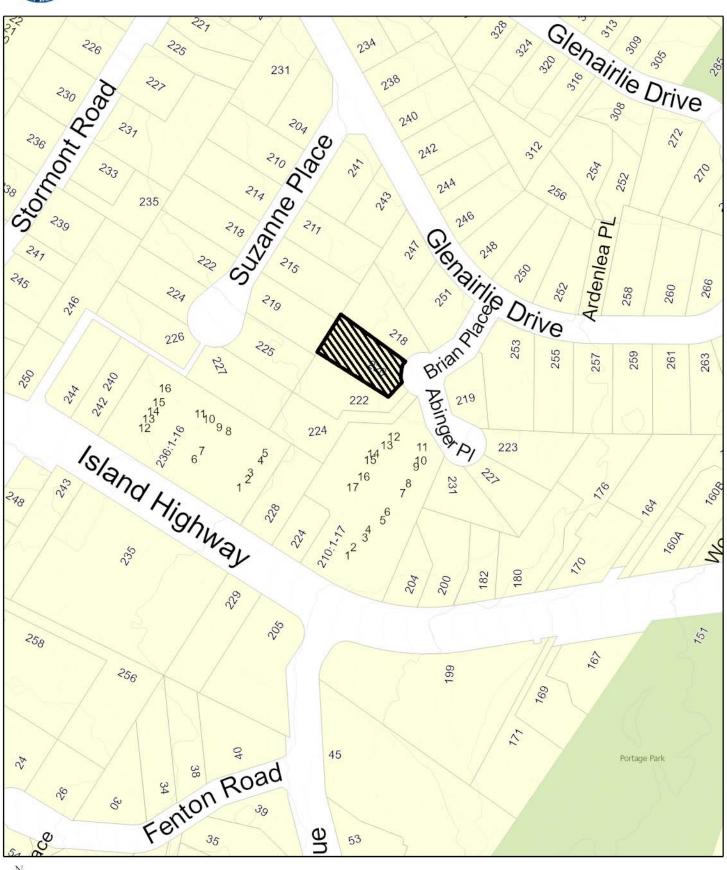
SUBMITTED BY:

James Davison MCIP RPP Community Planner

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Great White North Projects



2875 Rockwell Ave. Victoria, BC, V9A 2M8 250.328.9592 info@greatwhiteprojects.ca

February 4, 2022

Town of View Royal Development Services 45 View Royal Ave. Victoria, BC V9B 1A6

To: Board of Variance,

Details of Proposal and Requested Variance:

This variance application is for a Driveway Crossing Permit at 220 Brian Place.

The applicants' proposed driveway modification is in conflict with Schedule B, Section 5.14.3 (d) of View Royal's Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 985.

Section 5.14.3 (d) states "The outer edge of a Driveway Crossing shall not be closer than one and one half (1.5) metres to the extension of the adjoining lot boundary as if continued into the Town's Street."

Due to the angle of the property line the proposed driveway would eventually cross the extension of the adjoining boundary. The proposed driveway would terminate approximately 8 inches across the extension of the adjoining lot boundary as if it continued to the Town's Street (see attached photos). The applicant is requesting approval of the proposed driveway crossing, which would require a variance of section 5.14.3 (d).

Hardship:

Currently, a narrow concrete driveway connects 220 Brian Place with the Road (the "Current Driveway"). This driveway crosses the boulevard and is located more than 1.5 metres to the extension of the adjoining lot boundary. The applicants currently use the Current Driveway as well as an area between the Current Driveway and the adjoining lot boundary to access the paved parking area adjacent to the house. This area is the "Proposed Driveway").

The project would see the Proposed Driveway paved with paving stones from the street access on the boulevard to the parking area on the property. This area is currently grass and dirt, is lower than the Current Driveway, and is uneven and seasonally muddy. As a result, it's function and aesthetic are not optimal.

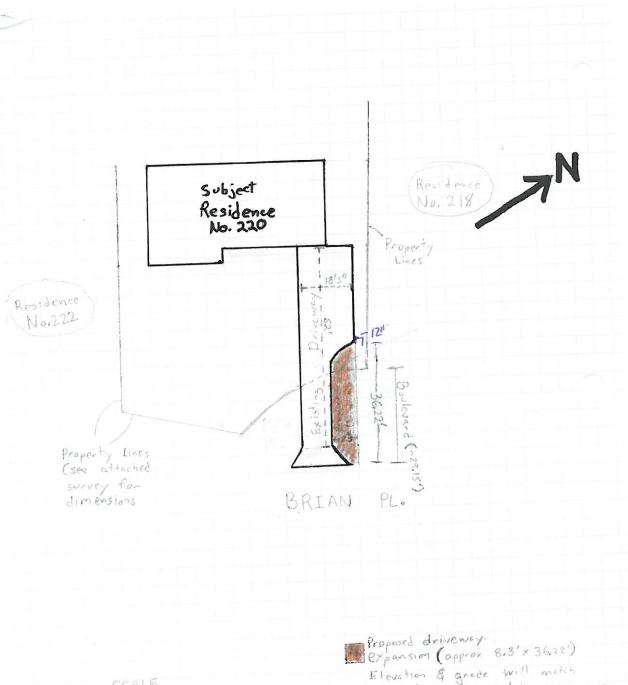
Rationale and Justification:

As this area is currently being used for vehicular access, the use of the area encompassing the Proposed Driveway would not change as a result of the proposed project. The Proposed Driveway would not affect the use and enjoyment of adjacent properties, as there is a substantial amount of grass and open space between the property line and any buildings or driveway on the adjacent property, and the use of the area would remain the same. There are no impacts to trees, privacy or views. The Proposed Driveway would not result in inappropriate development of the site, and there would be no impacts to permitted uses or densities.

The Proposed Driveway would enhance the property in terms of function and aesthetics. The Proposed Driveway complements and improves the conditions of the surrounding area, by constructing a paving stone driving access over an uneven, frequently muddy, often driven-over area.

Sincerely,

Lukasz Jarawka



SCALE

Expansion (approx 8.3' x 36.22')

Elevation & grade will match
that of existing driveway.

Proposed driveway expansion
will be constructed with
interlocking paving stone.

SEED QUADRA STREET VICTORIA, B.C. VOX 167 TELEPHONE: (806) 476-1812

OUR FILE: 36

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In the matter of:

Amended Lot 21 (OD JI31614) Esquimalt

Plan 9875

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Owner: Bowles

Contractor:

Solicitors: Anniko Hunter

I have inspected the residential property shown

and hereby certify that the said structure is situate with respect to nearby bour as shown on the sketch below. This documents to prepared for m

day of May, 1988. Field survey dated this 4th Nº 220 13.98 BRIAN PLACE February 12, 2022

Board of Variance

I have spoken to my neighbors Kim and Sue Bowles at 220 Brian Pl. Victoria, BC V9B 1N8. And understand and support their wish to extend the driveway to have a place to park their truck.

I am the owner of the home next door at 218 Brian Pl. Victoria, BC V9B 1N8.

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Board of Variance Report

TO: Board of Variance DATE: March 3, 2021

FROM: James Davison, MEETING: March 10, 2021

FILE NO: 3730-20-2022-03

BOARD OF VARIANCE APPLICATION NO. 2022-03 1258 Burnside Rd W

APPLICANT REQUESTED VARIANCE:

Community Planner

THAT the Board approve the issuance of the variance which would have the effect of relaxing the regulation within Section 4.8.9 of Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 2014:

variance to the maximum height of a retaining wall from 1.2m to 4.8m

as shown in the plans and elevations attached to the staff report dated March 3, 2022 for the property having a civic address of 1258 Burnside Rd W and more particularly described as:

LOT B SECTION 16 ESQUIMALT DISTRICT PLAN VIP39455

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide the Board with information related to the subject Board of Variance Application.

BACKGROUND:

RELEVANT BYLAWS / POLICIES:

Section 4.8.9 of Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 2014:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Schedule 1 Subject Property Map
- Schedule 2 Applicant's Letter
- Schedule 3 Plans
- Schedule 4 Correspondence

The variance requested is:

variance to the maximum height of a retaining wall from 1.2m to 4.8m

The Board is to consider the variance according to the following section within the Local Government Act:

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- (i) result in inappropriate development of the site;
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- (iii) substantially affect the use and enjoyment of adjacent land;
- (iv) vary permitted uses and densities under the applicable bylaw;
- (v) defeat the intent of the bylaw.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is staff's opinion that the requested variance both substantially affects the use and enjoyment of adjacent land (item iii above) and likely defeats the intent of the bylaw (v). The 1.2m retaining wall height limit rationale was that the Town prefers that natural grade be utilized wherever possible and that stepping retaining walls is the preferred approach.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

A notice of the Board's consideration of this variance application was delivered to owners and occupants of properties within a radius of 100 metres (328 feet) of the subject parcel.

SUBMITTED BY:

James Davison MCIP RPP Community Planner

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February 15, 2022

Dear the Town of View Royal Council,

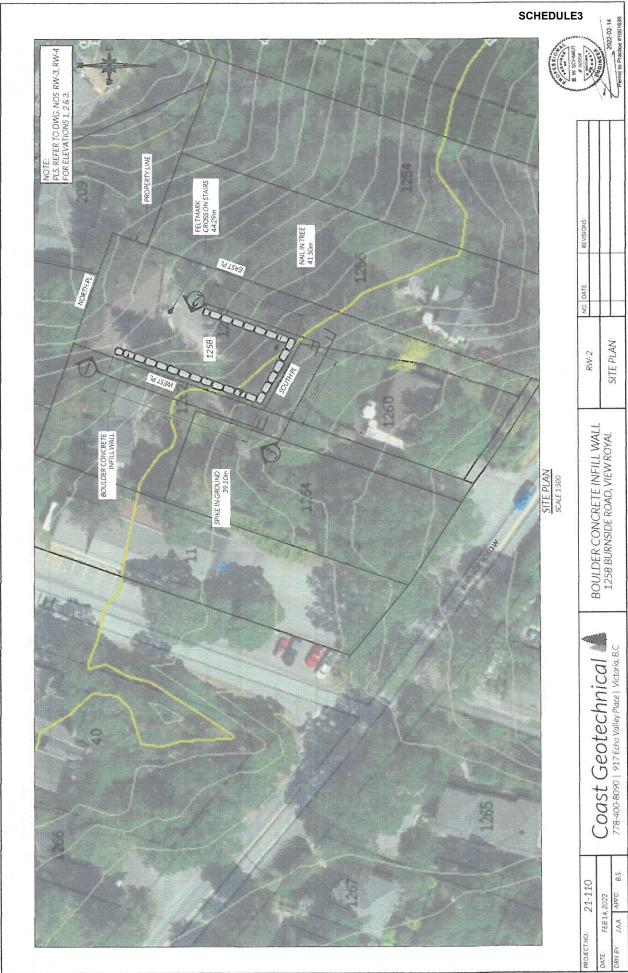
We are the residents of 1258 Burnside Road West. After purchasing our property in 2019, we have grown to love the neighbourhood. We specifically value the privilege to have mature fir trees on and around the property. This lot is unique in location and in elevation. What we are purposing in front of you today is the request to obtain building permits to construct a retaining wall(s) under the direction of a geo structural engineer. The geo structural engineer is responsible for designing the wall and overseeing the construction. Having a retaining wall will alleviate many hardships and safety concerns we are currently facing with due to the substantial elevation change on our property. Currently on our 13,000 square foot lot, we only have about 100 square feet of flat ground. The driveway has an oval round-a-bout with sharp corners over a steep bank that is about 10 feet down. We do not have any flat pavement or part of our driveway; therefore, all our vehicle repairs must be done dangerously on a steep hill. It is our hope, to have a level green space as well as a fairly level black top for parking. We live on a pan-handle lot tucked away from the Burnside Road and can not be seen from any other roads. During our construction we will not impact vehicle traffic along Burnside, and we will not be inconveniencing neighbouring properties.

After having our first child in the Spring, we would love to provide our son with an opportunity of an active outdoor lifestyle. Currently, our property does not have a safe level space for him to play. With the slope of our driveway, balls and toys would roll down on to Burnside Road or down the steep embankment. In the past, our dog's balls have rolled down our driveway on to Burnside Road due to the elevation of the driveway. We want to avoid any unsafe situations for our family as well as for vehicles that are travelling along Burnside Road. With building a retaining wall, this will help level out our property and would provide a safer space for both our son and dogs to enjoy.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and for your consideration of our proposal. We look forward to working together on this project to help create a functioning space on our property. We

would like to invite all members of council to come view our unique property to see the difficulties and challenges we have been faced with.

Thank- you, Kayla & Sean 1258 Burnside Road West



GENERAL 1.0

- In these notes, the Engineer is Coast Geotechnical Consulting Ltd.
- The work described and shown involves the construction of a BOULDER CONCRETE INFILL RETAINING WALL, herein referred to as the "WALL". 1.2
- The client is responsible for all local regulatory submissions & permits associated with the retaining wall construction, 1.3
- The Contractor shall confirm the locations and elevations of all foundations and utilities which may be affected by the work and report any discrepancies to Coast Geotechnical (778-400-8990). 1.4
- The Contractor is responsible for constructing the wall within the subject property. Contractor to complete work with care to ensure no damage to adjacent properties. Any damage caused during construction is the responsibility of the Contractor. 1.5

RETAINING WALL DESIGN:

2.0

- This retaining wall has been designed in general accordance with the following guidelines and 2.1
 - bylaws: EGBC Professional Practice Guidelines Retaining Wall Design V1.1 (February 2021)
- Minimum Factors of Safety: Structural Retaining Wall; 2.2

Backfill must consist of free-draining coarse rock (10 - 300mm diameter) with less than 2% fines (10 kg Class Rip-Rap, or Select Blast Rock). Backfill to be compacted in 300mm lifts using a 1000lb vibrating plate tamper with a minimum of 6 passes.

Where the ground is level beyond toe of wall, 0.3m below toe embedment to be provided. Embedment fill to consist of well-compacted 75mm minus crushed gravel, or approved Where the ground slopes beyond toe of wall 0.6m of embedment to be provided.

EMBEDMENT:

3.6

Boulders to be 1 · 1.5m in nominal diameter Wall may taper to smaller boulders at the top. Boulders must be of igneous origin (non-erodible), shale and sandstone are not acceptable. See RW-4 for stacking requirements.

BOULDERS:

3.4

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Wall drain to be provided. Wall drain to consist of 100mm perforated PVC pipe surrounding by

DRAINAGE:

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150mm thick layer of 19mm clear crushed gravel wrapped in non-woven geotextile. Pipe to be

graded at a minimum of 1% to suitable gravity outlet, or municipal storm sewer.

In lieu of a wall drain, weep drains may be placed at $\pm 2.4m$ on center spacing. Weep drain to consist of 100mm solid PVC pipe. Weep drains to extend from backfill zone through concrete +

rock fill and wall facing. Connect weep hole to wall drain via tee fitting.

Weep drains to be 100mm Ø solid core ABS or PVC 28 Pipe.

Cleanout risers to be provided at retaining wall ends and corners to allow for maintenance of wall drainage system. Risers to be 150mm solid PVC pipe connected to wall drain by "Tee"

fitting. Conventional cap on cleanout.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS:

4.1

Coast Geotechnical must be contacted to review wall construction at the following stages:

Following excavation to undisturbed subgrade.

Following compaction of leveling pad fill.

CONCRETE + ROCK INFILL:
Concrete + rock infilling to be carried out with each row of face boulders. Rock fill is to be
150mm - 600mm rocks to provde vaids for concrete. Concrete to be carefully placed to ensure
coverage through concrete + rockfill zone. All voids to be eliminated. Use vibratory stinger or
rodding as necessary.

3.3

Leveling pad to be placed prior to wall construction. Leveling pad to be a minimum of 0.15m in thickness and consist of 75mm minus crushed gravel, or approved equivalent. Leveling pad to be graded level, and compacted using a large vibrating plate tamper to 9.5% modified. Proctor maximum dry density, or judged equivalent. Prepare leveling pad such that base rock slopes a minimum 5% into slope.

Stacked boulder wall to be founded on approved undisturbed native subgrade, overlain by a levelling pad, sloped at 5% or greater into slope.

LEVELLING PAD.

3.2

SPECIFICATIONS

3.0 3.1

SUBGRADE

Design Item:	Static	1 in 2475
Sliding	1.5	1.1
Overturning	2.0	1.1
Bearing	2.0	1.1
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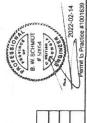
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- Design Seismic Event: 2% in 50 year (1 in 2475) probability of exceedance Site Location: 48,467N, 123,421W
- PGA: 0.585g, per National Building Code Seismic Calculator
- 2.4
- Wall Design Parameters: Facing Batter: 14 degrees relative to vertical (1H:4V)
- Minimum toe embedment: 0.30m where level beyond toe, 0.60m where sloping beyond toe
- Site Conditions: 2.5
- Water table assumed below base of wall. Wall drainage provided. Subgrade at base of wall = Bedrock or Dense Till
 - Uniform vehicle or structure surcharge of 12 kPa

DRAWING LIST;

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BOULDER CONCRETE INFILL WALL 1258 BURNSIDE ROAD, VIEW ROYAL

NOTES



Regular reviews following stacking/at the time of concrete infill. Following final backfill to confirm suitable final grades and embedment.

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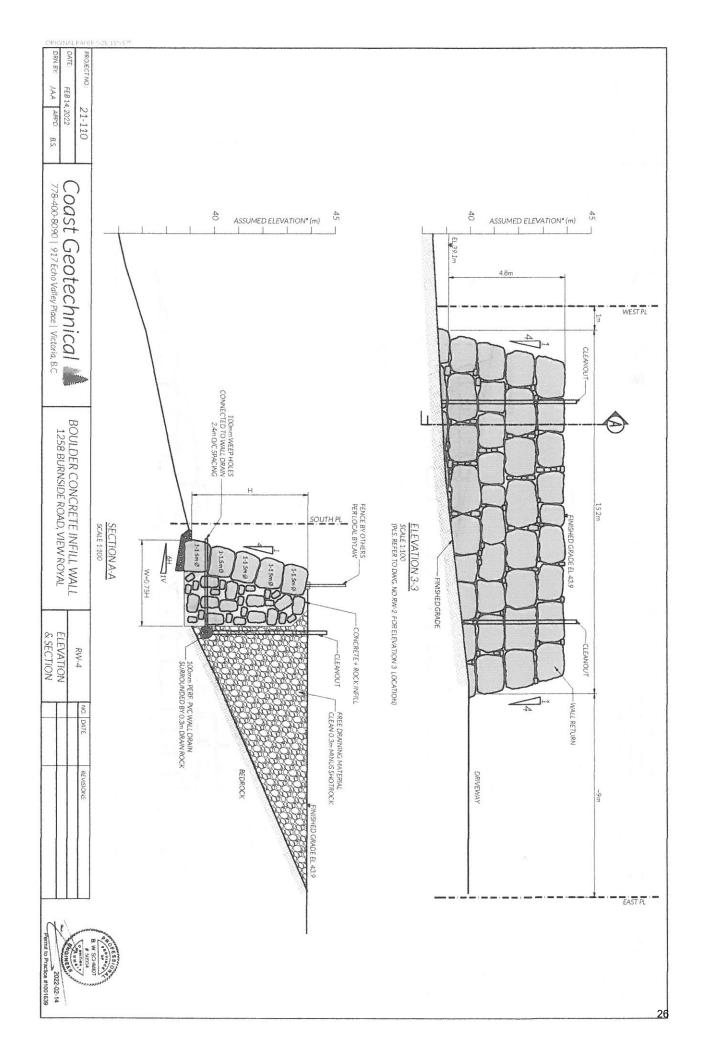
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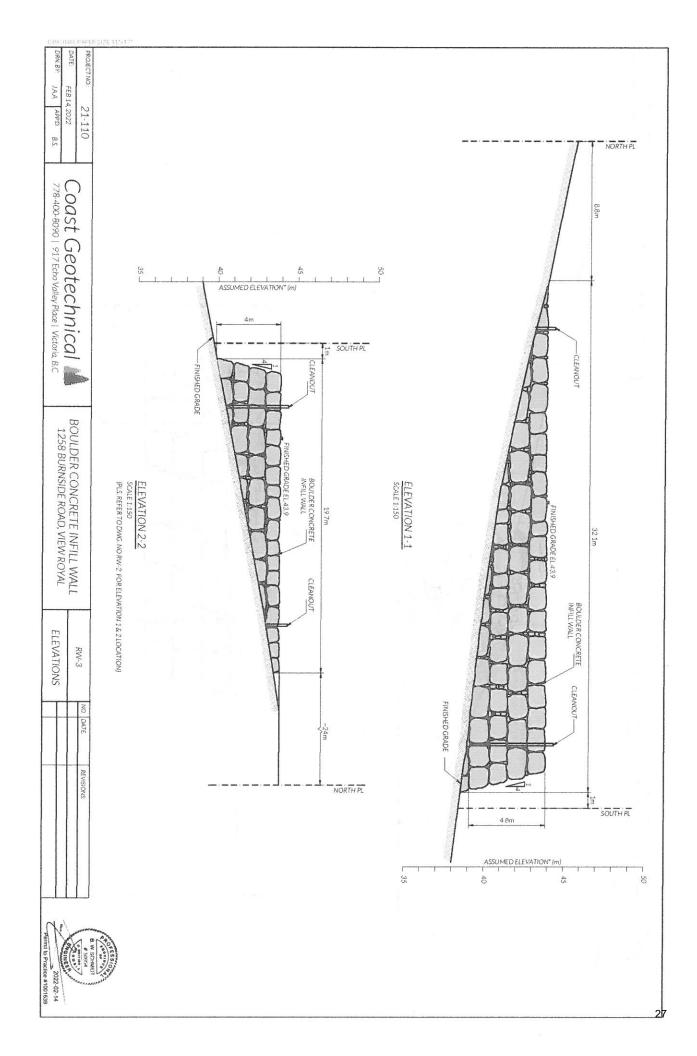
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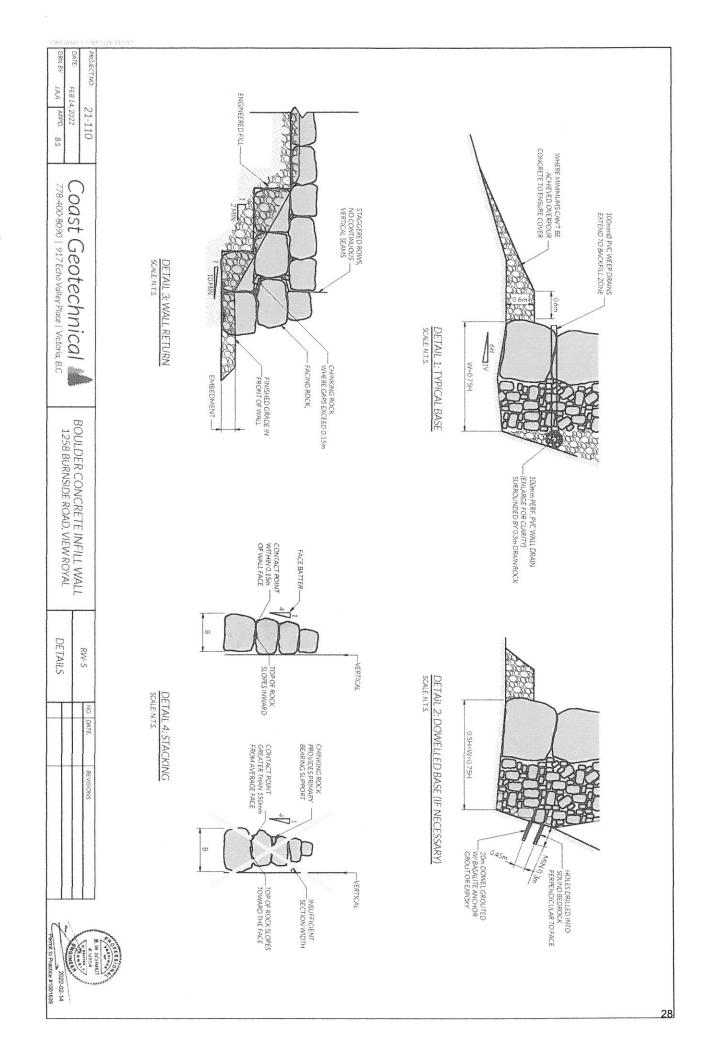
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Coast Geotechnical 778-400-8090 | 917 Echo Valley Place | Victoria, B.C.

DATE. NO. **RW-1**







Re: application to the Board of Variance in regards to 1258 Burnside Rd. W.

Jefirst of all would like to Thank you for listening to our conclores.

I would like to start lay saying that my understanding of the Board of Variance is to authorize a minor reasince within the towns provisions. An application lay the residents of 1258 Burusille Rd. to make a change from 1.4 m to 4.8 m. is not minor at all.

One of our concerns would be the construction of this retaining wall. The construction and concern includers and cement. Our main concern is because we live directly in front of their area where they propose this wall. Proper drainage would be paramount so as to not drain water through pipes into our back yard. It could very well seep blown the gard onch eventually kind to leak into the foundation of our home. That would be very destrictive. Also ments of leavy equipment use with sauds and whations could be destructive to our home's integrity.

We also have very large trees in our brachyard. Building a wall that size compromise the water flow and possibly hill the water flow and possibly hill the tree. Exping the root systems would be left in tark.

This next paragraph has to do with a personal note of our property. Within a week of moving in the man casked if he could thim after branches back on our tree from the front yard. The tree is adjacent to his driver ayed had said he could take a few and time a few so he could see with his truch. He proceeded to lack and chop away 5 and bestoring the best long pieces and destroying the side area of the tree. a little while after that he was trimming and chipping away at our grass line singing he wanted to cividen his driveway. We have a mater line close to his trimping and I mentioned that to him. It want on deaf ears. now their towarts and there big Hucho drive up and down lawingter muchs in our grass. We feel that there has been an hurusment tactice used by them to acheine their goods. I would like to say that we have always thought that your home is your searchalabobs. It hasn't felt like that to my wife and I. Thanh your for your attention in this matter.

> RECEIVED MAR 0 1 2022

TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL

John Steller 1260 BARNSIDE RD. WEST. March 2, 2022

Re: Application to the Board of Variance - 1258 Burnside Rd W

Dear Council,

We are the residents and homeowners of 205 Shadow Ridge Place. The back side of our property borders the north side of 1258 Burnside Rd W.

We are opposed to this application.

The reason for our opposition is because we are very concerned the construction of this retaining wall will divert the flow of water that currently feeds and nourishes two very large (+100 ft) Douglas Fir trees in our backyard.

The reality of water diversion and killing trees is something that we have already lived through. When we built our house approximately 20 years ago, there were three very large and healthy Douglas Fir trees in our backyard. Approximately 3 years after our house was built, one of the the trees suddenly died. At that time a tree specialist told us that the tree may have died because the reconfiguration of the lot's surface diverted the water supply to the trees. The water supply was not cut off completely but it was altered enough that the water supply was no longer able to support the needs of all three trees. (It is important to note the builder followed all the protocols to protect the trees and none of the trees were harmed during construction).

The remaining two Douglas Fir trees are downhill and approximately 20 and 30 feet from the proposed retaining wall. This retaining wall would require a water management plan that would divert water away from the wall in order to ensure the wall's integrity. Construction of the wall and the necessary water management system would most certainly change the water flow and there is a significant probability that this would have a devastating impact on not only the trees on our property but also the trees on the neighbouring properties.

We appeal to you to reject this application or in the very least we ask that you call for a professional and unbiased report to thoroughly analyze the hydrological changes and the potential affect the retaining wall will have on the surrounding natural environment.

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Sincerely,

Mark and Donna Somer