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Good afternoon,
Please distribute the following concerns to members of the Development Services Committee in regards to the Dec 12, 2023 meeting, item 10.1 motion.

Dear Members of the Development Services Committee,
I'm very concerned about the depth of change being proposed by the motion from Regional Councillor Jim Jones item 10.1 on the agenda, and while I have many concerns about this motion, there is one that jumps out as being very important to me and I must weigh in immediately.

On the bottom of pg 4 there is mention of preserving and increasing green spaces and implementing sustainable practices.

Then at the top of pg 5 there are two items of great concern to me. (see screenshot attached)

1. is to "Tank storm ponds" and "put parkland or sportsbubble on top."
2. says "Streams and watercourses in TODs Communities can be covered and put parkland on top"

This seems very wrong to take natural streams and watercourses and bury them. We need to make room for the natural environment. Make room for the plants and animals in our planning and work around preserving streams and watercourses. Also, storm ponds can be a great place for a variety of vegetation and wildlife to flourish. This variety and diversity is important to our ecosystem and should be maintained in our environment as part of the plan. These assets can provide haven for nature and people.

Thank you for your consideration.
Elizabeth Brown