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Subject: Feedback re: Zoning Bylaw, 1992, No. 2050, Amendment Bylaw, 2026, No. 3183
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Hello,

As a long-term resident of Esquimalt, we have had deer fencing for years. We support deer fences and deer fence extensions.

If the township proposes to restrict fences in any way - i.e., by not passing this bylaw and subsequently enforcing that fences are not allowed - it must accept responsibility to either eliminate deer entirely from the township or reimburse residents for any damage caused by deer, especially grazing. In this case, I would argue that the burden of proof should be on the township to prove that deer did not graze on or destroy plants. Compensation should, at a minimum, cover not only the value of the plants denuded and/or destroyed but also the time residents spend digging up dead plants and replacing them, as well as the cost of various fertilizers and other materials needed to ensure the success of the new plantings.

To increase public engagement in future consultations, please make it more obvious and easily accessible where/how to view the bylaw. For example, include a weblink or the actual bylaw as an attachment to accompany the pdf notice that was sent out.

Best Regards,
Louis-Philippe Plante

Molly Harris

From: Cliff Wettlaufer [REDACTED]
Sent: July-20-26 10:42 AM
To: Council
Subject: YES to deer fence bylaw proposals including...

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Deer fencing bylaw review is timely and needed. I support proposals listed below. I especially support minimalist framing. If I understand correctly, front yard enclosures built with 4x4 wood posts and wire will be prohibited. While practical and effective, many may say these types of installations in the front yard project a kind of "Barnyard look" that diminishes the aesthetics and value of the neighborhood.

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- **High Transparency Required:** All deer fences and deer fence extensions must be strictly "**non-opaque**" or **see-through**. Traditional solid wood privacy panels, sheet metal, or solid plastic are prohibited at these extended heights. [[1](#), [2](#)]
- **Approved Mesh & Wire Systems:** Acceptable structural materials are limited to lightweight, blending options such as **woven-wire mesh**, **high-tensile horizontal wires**, or similar thin-gauge garden netting. [[1](#)]
- **Minimalist Framing:** Extensions are restricted to thin vertical support posts or extensions bolted to existing lower fences, intended to be virtually invisible from a distance. [[1](#)]

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Best regards,

Cliff Wettlaufer

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