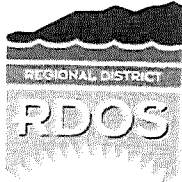


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(please print)

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Regarding Building Proposal for 136 Ritchie Rd. Naramata, BC

Project # E2021.035.DVP

I remain opposed to the planned development for this property for several reasons. I am concerned first and foremost to the scale of this proposal. While it is true that other larger homes exist in our area, and other larger homes have been built recently, to my knowledge, none of these have been so large as to require setback variances to bylaws, and certainly none that would require setback variances for three of four sides of the property.

Second, I understand that the proposal would require a variance for the property line they share with us to accommodate a large septic field on the west side of their property. But this is only because they have designed their home with each of five bedrooms having full bathrooms, a powder room, as well as a second full kitchen.

Third, in addition with the variance requested along our property line, they propose a pathway and doors to access their dwelling, which would impact our privacy, lead to potential damage of our shrubs and other landscape features, and effectively diminish the enjoyment that we have for our back yard, which many have commented as being 'park-like'.

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viable options are unavailable. That is just not the case with this proposal. There are no extenuating circumstances; the property owners have complete control over the design and scale of their proposal. And it seems to me that their only motivation to seek variances is to satisfy their desire to build as large a structure with as many amenities as they possibly can on the space available. Is this a justifiable reason to allow these variances? I contend that it is not.

What I suggest is that the property owners ask themselves is if it is really necessary that each bedroom have its own full bathroom? As the property owners state that will be one extended family living in the proposed house, are two separate kitchens really required when one large kitchen would suffice? In my view, simply redesigning and scaling down the proposed house, and thereby reducing the required size of the septic field, it could easily fit within the property without requiring any variances at all.

To be clear, I have no issues with a new home being built on the property in question, provided it is designed within what is allowed. Naramata is a beautiful and vibrant community – it's what attracted us here more than thirty years ago. Naramata continues to grow, and, in my opinion, this is a necessary and good thing. But having said that, we must be very careful in how we grow as a community. Once one property is allowed to over-build, there will inevitably be more, and I fear that the village area of Naramata would become something akin to South Surrey, where enormous houses on small lots stand eave to eave and everyone is the poorer for it. We could very well damage the unique charm of our community if we begin to allow proposals such as this one to proceed.

I thank you for your consideration.

David Rikkinen

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RE: DVP Application 136 Ritchie Ave

October 29, 2021

File No: E2021.035-DVP

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We would like to request that the RDOS board deny this build variance application and send it back to be redesigned so that it abides by the current restrictions. Alternatively, there are other larger lots in Naramata that would support the size of this build.

While we welcome a new home being built on the block, this design pushes the limits on 3 sides and would overshadow the modest homes in this area of Naramata village.

The inside variance request on the east side (next to 156 Ritchie) from 3m to 1.4m puts the building so close to the property line that it invades the privacy of our backyard living. The secondary suite has a bank of windows that would look directly down into our private backyard. I would no longer feel safe to enjoy my own yard where I love to spend time with my family and relax. This is the lifestyle we have come to love and appreciate over the last 31 years of being full time Naramatians. It is an invasive build with no consideration to its neighbours. It would also hinder our ability to make modifications to our home if a variance was on this side.

**It is a 2 storey, 5-bedroom home, each bedroom with its own full bathroom, plus a secondary suite with another kitchen.** It's so large it needs to encroach on the area around it to accommodate a septic field that would support it. It is a South Surrey build being crammed onto a small Naramata village lot. The difference being that South Surrey has municipal sewer.

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There is lots happening on this block and elsewhere in Naramata village, and I would like to provide further information so that the RDOS Board can consider the whole picture.

The vacant lot on the west side of 136 Ritchie (no variance requested on this side) has for many, many years been used as the septic field for the lake front property across the street from it at 3585 1<sup>st</sup> Ave (Jan & Tony Ramsay). That changed this summer when their father (Don Grey) passed away and the lake front house was put up for sale. The heirs have now added a septic field to the lakefront property at 3585 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and sold it. They have retained the small septic field lot so that they can build on it in the future. A build on this very extremely tiny lot will need variances and a reactivation of the old septic field.

With all the new construction in the village and all the additional septic needs, I am deeply concerned about the impact on our shoreline and lake health, and how this will affect our water intake system located at Wharf Park.

Without a proper waste management system in place in Naramata village, I feel these additional large builds are a threat to the health and the water safety of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gwen Rikkinen

UPDATED

October 30, 2021

Re: (UPDATED) Development Variance Permit Application No. E2021.035-DVP

My husband and I completed feedback forms regarding the variance requests for 136 Ritchie Avenue in response to your letter of September 9<sup>th</sup>. The updated permit application and covering letter of October 20<sup>th</sup> does not address our concerns and therefore our original feedback forms stand (copies attached).

Sharon & Claire (Bud) Howell,

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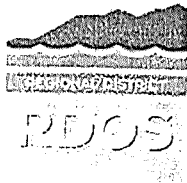
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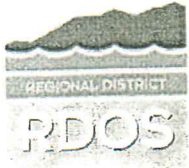
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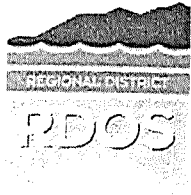
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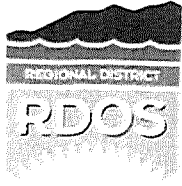
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There is a vacant lot on the west side and this side of the property has no variance request on it.

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Parking would also be stretched with the additional vehicles and boats as it is currently when the owners come to use the property.

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Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or would like additional feedback.

David & Gwen Rikkinen



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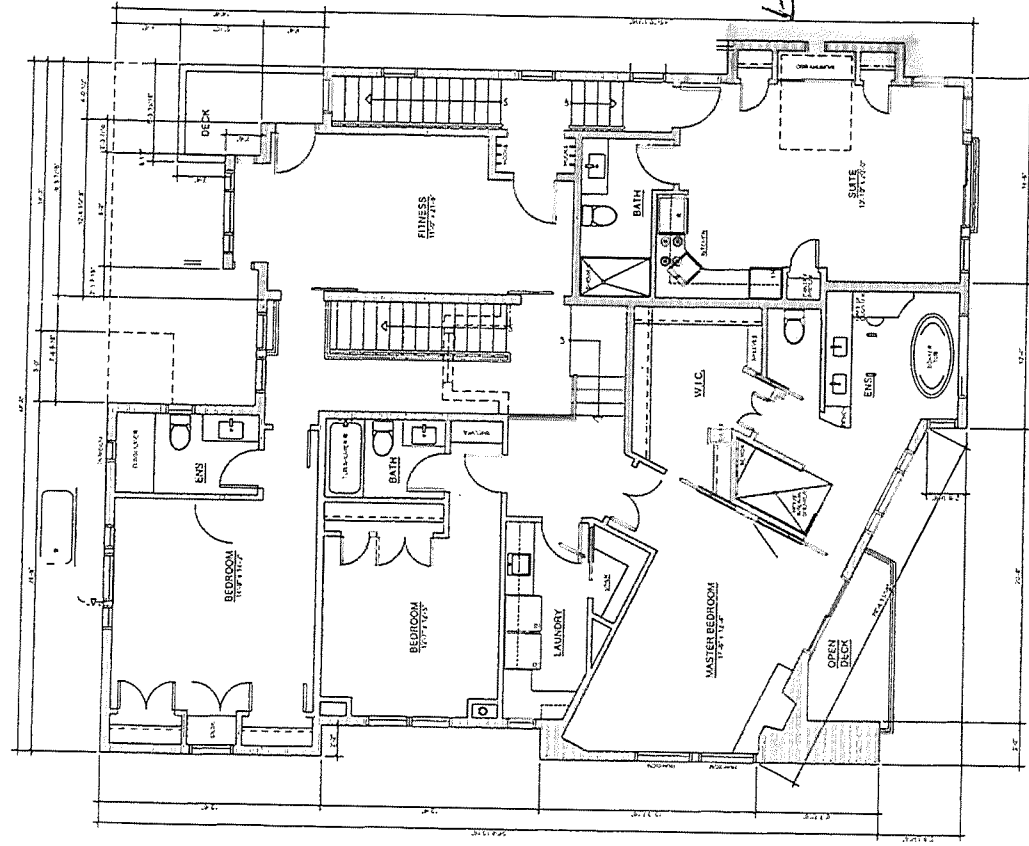
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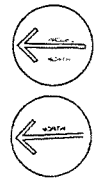
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← CHANGED SECTION pushes build past the requested variance.



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## Shannon Duong

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**From:** Jill Kenning  
**Sent:** September 27, 2021 12:11 PM  
**To:** Shannon Duong  
**Subject:** Development Variance Permit Application No E2021.035-DVP

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

To whom it may concern at the RDOS Board in Penticton, B.C.

I am writing as the Owner of record for the property at  
3565 First Street, Naramata, B.C..

I refer to your communication dated September 9th, 2021. I disagree with the application for all four requested variances on the basis that they, individually and in combination, will change the character of the neighbourhood in a very dramatic way. Granting these variances, in whole or in part, could also set an unwanted precedent for future applications of variance.

The drawings which we have reviewed are incomplete in that they show a proposed third level for the building by way of a dormer or something like it but the plans are not consistent with the drawing.

I am also concerned that the secondary suite is not for family but may be used for Airbnb instead. Naramata is rife with Airbnb and/or the like which are not registered and therefore do not contribute to the community in any financial way but instead, contribute to the overcrowding of the village.

Please confirm receipt of my reply to your September 9th, 2021 notice as soon as possible.

Thank you

W Jill Kenning



RE: DVP Application 136 Ritchie Ave

November 8, 2021

File No: E2021.035-DVP

We oppose the requested variances of the build at 136 Ritchie Avenue and request the build follow current restrictions. We are in favor of a new build on this property but we feel the asked for variances are unnecessary. The home owner has indicated they requested a variance toward the 156 residence as a necessity to accommodate the large septic system required for 6 full bathrooms and 2 kitchens. As the more rural area is not on a city sewer system, we are worried about the impact of such a large septic system in an area very close to the lake with a high number of current septic systems and fields. The homeowners indicated they "need" this. We feel it is more appropriate to eliminate some bathrooms from the design in order for it to fit in to the current build requirements for the lot. We are also concerned about the lake health issues such a septic system could possibly create. Us and many other local residents really enjoy the little beaches spotted through the village and want to preserve the shoreline and water health as much as we can. Our drinking water is also pumped not far from here.

There are also concerns with the necessity of so many bathrooms and an extra full suite. The residence is for a family of only 4. The concerns being this build could end up being a large rental property.

We also feel that if these variances are allowed it may create a "me too" movement for future builds within the village, meaning other small family homes may disappear to allow for more above average sized homes. Many residents in this area came to the village to enjoy the small-town magic that is Naramata. Allowing new builds to push the limits of current build regulations will take away from that.

We encourage and welcome a new build on this property and more full-time residents, but ask that it be kept within current building restrictions and to a more modest level that compliments the land usage of the lot in which it will be located.

Thank you for considering our concerns,

Bob and Mikaela Stirrat

George Morlidge

We oppose the variances of the build requested at 136 Ritchie and request the build follow current restrictions. We are in favor of a new build on this property but we feel the asked for variances do not suit this specific area of the village. Also, the variance towards the 156 residence would encroach and possibly limit future development of that residence.

We have concerns with the septic system of a 6 bathroom residence on that lot being able sufficiently handle the demands put upon it.

We also feel that if these variances are allowed it may create a 'me too' movement for future builds within the village, meaning other small family homes may disappear to allow for more above average sized homes in the village.

We encourage and welcome a new build on this property, but ask that it be kept under current building restrictions and to a more modest level that compliments the land usage of the lot in which it is located.

Thank you for considering our concerns,

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