

Letter to Planning Department, Colin Martin

Chris and Lori Stodola, 11 Osprey Place, Osoyoos, BC

We have the privilege of owning and living on one of the most beautiful pieces of land in the South Okanagan. This land has been made even more beautiful through the love and dedication of our family over the past 70 years. It would be a tragedy to have to give this property up.

We need to have a fully “mobility & age-at-home friendly” living environment. Architect’s plans include adding a new handicapped bathroom, wheelchair accessible doors, level-access enclosed garage etc. This is at a time when BC’s care facilities are at full capacity and seniors are taking up valuable acute care space in hospitals. [REDACTED]
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We have watched both elderly parents struggle [REDACTED] while they insisted on remaining in a home that was clearly not senior-appropriate. A caretaker’s suite is already in place in the basement, but some other upgrades are still required.

Our current garage/storage building is 60+ years old and in imminent danger of collapse. Being home owners with vehicles, we require a building to safely park our cars and store our gardening equipment. We both spend many hours every day tending to our ½ acre garden. This is our enjoyment and exercise. A replacement garage is essential for winter snow and summer heat.

Chris was born in Osoyoos [REDACTED] years ago. His family contributed much to the life and the economy of Osoyoos. He left Osoyoos in 1970 and returned 16 years later with his new family to operate the Osoyoos Times until 2013. It was his intent in 1986 to move into his family home when his parents passed away. After both parents had passed on, in 2024 he and his wife, Lori, realized their dream and purchased 11 Osprey Place from the remainder of his family [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It was always their intent to upgrade and improve this small bungalow to match it with the expansive and impressive property it has always occupied. It is also their intent to make said house fully accessible so they may age in their home for as long as possible.

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