

SUPPORTING RATIONALE:

When considering a variance request, Regional District staff will generally assess the proposal against the following criteria:

- is the proposed variance consistent with the general purpose and intent of the zone?
- is the proposed variance addressing a physical or legal constraint associated with the site (e.g., unusual parcel shape, topographical feature, statutory right-of-way, etc.)?
- is strict compliance with the zoning regulation unreasonable or un-necessary?
- will the proposed variance unduly impact the character of the streetscape or surrounding neighbourhood?

A request to change a zoning regulation should only be considered as a last resort to a design challenge. Please explain how the requested variance(s) meet the assessment criteria listed above:

I would like to debate the need for underground utilities as a secondary power source, as overhead utilities are already connected to 1208 Maple St.

The requirement for subdividing the above property is unwarranted due to already having overhead utilities. The above home is 640^{sq}_{ft} one bedroom 1 bathroom ^{how} much power is required? The unnecessary underground utilities if put in will disturb two well established Fir trees. These trees are essential in keeping CO2 down and are wonderful for noise control, due to the very busy street. I feel that keeping the tree's alive is more important than having a secondary underground utilities put in place when this small home already has overhead power connected.