Additional Information
November 20, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
Re: Agenda Item 10b

From: [redacted]
To: District
Cc: [redacted] Councillor Lerner
Subject: Motion from Councillor Jonathan Lerner - Memorial benches in Lantzville
Date: Sunday, November 17, 2024 7:53:04 PM
Importance: High

To Mayor Swain and the District of Lantzville,
I would like to provide feedback on the motion put forth by Councillor Jonathan Lerner for **this Wednesday's (Nov 20, 2024) council meeting**:

> *THAT Council direct staff to bring forward requests for memorial benches on a case-by-case basis for consideration; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to provide alongside each of these case-by-case requests, a recommendation as to the cost to be charged for the benches if approved, such that the funds received would adequately cover the purchase, installation, engraving and maintenance of the bench(es).*

My family would like to erect a bench at the lookout on the bottom of Peterson Road.

Both my parents ([redacted]) were highly regarded music teachers in school district #68. My father was music coordinator for the district from 1963 – 1988, where, he, along with my mother, brought music classes to all elementary schools in the district, at that time, including Seaview School. The New Generation Chorus was formed by my father in 1968, and was composed of young people from Lantzville and Nanaimo. He also founded Arts Alive in 1984, a summer arts program in Nanaimo that is still active today. My parents were very active in the community and schools, and loved to call Lantzville their home. They lived in their house at the corner of Peterson and Venture Road for over 60 years.

In 2015 and 2022, I talked to Fred Spears and he said he would save a spot for a bench on the trail at the lookout at the end of Peterson Road for us when we were ready.
There are 2 benches there now, there is allowance for 3.

My mother passed away in 2018, and my father passed away August 1st of this year.
It was their wish, that a bench be placed at the lookout at the end of Peterson Road, adjacent to their beloved home.

I would like to honour their legacy and have a bench placed on the trail at the lookout at the end of Peterson Road, and **we are in favour of this motion**.

Thank you,

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