

January 8, 2021

Mayor and Council
The City of West Kelowna
2760 Cameron Road
West Kelowna, BC
V1Z 2T6

Re: Development Variance Permit for 979 Pinewood Place PID: 003-401-488
CWK File No: DVP 20-16

We are applying for a variance to increase the square footage of the carriage house as well as add height to an above ground porch. When we purchased this property in May of 2020 there was a shop at the back of the property. The existing shop already had electricity and plumbing and our intention when purchasing was to convert the shop into a residential carriage house for my parents to reside in. The structure, as existing, has a square footage of 1024sq feet, which is 56sq feet over the allowed sq footage of 968sq feet. We are requesting to incorporate the extra square footage as a second bedroom in the dwelling. The existing footprint of the building will not be changed or modified, we are working with the structure that was already on the property.

We are also requesting to have a raised deck with a height of 3 feet above grade, which is 12 inches above the allowed amount of 2 feet. The property is a downward sloping lot and the carriage house is at the back of the property. The property is also fenced and the raised deck would not impose on any neighbours views or privacy. The raised deck would allow for the deck to be at walkout level from the house, rather than requiring steps directly from the doors, which would increase the safety of the occupants of the home.

These minor changes will not adversely affect the neighbourhood, but will add to the safety and enjoyment of our elderly parents who will be occupying the carriage house. We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Katherine and Colin Olson
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