LETTER OF INTENT
Variance Application – Secondary Dwelling for Multigenerational Living

To: Planning Department / Board of Variance Members
Municipality: North Cowichan
Property Address: 9359 Cottonwood Rd Chemainus BC
Date: October 8, 2026

Re: Application for Variance – Secondary Dwelling for Multigenerational Living

Dear Planning Department / Board of Variance Members:

We are writing to provide our intent and supporting rationale for our application for a variance to permit a secondary dwelling on our property at 9359 Cottonwood Rd.

The purpose of the proposed secondary dwelling is to provide a safe, comfortable, and independent living space for our parents, allowing our family to live together on the same property while maintaining appropriate privacy and independence for each household.

This proposal is intended **solely for multigenerational family living**. The secondary dwelling is not intended to be used as a short-term rental, vacation accommodation, or investment/rental property. Its purpose is to allow our parents to reside close to our family and to support our family's long-term living arrangements.

The proposed arrangement would provide the benefits of living together as a family while allowing our parents to maintain their own living space. It would also allow family members to be nearby to provide practical assistance, companionship, and support as needed, while respecting everyone's need for privacy and independence.

The requested variance is for a R1 amendment on a site specific basis to permit a secondary detached dwelling in addition to the existing single family dwelling. We believe the proposed variance is reasonable and appropriate given the specific circumstances of the property and the intended use of the secondary dwelling.

The proposed dwelling will be designed and located with consideration for the surrounding neighbourhood and will comply with all applicable requirements to the greatest extent possible. We intend for the development to be compatible with the existing character of the property and surrounding area, while providing a practical long-term solution for our family's multigenerational living needs.

We respectfully request that the variance application be considered on the basis of these unique family circumstances and the limited, family-oriented purpose of the proposed secondary dwelling.

Thank you for considering our application. We would be pleased to provide any additional information or clarification that may assist with the review of the proposal.

Sincerely,

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