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Item No. 14.1

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: June 30, 2020		
Subject: Accessory Buildings in Watercourse Setbacks and Buffers		
Motion for Council to Consider: That Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council request a staff report to consider amendments to the Eastern Passage/ Cow Bay Land Use By-law to allow accessory structures and buildings within watercourse setbacks and buffers.		
Reason: Presently, zoning regulations in the Eastern Passage / Cow Bay plan area contain watercourse setback and buffer restrictions to protect the environment and to secure new construction against potential future impacts from rising sea levels and increased potential for damage from flooding. These regulations do not permit the construction of accessory structures and buildings in these areas. While the intention of these regulations is appropriate, the inability for residential owners to construct small accessory buildings or structures in these areas could be considered overly restrictive. Other areas of the municipality have provisions in the relevant bylaws that exempt these types of construction from these restrictions in similar circumstances.		
Outcome Sought: A report outlining options for regulatory changes to consider exemptions to water body setbacks and buffers to allow small accessory structures to be located within the setbacks and buffers.		
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