

Question 1 response

There is always opposition to change from some people

I have no recollection of any significant opposition to Alpine Village Shopping Centre, Southside, the Pharmasave relocation to Victoria Road and revite

- checked with 2 other councilors of longstanding who agree that is the case.
- business community lead the revite process –paid 70% of the costs plus their own private building renos.
- The last controversy of this degree was in 1968 over the hospital location. That tore the community apart just as much as this issue – friend against friend and neighbour against neighbour That has not been the Revelstoke Way to deal with issues from 1968 until now
- Revis a strong community due to the pride and sense of empowerment that followed on the community's many successful initiatives to refurbish our economy following the 20 years boom from dam construction and the bust of 1985.
- Any threat to that success is a source of discontent
- It is important to note that the opposing voices are probably more from the general citizenry than the business sector. To its credit, the business sector has been instrumental in providing reams of evidence based information to support its position. **The electorate expects that council's decisions will be evidence based.**

As to the restrictions on RMR – they were placed on the advice of experts, on advice from operators of the many resorts that we visited and in keeping with the OCP. We visited those resorts to pick their brains about do's and don'ts. I was also a guest speaker about Revelstoke's recovery from 1985 on many occasions and in particular in Aspen and Snowmass and the same do/don't messages were echoed from other speakers.

The difference between then and now is that Council is now considering turning its back on all that consistent and good advice.