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Eleanor Roulston – Warden for Municipality of East Hants
15 Commerce Court
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Re: Monta Vista Road etc

Hello Eleanor, I know you are aware of the housing crisis we are in. I just got notified that due to the policy 10.16 wording over the years approvals have been given even though they were over the 100 lots. Your staff have agreed they did just realize this and have since started following the policy.

I know that council is attempting to get these changes into policy as quick as possible, however right now I have heard from three developers in the Monta Vista area that have received denials. One of the developers is looking to subdivide a property so his two children can build a house, due to the policy he was told it would be refused.

As a previous councillor I understand the staff workload and with the upcoming municipal election, this could stop the building of homes in the area for a year. We are in the middle of construction time and I know these local developers are looking to break ground ASAP.

I know that Council does not meet in August, however I do know that Council can direct staff to continue processing these applications per how they thought the roads were until Council has time to get the policy done. I am asking you to consider putting a motion like that on council evening next week so these projects can move forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or require additional information.

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