

August 1, 2019

Lesley-Anne Staats, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning | Approving Officer
Town of Gibsons

Dear Lesley-Anne:

I was happy to attend the information session on the Shaw Road project on July 24, 2019 with my co-director from the Coast Car Co-op, Sherry Hallson.

We were pleased to see inclusion of the local car share as part of the information presented and support the by-law change to include car share spaces in new developments. We are committed to expand car-sharing on the Coast and commend the Town of Gibsons for initiating this aspect.

We hope to be able to provide car-sharing opportunities on the coast for many more years. We support your proposed by-law and want to reiterate some of our discussion with you. In summary these points are:

- Cars must be accessible to the public 24/7 and tenant-occupants or new owners of the units must be aware and given some incentive to use the cars.
- Although our \$400 initial membership share may be prohibitive for some, we also have monthly memberships that don't require a share purchase
- Non-profit organizations are eligible to sign up drivers within their organization to book the cars at business rates.
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There are many ways to access and use our cars. We hope that cars and car share spaces at new developments (Shaw road included) will increase car sharing on the coast.

Many people don't know about the Coast Car Co-op and we are working hard to change that. New cars and car-share spaces will help but only if the developer and/or landlord will work with us to give an incentive to get people into and driving those new vehicles.

We wish you success in the completion of these developments and the provision of a new bylaw that will enable expanded car-sharing on the coast.

Sincerely,

Betty Baxter
Board of Directors
Coast Car Co-op