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Fraser Valley Regional District
45950 Cheam Ave
Chilliwack, BC
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RE: AQUADEL CROSSING BUFFER ZONE

Genica Group has notified us of a concern from the Fraser Valley Regional District to the use of cedar hedges and fencing within the buffer areas, which are as defined in the Development Variance Permit.

As per David Bennett's comments on June 16, 2016 item 14.4.16 "A landscaped, treed buffer of at least 7.5 metres (in the case of Aquadel – buffer dimensions determined by DVP application) shall be required to separate resort developments from land uses and developments on adjacent parcels."

Our Development Permit drawings showcase the buffer planting areas to be installed with native or native cultivar species as per the planting list provided on the landscape architectural drawings. However, the use of native plants was at the discretion of the developer to compliment the natural surrounding landscape; not a requirement set forth by the DVP or the FVRD at time of DP approval. The developer has chosen to add Thuja occidentalis 'Smaragd' in the buffer zone between residential units where the lot separation fencing terminates. VDZ+A supports this added plant material as it still conforms to the requirement noted above by David Bennett and visually continues the aesthetic of separation between lots. This treatment occurs primarily in the buffer zone adjacent to Spring Creek Strata.

The DP landscape drawings were only inclusive of the public spaces within the development. However, VDZ+A supports the design and installation of a typical wood fence between lots and its extension to a perpendicular fence, which in this case is the back fence along the property line. The secure fencing of a lot also aids in site security both from outside the development in, and within the development itself, by protecting children and pets in the home. This treatment is typical of the rest of the development between lots and the property line.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

Sincerely,

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