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Town Of Espanola, Deputy Clerk, Traci Denault-Roque

We realize the definite need for more housing in Espanola, but we are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed housing development at 134 Syroid Street. The proposed housing development is simply too large for the lot, as well as will be an overload for the infrastructure in the area, such as sewer, water and roads. The builder has asked for 5 variances to complete the housing. We believe that is asking too much for that lot. It will be severely crowded and could end up looking quite junky because if you think about it being a triplex, then there will be 3 couples/families living in the units. By today's standards that could mean 2 vehicles for each unit, as well as extra vehicles, such as quads, side by sides, boats or snow machines. Where would all of this be parked on such a small lot

We as neighbours of this lot have put up with years of it being junky and looking like an eyesore. I commend the current owner for the clean-up and house improvements he has done on this lot, but the lot is too small for what he wants to do.


The reason we built in this area was for the quiet, serene, less populated area and being close to the bush. As we were building, the building inspector was constantly here to make sure we followed all the bylaws of the town. There were things we wanted to do and were not allowed to do because of these bylaws.

We strongly object to the sheds that have been allowed on the back lot line for years on this property. It first started out as a temporary shed put on cinder blocks by the 3<sup>rd</sup> last owner of this property. When the 2<sup>nd</sup> last owner moved in, he closed them all in and added a chimney and a roof, to a tarped garage unit. Then he covered it with a tarp and that tarp shredded for years making his neighbours pick up blue shreds of the tarp on their property. Even though we had seen the building inspector there, nothing seemed to be done about the sheds on the lot line. He made the lots to be a complete eyesore with his pack rack tendencies. We, as neighbours were completely fed up with it.

A few years ago, we tried to build a small lean-to on our back fence to protect our snowblower and lawnmower from the elements and before it was even finished, the building inspector was here and told us we couldn't do it as it was not far enough off the lot line. Now, at the proposed property, besides the shed on the lot line, the new owner wants to put an entire triplex on that line. We totally are against this proposal.

I also thought that the town had a bylaw about a certain percentage of buildings that could be on a lot, would this not be too much as well for this lot.

There are too many negative aspects of this proposed build than there are positives. We strongly oppose the creation of a new lot for the purposes of developing a multi residential unity (triplex). We strongly oppose the zoning bylaw amendment application for changes to allow this triplex to be built. We would love to see the sheds moved off the back lot line like they should be.

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