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Subject: Rationale for Development Variance Permit – 709 Curtis Rd

Dear Planning Department,

I am submitting this rationale letter in support of my **Development Variance Permit application** for [Property Address]. The purpose of this request is to allow for the conversion of an **existing structure** into both a **carriage house and an accessory building**, rather than proceeding with the originally approved plan of converting the entire structure solely into an accessory building.

Existing Structure & Environmental Considerations

The **building in question is already constructed on the property**, and we have received prior approval to convert it into an **accessory building**. However, in evaluating the best use of the space, we found that maintaining part of the structure as a **carriage house** provides a **more environmentally and economically responsible** solution.

Requiring a separation of the carriage house and accessory building would necessitate a **full demolition**, leading to **unnecessary waste disposal** and significant construction costs. Instead, our proposal seeks to **preserve the existing structure**, making only **interior modifications** to repurpose the space efficiently. This approach aligns with the City of Kelowna's goals of **sustainability** by minimizing landfill contributions and reducing the environmental impact of new construction.

Addressing Housing Needs in Kelowna

Kelowna is currently facing a **housing crisis**, and by retaining the carriage house, we are contributing to an additional **rental unit in a high-demand area**. Given our proximity to **UBC Okanagan**, this space would likely serve as an **affordable housing option for a student or other community member** in need of accommodation. Removing the possibility of a living unit would further **reduce available housing options** at a time when we need more, not fewer, rental spaces.

Variance Request – Carriage House Size

Under current bylaws, a **carriage house is limited to 90m²**, while the existing structure, when adapted for this use, results in a **total area of 110.55m²**. This additional space was not added intentionally to exceed the bylaw limit but is a result of the **original home's design**. Reducing it to exactly 90m² would require **awkward structural modifications** that would not be practical or aesthetically pleasing. The extra space ensures that the unit can accommodate a **functional kitchen and living area** without unnecessary alterations that compromise its usability.

Conclusion

Our proposal represents the most **responsible** and **practical** use of the existing structure, balancing **environmental sustainability**, **economic feasibility**, and **Kelowna's growing need for rental housing**. We are not proposing any **new buildings or additional structures**, only seeking to **repurpose an already-approved structure** in a way that aligns with the best interests of the community.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this variance request. Please feel free to contact me if further clarification is required.

Sincerely,	,
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