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**To:** Corrina Giles [REDACTED]

**Subject:** The plan for a sub municipal building on Grey Road 19

Good afternoon,

I am sending this email after a conversation with Paula Hope. I would ask you to bring the contents of this to the attention of council at their next meeting.

To all of the councillors, I am not sure how many of you have ever travelled to the Hilton Head Island community in South Carolina but I am hoping a few of you have so my recommendation does not require a detailed explanation. In my travels there I was always struck by the community's attempt to maintain the forested image by setting back many of even the largest municipal and commercial buildings behind a thick forest break that faced onto the adjacent roadway and did much to hide the buildings behind from view. They further enhance this subtle treatment with low unobtrusive signage for the entrances to the shopping or municipal areas.

I am recommending a similar treatment be included in any planning for the sub municipal building being discussed for Grey Road 19. While I am sure the buildings and facilities are needed I think you could limit the visual impact with a further setback from the road for such a campus and camouflage it with a good healthy tree break facing onto Grey Road 19.

While I certainly appreciate that new plantings might be required there is the makings of such a break on the property now and further augmentation would be limited. The low signage should also not be a challenge as we are a small community and soon everyone would know what was there and how to access it.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards, Ernie McCay