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Q & A with Alex:

A number of 1-1.5 storey strip malls with significant surface parking were approved in the last 5 years. Is this the style of development you see as resilient, economical, and sustainable? Do you support the further development of such projects?

These types of commercial and retail developments are not the future of the ToL. While in principle I'd allow it, it is extremely disappointing that a developer would want to invest in this kind of model, and I don't understand the financial incentive to do so.

Underground and tower parking are great ways to cater to the automobile-centricity of our Fraser Valley culture and still minimize the physical footprint. It is not the council's role, but I'd love to encourage a move away from vast, spacious surface parking lots. I would look at all the parking requirements for businesses and recommend changes necessary to send the message that these are undesirable outcomes.