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Subject: BYLAW REFERRAL FORM

Approval Recommended Subject to Conditions Outlined Below

4.2.2- The watershed ecosystems, freshwater networks, and groundwater recharge areas of the Trust Area should be identified, protected, and where possible, restored or rehabilitated;

Restored or rehabilitated to what state in time?

4.2.3 It is Trust Council's policy that freshwater use in the Trust Area should not impede the inherent rights of First Nations to access freshwater streams for cultural and spiritual purposes.

There is no (blue parentheses) to indicate if this is new or 2002 version.

4.2.5. & 4.2.6

These two deal with the prohibition of desalination plants. I feel it would be wiser to put in a proviso to the effect that desalination plants be prohibited for any new land development or for any existing land development as a means of increasing the fresh water supply. It may come to a time where a desalination plant is required to desalinate an existing well that has had salt water intrusion resulting from rising oceans or, more likely, over pumping of the aquifer. In either of the cases if already existing wells may continue to be used by implementing a desal plant it would likely be better than drilling new wells into an already compromised aquifer.

More simply put, there may be a need for desalination plants and they should only be allowed in order to meet that need; not prohibited outright.

On behalf of the Harbour View Improvement District I may say that other than the above noted concerns we approve the section of the bylaw as it pertains to fresh water.

Sincerely,

John Wiebe, trustee/manager