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Galiano Island,
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December 7, 2015

Dear Trustees and Planners for Galiano Island,

We would like to express our support for the Crystal Mountain rezoning application as presently before the Local Trust Committee. We have met with representatives of this organization and attended the Fall open house on the land in question.

It appears to us that the request for density transfer from the residential lot to the forest lot makes sense given the attempt to save the older growth forest on the residential lot which appears to be the only possible building site. The application to change the zoning of F1 to F3 will mean a further boon to the forests of Galiano as the agreement to covenant and care for the majority of the acreage which has been heavily and devastatingly logged will not only protect the forest, it will enhance the condition of said forest, given that the intention is to apply restoration standards which have been used on Conservancy lands.

The benefits to the community of this proposal are several. The forests will be protected and enhanced. There will be an opportunity for all, both islanders and the general public, to experience and understand the importance of preserving and protecting our natural environment.

We have known some of the members of Crystal Mountain for many years and participated in their programmes which are open to the entire community, here and off island. Inasmuch as we understand that each application is considered on its own merits and will not, therefore, create a legal precedent, we urge consideration of this application from a group that has the best interests of the island community and that of the greater world community in mind, a charitable organization, recognized by Revenue Canada.

We are completely supportive of this application.

Thank you,
Elizabeth and Doug Latta

