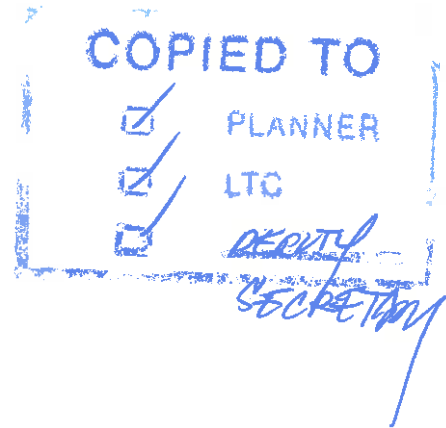


Lori Foster

From: Kim Farris
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 8:09 AM
To: Lori Foster
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From: Patrick Ramsay [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 4:13 PM
To: George Harris; Sandy Pottle; Laura Busheikin
Cc: Kim Farris
Subject: Crystal Mountain Application



January 28, 2016

To the Trustees of the Galiano Local Trust Committee, Re: Crystal Mountain's Rezoning Application

Hello. I became a resident of Galiano as a direct outcome of attending a 1 week retreat 12 years ago, which was sponsored by Crystal Mountain (CM) on the island. Since that time, two other family members have also purchased land on Galiano.

But perhaps even more compelling is the interest my son exhibited in learning about the courses sponsored by CM. Towards the end of grade 10, I was becoming concerned about his marks at school and his lack of energy for anything. He finished out the year having missed quite a bit of school, though he still passed his courses. During the summer, he asked if he could do a short stay on the CM property all by himself. He had met and spoken to the resident teacher on a few occasions. I received permission and a very brief set of instructions from the teacher for my son, packed a few days of food and said "Call me if you need me". It is now two years later. My son not only survived a few days by himself, he went on to spend five weeks helping out the resident teacher at CM last summer and on many other weekends. He has missed only 1 day of school in the last two years. His marks went from barely passing to all "A"s and two "B"s. He is bright, alert, drug and alcohol free and a joy to be around. If it wasn't for my own profound experience 12 years ago, one could say it's just coincidence. It is far from coincidence, as I have watched other friends respond in the same positive way.

Galiano has the opportunity to help a small but vibrant not-for-profit, supported by a dedicated group of volunteers, create a deeper infrastructure so others can benefit by spending time in the forest with great teachers and sharp minds. And as difficult as it is for anyone to explain their own experiences in life to another, I would say with regards to what is taught; investigate if you want, but please don't diminish the opportunity for both young and not, to find the kind of joy and clarity that I and others have found through the volunteer efforts and long term commitment Crystal Mountain Society has shown to Galiano Island.

Sincerely,
Patrick Ramsay.

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