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Galiano Island Local Trust Committee

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Dear Trustees,

I write to compliment you on your wisdom and initiative in considering a covenant option as sufficient to ensure forest protection in the ongoing case of the Crystal Mountain zoning application.

The case has often been made, and experience has apparently confirmed, that forest land supervised by its owners under a covenant is much more likely to be well looked after than under the nominal supervision of even a well-meaning third party.

You have understood that what is best for forest land conservation is not necessarily to blindly follow a dogmatic prescription hatched in an earlier age of fear, but in the spirit of our OCP, to engage property owners as community members in a positive participation in this goal.

As to the "requirement to consult the people," a slogan waved by a recent critic, my observation of recent LTC meetings is that "the people" have already expressed their general support for your intelligent and adaptive approach to issues.

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