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To the members of the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee: Laura Busheikin, Chair; George Harris, Trustee; Sandy Pottle, Trustee

I live on [REDACTED] at the north end. I have owned my house since 1997, purchasing it from my parents-in-law who built the house in 1975. My two children often came to Galiano in summer in the 1980s, along with the children of a number of neighbours on [REDACTED]. The ridge was a hive of activity, all the children playing together and having a great time. My children live and work in Toronto, but still regularly visit Galiano, particularly in the summer, now including my grand daughter. More grand-children are likely over the coming years. My children will eventually take over the house. This cycle is likely to continue repeating itself, So I have a long-term interest in the future of the north end.

With regard to Crystal Mountain Society's (CMS) proposed expansion, my main concern is that it is not consistent with the OCP and that the official procedures for adjudicating and approving the proposed expansion are not being followed (e.g. draft by-laws already been prepared and submitted to trustees without adequate consultation with north-enders). The letter sent to you last week by several residents, including myself, elaborates on our concerns. There seems to be a significant risk that the proposed expansion in its current form will be of negative benefit to the north end community.

I therefore urge you to ensure that the process for adjudicating CMS's proposed expansion follows all the required procedures and that, if necessary, CMS should be required to amend its expansion plan in order to be compliant with the OCP and the procedures for changing its current use of its forest lot. The current process seems to be going too fast, the need for a consultative process being glossed over.

Regards

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