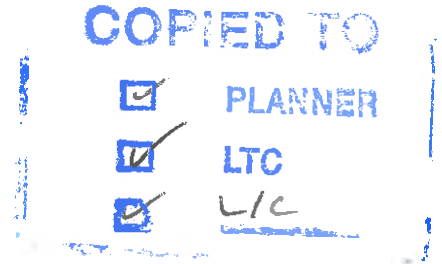


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**From:** Sandy Pottle  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** Kim Stockdill; Robert Kojima  
**Subject:** Fw: CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN REQUEST?



**From:** Carol Robson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2017 7:41 AM  
**To:** Sandy Pottle  
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**Subject:** RE: CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN REQUEST?

My name is Carol Robson. My background on Galiano is from "pioneer families" who have inhabited the islands since 1867. I am the 5 generation of gulf island families who have lived here full-time and watched the islands evolve. I hesitated to write this letter because our island is so very small and several of my acquaintances are involved with this project as supporters. However I feel very fearful regarding this application. So I must speak out!

**I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION!**

Galiano Island is a very special, and very small, little island situated in the Salish Sea just 45 minutes from the mainland. We are very accessible by ferries that arrive constantly from Victoria and the mainland 7 days a week. Tourism has become a very powerful and driving force in our limited economy. However we must tread very carefully as we go into the future. We could be destroyed so very quickly and so very easily if we do not hold our ground to "PRESERVE AND PROTECT" this beautiful island.

This application from Crystal Mountain will effect not just the Forest Lot that Crystal Mountain owns but all the other Forest Lot owners as well with that designation as well. It is CRITICAL that the right decision is made NOW not only by the Islands Trust but also by the PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON GALIANO as well. We are on the precipice of either a catastrophic event, or saving Galiano as we know it now.

I believe their application is to be granted the right to build 30 cottages. It does NOT matter what their intended use is ..... The real fact is that if this application is accepted then all the other Forest Lot owners with the same designation will have the same entitlement to proceed with the same density, if they wish. I don't know exactly how many of these properties exist, but I do know that here are over 70. The math is easy ..... 70 X 30 equals 2,100 new cottages for "friends", for "air B & B's", for "retreats", etc. etc. etc.!!!!!!! I repeat, IT DOES NOT MATTER WHAT THEIR INTENDED USE IS! There can be NO exceptions.

A great battle was fought on Galiano, not so long ago, by the Islands Trust, and the local residents, to remove a large company named "MAC BLO" from Galiano Island because they were consider "the enemy"! They were a corporation and wanted to build many new homes on our precious island. We despised that idea and put on our armour .... WE WON! They were refused their future development and left. But now that same demand is being asked of us ..... 30 cottages on 1 of those lots that we forced them to sell!!!!!!!!

I don't understand why this is even an issue that is "on the table"! Have we all such short memories or has our spirit been altered to believe that this "might" be a good idea?!!!! Did the purchasers NOT know that they were buying land that had very protective by-laws against any type of development? My guess is that "yes", they were aware. SO WHY ARE WE HERE !?!?!?!?!?

The rules and regulations must NOT be altered. Our little island can be destroyed so very quickly if one "exception" is made! Our infrastructure cannot change enough to deal with the onslaught of massive tourism!

There must be no change to our by-laws at this high level. No matter what the cause!

My Mom said many times, as Galiano fought to survive, "UNITED WE STAND ...DIVIDED WE FALL". We are in charge of the future of this island and we must walk softly, once done there will be no turning back.

I respectfully, and fearfully, request you deny this request from the owners of "CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN"!

Yours truly,  
Carol Robson, and the next generations of my family.

Sent from my iPad