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Subject: GL-RZ-2014.1 (Crystal Mountain)

Dear Trustees

Thank you for the opportunity to address my concerns regarding Application GL-RZ-2014.1 (Crystal Mountain)

I believe that the plan proposed for the 2 lots in question falls far short of the principle enshrined in our Official community plan which supports limitations for the type and scale of development in the Galiano Local Trust Area.

The scale of this proposed development is completely out of synch with this objective.

While I do support the principles of passive contemplation and spiritual connection also contained in the principles of our OCP I believe this development application is not appropriately scaled for a small rural community. When Crystal Mountain initially applied for development many years ago the application was for 12 cabins and since that time it has continued to expand until what you now have before you is an application for 22 cabins, six tent platforms, various accommodation for caretakers, a meditation hut etc.

The OCP states clearly that there are often competing interests to consider in land use decisions and that to achieve balance among these interests land use policies and regulations must be articulated clearly and administered equitably. Proceeding with this application could have repercussions for future applications seeking similar density and trade-offs.

It is my opinion that this application should be either denied or altered very substantially before proceeding any further.

The idea that an open application protects applicants from action by bylaw enforcement is prevalent in our community so the best course of action may be to proceed no further as activities that are not permitted continue to go on. I would like clarity on this issue if you can provide any policy or procedure which supports this practise.

I sympathize greatly with the decisions you have to make in your role as trustees and hope for the best outcome possible.

Thank you once again for listening.

Yours Sincerely

Sandy Pottle

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