

Good afternoon.

My questions are in regard to the proposed bylaw amendment 256 to the Community Facilities and Utilities section of the Galiano Official Community Plan. This proposed bylaw amendment if approved would introduce a new subsection called 4.4 "Spiritual Education" under Community facilities. The purpose of the proposal is to make the OCP consistent with the Crystal Mountain Society's application to rezone its north end forestry lot. The Crystal Mountain Society seeks to legitimize and expand illegal retreats on their forestry lot.

Question #1: An over arching policy under Community Facilities of the OCP has been that "the principal use" must be as a community facility. Why has this principle not been adopted as part of the subsection 4.4 proposal?

Question 2: What gauge has our local government applied or research performed to determine if there is broad community support for this OCP amendment on Galiano Island, especially in light of a recently submitted petition signed by 180 Galiano residents and landowners in opposition to the Crystal Mountain Society's rezone application?

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**Subject:** OCP bylaw proposal 256/ Crystal Mountain

Dear Trustees and Mr. Smith,

Thank-you for taking my questions at the LTC town hall on Dec. 6th, 2021. The questions I raised pertain to the proposed bylaw amendment 256 to the Community Facilities and Utilities section of the Galiano Official Community Plan.

At risk of stating what I think should be obvious to everyone, I believe that it is important for our Official Community Plan to be coherent and to reflect our community's shared values.

I would like to request that my brief introduction and the questions themselves be posted on the Islands Trust web site as a correspondence pertaining to the Crystal Mountain Society's application to rezone its F1 lot. They are attached to this email. It is my hope that more consideration will be given to what defines a community facility under the OCP and when any facility including Crystal Mountain does not fit the spirit and the intent of this land use subsection.

Thank you again for your public service.

Sincerely,

John Ronsley

P.S. On the Islands Trust website, a letter that is signed by Risa Smith and Tom Mommsen appears as having been submitted by myself on Dec. 6th, 2021. Please be advised that I did not submit this letter to you although it appears to have been submitted directly by the authors as well. Kindly remove the copy from the web site where I am listed as the one who submitted it. Although I agree with the content of the letter, I would never submit a correspondence to you that was written by someone else.