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Subject: My question to you at the Feb. 7th LTC/Crystal Mountain

Dear Trustees and Mr. Smith,

Thank-you for taking my question at the Feb. 7th Galiano LTC meeting. I hope you will give further consideration to withdrawing your support for OCP bylaw amendment proposal 256.

I am attaching my question to this email so that it can be posted on the Islands Trust website as a communication related to the Crystal Mountain Society's application to rezone.

Thank-you as always for your public service.

Sincerely,

John Ronsley

Thank-you for taking my question.

My question pertains to the proposed OCP amendment, bylaw 256, which was given first reading by this Local Trust Committee on September 7, 2021.

Bylaw 256 is a proposal to introduce a "Spiritual Education" subsection to the Community Facilities and Utilities portion of Section II of the OCP which governs land use. The bylaw proposal is in support of an application by the Crystal Mountain Society to rezone a forestry zoned lot at the north end.

On June 14, 2021, planner Smith explained to a Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Special Meeting during the question and answer period that the Community Facilities and Utilities subsection was appropriate for the new bylaw "likely to limit the zoning to non-profit activity."

On Nov. 8, 2021 I put forward my opposing view that the Crystal Mountain Society was not a Community Facility because it served a paying clientele only and not the community at large.

On Dec. 6th, 2021, planner Smith reported to the Galiano LTC that “the inclusion of the word ‘non-profit’ in the amending OCP bylaw may be *ultra vires* and could be legally challenged.”

So given that the placement of the “Spiritual Education” subsection under Community Facilities and Utilities likely cannot legally restrict its application to non-profits and that the Crystal Mountain Society serves a paying clientele, will the Galiano LTC now withdraw its Bylaw 256 OCP amendment proposal?