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Subject: Re: Attendance at Upcoming May LTC meeting by Zoom

Thanks Dan for your speedy response.

I am unclear how you can make the important decisions recommended by the Planner, including going to 2nd reading of the CMS proposal, without the public as well as the applicant being heard. Perhaps we can develop some mechanism (and I haven't spoken to anyone else about this, just my idea) where a few designated people can stand up and read statements from several other people who cannot be there in person because of Covid or a few people can be zoom presenters in the same way that the applicant will no doubt be allowed to speak. This would require you allowing those representing a larger number of people to have more time.

Covid has created incredible challenges in many areas and especially public participation - not just Islands Trust - and while I understand the budget issues (and am sympathetic to that reality) I do think we have a responsibility to find a creative way to allow the public to speak. You might have some other ideas about addressing the problem of public participation beyond my idea.

All the best,
Risa

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On Apr 27, 2022, at 11:07 AM, Dan Rogers <drogers@islandstrust.bc.ca> wrote:

Risa. We don't have the capability and the meeting is not set up to do this. This would require a different Zoom set up (ie webinar with behind the scenes administrative support we don't have now). Applicants are "participants" in the meeting because they have a right to speak to their applications. I wish it were otherwise and certainly I voted for the funding at Trust Council last June to provide for it but it was defeated.

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Hi again everyone,

As you may be aware, Covid spread in the Gulf Islands is now very significant. I have just learned last night that someone I walked with outside was exposed and now I have to self-isolate. I don't know yet if I am positive or not but I will get tested. Many people will be in a similar situations and I think it's imperative that people be allowed to participate in the next LTC by zoom. Live streaming is great but it does not allow participation.

Thank you for considering this serious issue regarding the ability for the public to participate in LTC meetings.

All the best,
Risa

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