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Subject: Letter for July 4th Galiano LTC

Hello members of the Galiano Local Trust Committee and Planner Smith,

Please find attached my letter regarding the Crystal Mountain Society rezoning application. I trust I will be able to attend the LTC meeting on Monday July 4th.

Best regards to you all

Nancy McPhee
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29 June 2022

To: Dan Rogers, Jane Wolverton, Tahirih Rockafella

RE: Crystal Mountain Rezoning, **GL-RZ-2014.1**

This letter is in support of the rezoning application for Crystal Mountain, GL-RZ-2014.1.

For the past many years, 17 or 20 depending on where one starts the count, Crystal Mountain Society has been in the rezoning process with the desire to create a retreat space for those interested in a Buddhist approach to spiritual practice. Buddhist practice is based on compassion, generosity, kindness, tolerance, and patience. Wise and ethical behaviour is part of this strong foundation. To refrain from harm, speak the truth, abstain from behaviour that clouds ones thoughts and actions is strongly encouraged. Crystal Mountain Society members and representatives, with these values in place, have led this rezoning process on our behalf.

For nearly two years this group of Crystal Mountain representatives met with a group of neighbours. From my understanding, the meetings with the neighbours were productive. Each person who attended learned much about the concerns and hopes of both Crystal Mountain and the people living in the neighbourhood. It is my understanding that many changes were made to the rezoning application in light of neighbour concerns, including giving 75% of the land to

another organization to hold in a nature protection covenant trust. It is my understanding that this land donation was **the** significant obstacle for this rezoning application to move forward and that without it, there would be continued opposition.

I understand all the surveys, reports, and all the many technical details required for the rezoning application to move forward to a Community Information meeting have been completed.

Crystal Mountain Society members and retreat participants are people who abide by the Buddhist values mentioned earlier. We desire a low impact retreat centre, gentle on the environment in all ways, respecting the interconnectedness of all beings. We wish to do no harm to any sentient being, no matter how big or how small. We practice tolerance and compassion, respecting our differences with dignity and kindness. We value the truth.

I wonder then, what is preventing this application for rezoning from moving ahead? What more might we do to fulfill our dream for all sentient beings?

Yours respectfully,

Nancy McPhee

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