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Subject: Concerning the Crystal Mountain Society rezoning proposal

Dear members of the Galiano LTC,

I am writing you this note as a long time voice within the Crystal Mountain Society community, to strongly encourage you to commit to going forward next week at the LTC meeting by setting September dates for a community information meeting and public hearing on behalf of the Crystal Mountain Society rezoning proposal.

Since CMS first applied to IT, back in 2004, we have worked with a long list of elected LTC reps, who have set many different challenges for us. In our ongoing effort to create a center for meditation and mindfulness within the Galiano community, it has been difficult not to fall into a certain despondency concerning our inability to move the Trust process forward to its final stages. Since the main focus of this rezoning proposal, reflecting values held by the CMS membership at large, has always been centred around protection of the Forest Ecosystem and proper groundwater management

(Certainly these are priorities I was passionate about in my years of work with the David Suzuki Foundation, and before that, with the Wilderness Committee), I ask you to please, please, commit to dates for a CIM and hearing that allows the rezoning to stay ahead of yet another election cycle.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

All the very best,
Stephen Foster
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