

**Jenny Cromarty**

**South Pender Island**

**BC**

April 22, 2022

To: Steve Wright, Cameron Thorn

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Ben McConchie  
Deb Morrison

From: Jim and Jenny Cromarty

Subject: Community Information Meeting Saturday April 23, 2022  
Proposed Bylaw Amendments to limit the floor area for residences and associated changes to the current land use bylaws

We have followed those proposals put forward by you, our elected trustees for South Pender; we have also tried to review the essentially negative comments emailed to us regularly in a document named "South Pender Community Link".

I used to attend the public meetings but have found them to be overtaken by individuals with very loud voices, erroneous comments, self interest, and an inability to LISTEN and discuss matters in a civilized manner. Unfortunately, these same loud voices seem to infiltrate many such public meetings. Our non-attendance at these meetings in no way indicates a lack of interest or concern, rather a resistance to listening to the rants of others rather than useful and informative discussions.

We have owned our property since 1975 and built our home in 1991 with a view to it becoming our "forever" home. We were aware that by building within the Gulf Islands Trust area, we would always need to abide by the existing guidelines. Changes to those guidelines and bylaws have taken place over the years but always with a view to protecting the precious lands where we live. We have watched with some concern, the extensive changes that have taken place in the design and size of dwellings that have been built in the intervening years. We appreciate that there would be gradual growth in the number of houses being built on the island as more people become aware of the beauty of this place but it is unacceptable to buy or build here and then lobby loud, long and hard to change the very nature of what makes this place so special. Self interest and greed seem to be driving factors here.

The changes to dwelling size and setbacks seem reasonable and necessary based on new knowledge, engineering studies and research on the shoreline and its changes over the past years.

It is unfortunate that specific dwelling sizes must be stipulated in a bylaw change, but common sense, respect for neighbours, and the very land and surrounding seas seems to have disappeared and therefore we agree that such limitations should now be stated.

Climate change, environmental awareness, including immediate water shortages specific to South Pender, call for more thoughtful planning for the future needs and preservation of all of these islands, and must be in the hands of elected officials and those professionals whose only goal is to “protect and preserve the network of special and unique natural systems that make up the **islands** in the Salish Sea”. We are so very fortunate to have spent our adult lives on this island and have the responsibility to do all we can to ensure its unique nature for future generations to appreciate. Are we to ignore recent clear impacts in this province alone?

We live in a province that has finally started on the long road to reconciliation with, particularly the Coast Salish Indigenous Peoples. The Islands Trust Conservancy 2019 Reconciliation Document uses the words “future stewardship”. That says it all, we are stewards not owners.

We are aware and appreciate the extensive time and dedication North Pender Trustees Deb Morrison and Ben McConchie contribute to the islands’ governance – we are so fortunate to have four such knowledgeable, dedicated individuals working on our behalf and that of future generations.

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To: North Pender Local Trust Committee  
RE: Changing Zoning to Prohibit Docks

I do not support changing the zoning for docks on North Pender Island from W-1 zoning (which permits docks) to W-3 (which does not permit docks).

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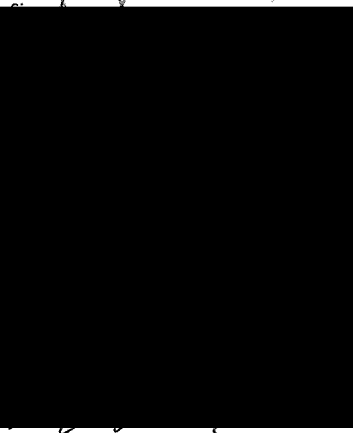
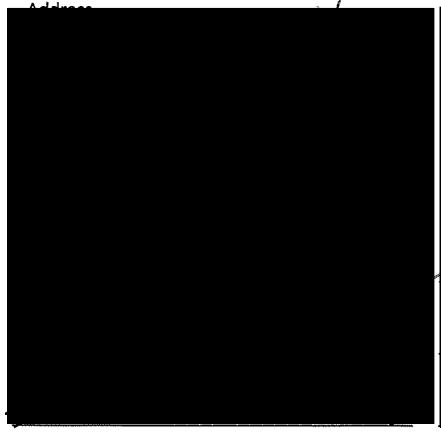
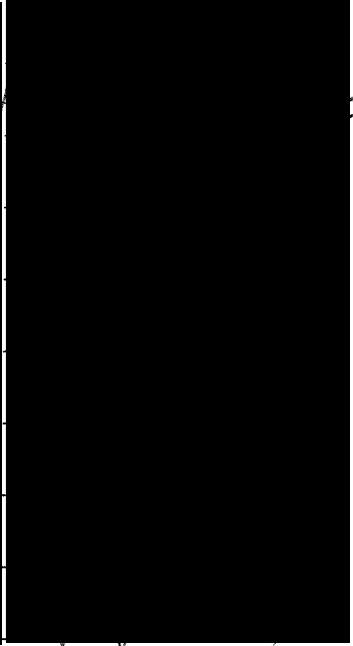
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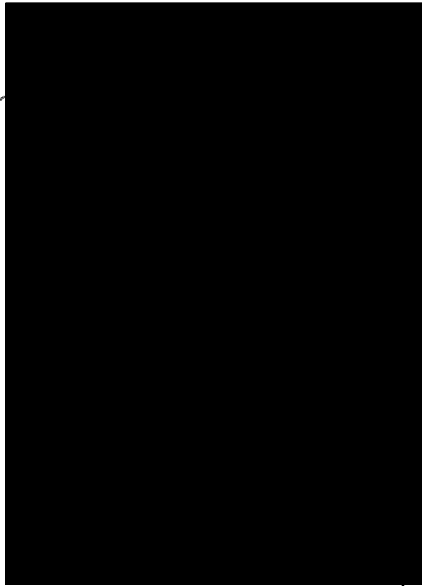
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