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Trustees,

Now that the Land Use Bylaw Project is well underway, the LTC may wish to consider how best to engage local First Nations in the consultation process when the new proposed bylaw is drafted.

Our LTC Standing Resolution states that the LTC will:

- d) Work with First Nation governments on engagement principles for inclusive land use, marine use, and climate change planning; advocacy, protection and stewardship; and knowledge and information sharing protocols;

In May 2023 the Minister of Municipal Affairs wrote to the LTC chair raising concerns regarding the nature and extent of the LTC's substantive consultation with the W̱SÁNEĆ FN. The Minister expressed concern about the role of Indigenous People in the development of the Bylaw including "changes to land use, building height and density to reduce impacts in areas defined as culturally sensitive and/or significant".

Since the S,DÁYES South Pender coastline is both an environmentally and culturally sensitive area and the proposed bylaw involves the issue of setbacks from the natural boundary of the sea, it would be timely to consider how best to involve the W̱SÁNEĆ First Nation representatives in the consultation process.

Given the positive engagement with Hereditary Chief Eric Pelkey (W̱ÍCKINEM) last year, it would seem appropriate to notify Chief Pelkey of the plan to review the land use bylaw and seek his guidance on how best to engage in a meaningful consultation process.

I would be happy to assist in drafting a letter to Chief Pelkey if that would be helpful.

Sincerely, Monica Petrie



South Pender Island