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Islands2050

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for undertaking this more comprehensive public engagement process.

On our small Magic Lake property, we have retained and are proud custodians of our 20+ mature Douglas fir trees. We have chosen to stay natural; it is why we come to our Pender property. This is true of all our neighbours. On our island, few lots have had substantial tree removal and over time, the trees are growing back faster than they are being removed. The time-lapsed aerial images show that. And most people don't remove trees due to the high cost of tree removal.

There are so many costs with by-laws and regulation, permitting and enforcement staff, tree professional reports, permit fees, not to mention extra time. These are all unnecessary.

We are very sensitive to wildfire issues on our islands and want to practice FireSmart recommendations, as CRD has raised awareness. A tree cutting by-law would work against that important initiative.

As responsible citizens, we do not need any tree cutting restrictions. Why try to fix a problem that doesn't exist. Our natural environment is thriving around us.

Respectfully,
Juanita Evans