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**Subject:** Application PL-RZ-2024-0003 (Palmberg)

Dear Trustees,

On February 5th, 2025 I sent you a letter about the negative potential health impacts of having a cidery/winery on Galiano. I also spoke during the last LTC meeting about it.

I would like to add that it will be **unreasonable** for the Galiano LTC not to try to obtain information about the level of alcohol consumption on the Southern Gulf Islands, and the consequences to the residents health before giving first reading. As I wrote in my previous letter the Precautionary Principle from the Galiano OCP:

*"This Plan supports using the precautionary principle in land use decisions: "WHEN AN ACTIVITY RAISES THREATS OF HARM TO HUMAN HEALTH or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken even if some cause-and-effect relationships are not fully established scientifically."*

I hope this means that you have as Trustees responsibilities with respect to the health of Galiano residents than you wouldn't normally have if you weren't Trustees.

[REDACTED] is the Island Health' Chief medical health officer. This is a link for an interview where among other issues, speaks about alcohol consumption.

<https://www.timescolonist.com/local-news/meet-island-healths-new-chief-medical-health-officer-5897127>

The following link is from Island Health with the list of medical officers for our region that no doubt you could easily contact for information.

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/about-us/medical-health-officers>

It is a pity that while the Galiano Health Clinic should have been the first to be contacted about the suitability from the health point of view of having a cidery/winery on Galiano, this consultation would not be possible [REDACTED]  
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I know that many residents of the island would enjoy having one more place to drink alcoholic beverages, and that selling alcohol drinks brings a lot of money, but as Trustees you should consider if a future cidery/winery would be a positive step for the overall health of Galiano residents.

Kind regards,

Maria Carmita de Menyhart

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