

From: Dan Rogers
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Gambier Island Local Trust Committee
Subject: FW: Next Local Trust Committee Meeting - April 1 10:30 AM

An email received last night commenting on the Foreshore work. Mr. Phillips was a member of the Working Group.

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-----Original Message-----

From: N Phillips [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 10:32 PM
To: Dan Rogers
Subject: Re: Next Local Trust Committee Meeting - April 1 10:30 AM

Dear Dan,

> Hello Islanders. I am forwarding the link for the Agenda and
> materials for the next Gambier Local Trust Committee Meeting. ...

I doubt that I can attend the relevant part of this meeting, because of work commitments 11:00 am--noon. So I want to send you comments on the Keats Shoreline Protection Project (appended). Thank you for your consideration.

---Chris Phillips

In the bylaw changes suggested related to Keats Island shoreline protection:

Adding a new regulation limiting the seaward projection of a private float and dock to 30 metres measured from the natural boundary of the sea

I am not there to measure it, but my recollection is that in much of Plumper Cove, this distance isn't even enough to reach the low tide line for the spring tides in June--July. I think this is true of other places on Keats Island as well. Combined with other regulations, it would prohibit private floats in these areas entirely. Please delete this, or rewrite to specify distance from the low tide line.

The proposed bylaw also appears to require a permit for the removal of even one tree of a native species. This is great overreach.

The proposed bylaw fairly clearly (in the section "Pruning of not more than two trees in one growing season ...") prohibits the practice, common in Plumper Cove and probably elsewhere, of keeping a collection of trees between the cabin and the sea topped at a certain height, to preserve a view. For example, it would not be possible to keep a cedar hedge as a hedge. This is clearly unreasonable, and may lead to people removing trees to avoid this issue. (In some cases in Plumper Cove, the trees involved were not naturally present: they were planted as an erosion control measure, with the assumption that they would be kept as a rough hedge.)

Proposal:

Residential docks should not extend from shore any further than necessary to accommodate a small pleasure craft.

I am not sure what "small" means, but this apparently blocks already existing uses of docks in Plumper Cove and probably elsewhere, where what I assume would be "large" pleasure craft are commonly tied up.

("Large" here means lengths up to about 10--13 meters. If these are considered "small", I am less worried.) Moreover, it blocks docks large enough to accommodate visits by people using larger pleasure craft; some docks in Plumper Cove often have such visits.