

**From:** Dan Rogers  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 3:44 PM  
**To:** Gambier Island Local Trust Committee  
**Subject:** FW: (ignore previous message) Keats Development Permit Area proposal

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Preserving and Protecting Over 450 Islands and the Surrounding Waters in the Salish Sea I am humbly thankful that I live and work in the territory of the BOKÉĆEN, Cowichan, Halalt, Homalco, K'ómok, Klahoose, Lake Cowichan, Lekwungen, Lyackson, MÁLEXEŁ, Penelakut, Qualicum, Scia'new, sel'ílwitulh, SEMYOME, Shíshálh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Sḵwḵwú7mesh, SḶÁUTW, Stz'uminus, SXIMEŁEŁ, T'Sou-ke, Tla'amin, Tsawwassen, We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, WJOLELP, WSIKEM, and x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm.

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From: N Phillips [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 3:32 PM  
To: Dan Rogers  
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Dear Dan,

Please ignore the previous message. It was sent prematurely as a result of my internet connection being cut while working on email.

This is for the entire local council, for tomorrow's meeting. I might come to part of it, but quite possibly not, because of the time zone difference. (I am in Germany.)

I am pleased to see that the dock length restriction seems to have been removed from the Keats Development Permit Area proposal. But serious problems remain, and are now worse because of the revision of the landward boundary from 7.5 meters to 15 meters.

In Plumper Cove, 15 meters from the natural boundary of the sea goes to well behind some of the houses. A complicated permit process would be required even for rather minor things, such as building a small woodshed next to a house, installing a water tank (important if there are more dry summers), or improving a well cover. While 15 meters back may be appropriate for some areas of Keats, in much of Plumper Cove, with its steep slopes and bedrock not far below the surface, it is simply unreasonable. There are also other parts of the island where this is true.

The restrictions on tree cutting and pruning, already unreasonable, are now made worse. In Plumper Cove, some of us cut down all the trees between our house and the beach, or are on please too rocky for trees to grow, and our views won't be affected. But some of us just topped trees, or even (like my family) planted trees where there were none before, and preserve our views by keeping them topped. (We have a very roughly shaped and oversized cedar hedge in front of the house, which is cut back every two or three years. The trees were planted by my grandfather.) The ones of us that did that

will soon find ourselves encased in forest, with no view and no sunlight. Please change this. Thank you very much.

---Chris Phillips