

From: Dan Rogers
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 8:31 AM
To: Gambier Island Local Trust Committee
Subject: FW: Gambier Local Trust Area - Next Local Trust Committee Meeting - July 22, 2021 - 10:30 AM

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From: Sharlein Smith [REDACTED]
Date: 2021-07-21 11:07 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: Dan Rogers <drogers@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Cc: Ian Roote [REDACTED], Gary Home Fraser [REDACTED], Bruce Meek [REDACTED], Steve Smith [REDACTED], Kevin Roote [REDACTED], Susan & Andy Kegel [REDACTED], Susan Kegel [REDACTED], Kathi Bentall [REDACTED], Curt Shepard [REDACTED], Sheri Shepard [REDACTED], Chris Ritchie [REDACTED]
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Dear Dan and Trustees,

My family have owned a property and home in Plumper Cove since 1938. We and our Plumper Cove neighbours have always tried to take care of our property while also maintaining an environmental approach towards the land and water. Those things are not mutually exclusive.

My family and I are very concerned about the proposed new bylaws and restrictions. We are opposed to the proposed new restrictions regarding “structures”, set backs from the water, and restrictions to things such as tree pruning. For safety, trail maintenance, fire prevention, views and enjoyment, tree pruning is essential to good and healthy property maintenance on the Island.

Maintaining cabins and other structures is also key to ensuring safety on the Island. In our area, the structures have been there many years and are historic. The configuration of the land is such that the proposed setbacks would make maintaining and caring for our homes and properties problematic under the proposed regulations. That is simply something that makes no sense and we vigorously oppose.

I understand our Plumper Cove representatives on the Working Group have voiced some of these concerns. There is no indication that the voices of the actual residents of Keats Island are being taken into account in these proposals.

I am concerned that the approach by the IT seems to be to increasingly regulate activities and a way of life unnecessarily. As property owners, we maintain and care for our properties and we want to ensure the best possible outcome for all Islanders now and for future generations. In addition, many of the recent and current proposals don't seem to consider the realities of Keats Island geography and practicalities of the way of life where much of the maintenance work is done by property owners.

Unfortunately, due to my work schedule, I am unable to participate in the scheduled meeting however, I would be happy to have this email shared with those who are able to attend the meeting.

Regards,
Sharlein Smith

On Jul 15, 2021, at 9:41 PM, Dan Rogers <drogers@islandstrust.bc.ca> wrote:

Good evening Islanders in the Gambier Local Trust Area. I trust you are all keeping safe. Below is the link to the information and materials for the next Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting. This meeting will be conducted on Zoom and will be recorded. You will be able to join or just watch if you wish. All are welcome to attend. We will be discussing a number of items on the Agenda and I point out in particular for Keats Island that there is a proposal for First Reading of a Draft bylaw regarding foreshore and near shore protection. As always there will be a Town Hall where you will be able to ask questions about this or other matters or make your point of view known. If you wish to comment on anything on our Agenda or otherwise but can't make the meeting or would rather do so in writing you can write gambierislandlocaltrustcommittee@islandstrust.bc.ca or me directly indicating whether your message is just for me or for all members of the LTC

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/gambier-island-local-trust-committee-4/>

I will be sending out an update in the next few days regarding the status of Trust Councils **Trust Policy Statement**.

Regards

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