

## Sonja Zupanec

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**From:** patriciaann maloney <pattheplanner54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022 11:31 AM  
**To:** Joanne Ovitsland  
**Cc:** Alex Allen; Grant Scott; Sonja Zupanec; Sharon Horsburgh  
**Subject:** Re: Hornby Island Community Consultation

Joanne, thank you for your email. The format of the meeting was directed by Islands Trust. We, the consultants, reviewed the submission by the HISTRA and the APC along with 30+ emails that were sent into the Islands Trust. We did not pre determine any recommendations. We will now be looking at all the information including comments from the online engagement session.

The student, Nadine, read the comments from the chat room, anything posted on the chat that went to everyone is part of the public record. If there was supposed to be private messages that were sent to everyone, Nadine was not in a position to determine the status. I can only leave this to the Islands Trust and there policies about removing or editing a recording of a meeting.

The APC will determine if we will be meeting with them again. There certainly are strong feelings about the topic of the STVR's, however, it was only one of four topics that we will be considering for potential amendments to the OCP.

There will be another engagement session once the draft recommendations have been forwarded to the LTC. Should you feel that more engagement for a different format is more appropriate, I suggest that you make that request to the LTC. In addition, there will be many opportunities for community members to speak regarding the draft recommendations as they move through the process.

Your email and comments have been added to the information that we will be reviewing.

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On Tue, Oct 11, 2022 at 8:46 AM Joanne Ovitsland [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Patricia,

I attended the Islands Trust Special Meeting on Oct 6 2022 regarding the Hornby island Official Community Plan Amendment Review Project.

I have a number of questions and concerns regarding the structure and content of the meeting. It should be noted that I am also a current member of the HI APC and am deeply invested in this process.

First, the Masters Student (Danielle) that was assisting with the process, read aloud a private message I had sent to the Consultants / Trustees. My message stated that I was uncomfortable commenting publicly as I live in an illegal secondary dwelling and have a bylaw enforcement complaint against me and I wanted to explore other ways of contributing. By essentially "outing" me to all the attendees, I felt that I could not consider participating. It also added to my housing insecurity as there are individuals that may not have known about my personal situation and that are agitating for the Special Resolution protecting those living in illegal second dwelling be dismissed immediately. **Please edit out or mute this part of the Engagement prior to posting to the IT website.**

I also felt confused about the format of the meeting. I thought that the meeting would not only allow for input from the community, but would specifically address the APC recommendations. I believe this was the expectation of most attendees. It would have been extremely useful if the process you were about to undertake had been given some context and timelines. Specifically, what you hoped to achieve at this meeting and next steps. When asked this question at the end of the meeting by Trustee Scott, it was still unclear to me about the role you have in this process.

Further to the above, it was not made clear what the recommendations you will be making to the Trustees will be about. Will you address the specific APC recommendations? Will you be making recommendations about next steps in community engagement? How will you ensure that you best capture the feelings of the broader community regarding the APC recommendations? Will you provide an opportunity for community members to engage via email correspondence? The meeting last week did not allow for thoughtful discussion about the actual recommendations and this is essential for the process. I have had a number of attendees express dismay to me and that they have lost faith regarding the process.

It must be reinforced that the STVR sector is organized and motivated by personal financial gain and does not represent the broader community.

Will you be engaging with the APC members regarding the process to develop the recommendations?

Finally, as we face increasing impacts of the Climate Crisis along with global financial and real estate trends, the idea of continuing with the current Bylaws regarding STVRs (the most lax in the Trust area) is unsustainable. We also need to explore the most accessible and reasonable actions we can take to ensure housing for all.

The outcomes of the project will be enormously impactful to the Hornby Community and I hope that next steps of the process will be presented with clarity.

I look forward to your response.

Regards,  
Joanne Ovitsland

NOTE: As this correspondence addresses my personal housing situation I do not want it to be made public.

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*I acknowledge that I have the honour of living and working in the traditional and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*