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To: northinfo
Subject: Fw: Hornby Island Agricultural Association

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I respectfully acknowledge that I live, work and play on the Unceded Traditional Territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land and many Coast Salish People.

From: katy [REDACTED]
Sent: February 2, 2024 9:21 AM
To: Alex Allen; gscott@islandtrust.bc.ca; Timothy Peterson
Subject: Hornby Island Agricultural Association

Dear Trustees,

I am writing you to express my concern regarding the newly formed Hornby Island Agricultural Association, of which I'm sure you are all well aware.

I wanted to write to you about the delegation reporting at Fridays Trust meeting, the newly formed Hornby Island Agricultural Association and my concerns about who they are representing.

As a member of the community garden, a project of the Farmlands Trust, who maintains relationships with a number of island producers, I was surprised to hear that a new agricultural association had been formed. I have not heard about any engagement or consultation with many Hornby growers and producers. My concern is that with a name like the Hornby Island Agricultural Association one may be led to believe that this group represents Hornby Islands agricultural community. However, the information in their letter to you leads me to believe this group represents and lobbies for their own interests in making money from tourist accommodation. So, I ask that you take that in consideration when looking at what this association is asking for and who they may be representing.

Glamping and other of agri-tourism activities as listed in HIAA's letter, are ancillary activities as per the Agricultural Land Commissions. Ancillary by definition means, "providing necessary support to the primary activities or operation of an organization, institution, industry, or system." Primary activities which are agricultural. The ALR, A1 zoned land is meant to protect farmland and support local food production. I understand the Agricultural Land Commission allows for ancillary activities to support farming, it is extremely difficult to make a living as a farmer.

I would however, encourage the Trustees to support and encourage the agricultural uses of all A1 zoned properties in their Land Use Planning decisions for the purpose of local food security on Hornby Island.

Thanks for your consideration,

Katy Dewinetz