From: Gordon n' Bruce Jones

Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 1:44 PM

To: Stephen Baugh

Subject: Scottie Bay Dock application LA-RZ-2023.1-LTC

Attachments: BJSB.pdf

Please find attached letter of support for Scottie Bay Dock application LA-RZ-2023.1-LTC

Bruce Jones

First Responder Support for Scottie Bay Dock Application

LA-RZ-2023.1: Land Use Bylaw and Official Community Plan Amendment

Mr. S. Baugh Planner, Islands Trust

Dear Mr. Baugh:

For the past 35 years, I have volunteered with RCMSAR (Marine Search and Rescue) and have completed more than 300 marine incidents from the waters around Lasqueti Island. Having dock access has been critical to the rescue of many mariners.

Unlike other gulf islands, Lasqueti has no car ferry and has limited options for transferring freight and passengers. The Islands Trust regulations on dock placement may make sense for other gulf islands with reliable car ferry service, but here on Lasqueti Island we need more dock space. This is important to all island residents as docks provide safe access points for supplies to be delivered as well as being evacuation points should we need to move people out during forest fires.

There is strong support for this application among those of us who live and work on the water and we urge you to approve this dock application as it is important for the health and safety of our island.

Sincerely,

Bruce Jones
Skerry Bay, Lasqueti Island