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Subject: scotty Bay dock Application

I ask that the LTC not proceed with this application. Please do not go to a public hearing. This issue has been well publicized and addressed. The OCP review recently concluded that no change be made to the existing RLUB rule on public docks. There have been public meetings on this issue. A well organized campaign of support has been completed . What,s the issue? An illegal dock in place.

What's the process? Refer the issue of private docks to the APC for their comment and consideration of a change to the existing OCP policy.

Consider the recommendations of the Islands Trust Staff report.

Further public consideration of this specific application will only deepen public division . Participation will be one sided, as no one in opposition wants to be yelled at in a public meeting , subject to intimidation, or threatened.

Had the applicant followed the legal process and applied before building the dock, I would have had little to say. For me the issue is the attempt to subvert the Community plan, ignore the RLUB, and undermine the legitimacy of the Islands trust. We either rule by laws agreed to by the majority of participants, or we rule by who shouts loudest and musters the most support on each issue. I favour rule by law, with opportunities for dissenters to appeal.

. While the applicants offer of emergency access is laudable, having driven the EMU for 10 years, I cannot imagine driving an injured or ill person down thar slope, nor do i think that the vehicle would make it back up. The dock at the Lasqueti Fish company is a viable deep water alternative for emergency evacuations. Only the Laqueti First responders can identify how often, if ever, there has been a medivac in Scotty Bay. Most medivacs occur either at False Bay dock or by helivac at the school.

Happily I,m told there is an alternative solution that could allow the applicants to keep their dock and provide a public good in exchange. If a public dock were constructed at the Scotty Bay public access by the applicant, the LTC could legalize their dock. There would need to be a rezone of the foreshore, approval from the Feds, and an agreement with Qrd to administer and maintain the dock(part of local services). The provision of a public good in return for a variance of the local bylaws is well established provincially. *I suggest the LTC consider legalizing the existing dock in return for the applicants building a public dock in Scotty Bay.*

