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**Lasqueti Heritage Sheep
Transplanting Wildflowers**

These ladies are little fuzzy organic fertilizer factories

We feed the plants that feed us

"3 adult sheep can produce in
excess of 9,000 pounds of
manure and over 500 litres of
urine per year"

That's 225 40 pound
wheelbarrow loads with a 4
litre jug of urine on top.

March 19, 2021

Dear Lasqueti Isand Trust Committee;

I/we cannot support the Draft Official Community Plan (OCP). On page 14, advocacy policies, 2,4, and 6 are on attempt to re-label the sheep as an invasive feral species and to eliminate them by legislation. The sheep are the only "invasive species" named in the entire OCP. The suggested changes that follow would make the OCP acceptable.

- 1) Delete advocacy policy (2) and replace it with the old objective from our current OCP as below
{Current OCP} "To support balanced control of the local feral/heritage sheep which are a valued part of the community and it's history.
- 2) Advocacy policy (4) can be made current by inserting (in particular rats and bullfrogs) after invasive species in line one. Rats and bullfrogs are strangely ignored in the OCP draft.
- 3) Delete and remove policy (6). It is legislation aimed directly at our sheep. It advocates and encourages landowners to eliminate the sheep on their property. It is one change away from becoming mandatory. Simply change "encourage to shall. Advocacy policy (6) must be removed.
- 4) Define feral/heritage sheep. Feral has become a synonym for invasive. Feral and invasive are both purgatives.

It is essential that we define feral/heritage in a way that reflects the Lasqueti reality. It should be factual and neutral. For example:

Feral - Semi wild free ranging domestic sheep

Heritage - Acknowledges the sheep long history on Lasqueti (1860-61) and their value to the community.

These are reasonable and necessary changes and they would make the OCP a better bylaw.

Thank you for your consideration

Gail Darwin