

From: Peter Grove
Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 7:23 PM
To: tarasoff
Cc: Peter Luckham; SSIInfo
Subject: Re: Bylaw 528

Thanks Ruth. I hear you! Understand that first reading is merely to get the issue on the table. It is a long way from passing new bylaws. I am copying this to staff for the record

Regards

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On Feb 5, 2022, at 7:15 PM, tarasoff <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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From: tarasoff <[REDACTED]>
Date: February 5, 2022 at 7:05:10 PM PST
To: patrick@islandstrust.bc.ca
Subject: Re:Bylaw 528

Dear Trustees,

Thank you for all you do to make Salt Spring liveable for everyone.

I am writing with deep concern about the possibility of untoward consequences of adopting Bylaw 528.

With respect, I am asking you to not allow first reading in order to allow for a more inclusive community discussion to take place. I do understand the pressures from the poorly and underhoused. I do not think this bylaw will solve them.

As a focus group member in the last OCP review, the idea of growth was to concentrate development within or near the existing village 'pods'. This would avoid sprawl. There was a demand for housing on farms to accommodate workers, understandable. There was a push to allow suites in houses, eg particularly to allow for live-in help for the elderly and frail, good idea. And yes, I remember advocating for smaller homes to combat the often excessively large 'dream homes' that are usually flipped when island life isn't quite what they were looking for. Throwing the entire island open for often temporary structures is a bad idea. Let us keep looking for more housing opportunities within the village cores where most of the jobs are. Let's not throw the baby out with the bath water.

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I guess what I'm saying is we do have experience and the idea of opening up large lots to development provides for almost untamed sprawl, unmanageable water use, more traffic on our terrible secondary roads and inevitably, spoiled countryside. And let's face it, not everyone wants to be a landlord.

What about second storey living above village stores? The issue of lack of affordable housing is world wide, especially where tourists and their needs have become paramount. Please don't give away our beautiful islands' pastoral views and quiet spaces lightly. Our environment can only take so much.....

Please do not advance bylaw 528. This will not solve the problem.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Tarasoff [REDACTED]

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