

From: Teresa Gillen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2022 1:10 PM
To: SSInfo
Subject: Bylaw 530

A friend shared this email below from Laura Patrick. I am very grateful for her perspective and her dedicated support of this very important and timely issue.

PLEASE allow this increase in housing described in ByLaw 530 as a first step in addressing our serious concerns.

I would be grateful that you do not add my contact info to any mailing lists. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Teresa Gillen

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Salt Spring Island.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laura Patrick <lpatrick@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Subject:
Date: July 27, 2022 at 12:53:08 PM PDT

I ask you to shake your networks to send in an email or plan to speak at the August 18 Public Hearing supporting Bylaw 530 – accessory dwelling units.

This bylaw helps islanders to house islanders within a small environmental footprint. Planners call them ‘accessory dwelling units’, but regular folk call them cottages and suites, and they’re not a new thing here on Salt Spring. But the bylaw is new, and with it we’re attempting to provide a solution that will grow our on-island complement of resident landlords -- people with a primary residence who are willing to let either a secondary suite, a suite associated with an accessory building, or a cottage.

Allowing accessory dwelling units as rental housing will not solve the critical housing equity and workforce shortages we are experiencing here, but it will

begin to expand the housing options. The vast majority of housing on Salt Spring consists of expensive single family homes, many of which have a large environmental footprint. We need a better mix of housing types to address the needs of our community. I believe we can increase the quality and quantity of housing options, while ensuring preservation and protection of the island's biodiversity and freshwater, marine, and forest resources.
Please send emails to ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca

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