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Subject: South Pender By-law 122

South Pender Trustees - Kristina Evans, Dag Falck and Toby Elliott

Dear South Pender Island Trustees,

I am writing to note that I have not and continue not to support Bylaw 122 and would recommend the Trustees to rescind the by-law.

This bylaw was passed not only without the support of the majority of South Pender Island Residents, but also without the support of the Chair of the last Local Trust Committee. It was evident from petitions, letters addressed to the last LTC and those that spoke out at meetings that there was little support for the changes to the South Pender Land Use By-law adopted by By-law 122.

Additionally the By-law includes changes that were never discussed or made transparent to the community - increase in and change to cistern storage for instance. It does not represent sound or a normal planning process given that an in depth review took place no less than 3 years previous resulting in the By-law that was adopted in 2016, further it took up valuable time and resources of Island Trust planning staff that now leave South Pender in a deficit budget position for work that the LTC may wish to undertake.

By-law 122 does not support the changing demographics of South Pender, it does not support the challenges of housing for those unable or unwilling to purchase a home on South Pender. It onerosly restricts the rights of property owners related to the use and development of their property and has instituted a number of permit requirements that add cost, that are unnecessary and have been proven to take up the time and resources of staff unnecessarily.

Further a recent request to contact the Island's Trust Committee and support By-law 122 appears to have been sent via an email list <u>without permission of the recipients</u>. It can be concluded this was shared by a person/persons unlawfully a clear contravention of FOIP legislation.

We were on track to have a transparent and fulsome discussion with the Local Trust Council about their project list for the next four years. I am hopeful that this early divisiveness will not deter the current LTC and the community from recognizing and re-evaluating how these amendments came about, abandoning By-law 122 and looking to return South Pender to the former by-law, one that was drafted and adopted with significant input and discussion only a short time ago.

Respectfully,
Donna Spalding