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SP LTC members,

I understand from your previous meeting that you intend to repeal Bylaw 122. It wasn't clear why you decided to do that other than for political reasons. I should note that I don't believe the LTC can repeal a bylaw with a motion. Trustees will need to proceed with a public process, based upon "procedural fairness", to amend the existing Land Use Bylaw 114.

Trustees can certainly review all bylaws to ensure they are effective and practical and, if not, consider amendments to improve them. If the LTC chooses to do this it should be done with the entire Land Use Bylaw, but to target the specific amendments of Bylaw 122 is, in my opinion, prejudicial, unnecessary, and ill advised.

I would not object to reviewing some components of Bylaw 122 (now consolidated in Bylaw 114), through an inclusive, community process. No bylaw is perfect or should be considered permanent, but many regulations within the Bylaw 122 amendment uphold and further policies of the Trust Policy Statement and the South Pender OCP, and should be kept.

Repealing only the contents of Bylaw 122 will focus attention and debate upon the reasons for your decision, not any legitimate concerns about those provisions or the overall improvement of Bylaw 114. It will likely stir up the division we witnessed last term and regurgitate the debate that could not be resolved previously, ie: to what extent will the mandate play in community interests verses individual interests.

If your stated desire, if not your duty, is to represent the entire community, repealing the contents of Bylaw 122 at the request of one constituency within the community is not the way to honour that commitment considering the amount of support Bylaw 122 garnered.

I ask that if a review is considered necessary, and I suggest it is, then have a review based upon the requirements of the Trust Policy Statement, our OCP, and the mandate, not for political reasons.

Respectfully,

Steve Wright
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