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To: SouthInfo <SouthInfo@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Subject: Letter in lieu of attendance at Sept 1st meeting

South Pender Trustees,

I am unable to attend the upcoming September 1st meeting. I attended the last meeting, held on June 3rd, and I was shocked at the action taken to repeal Bylaw 122. I understand from my subsequent communication with the Trust that this decision was not valid.

It became obvious to me at the last meeting that many in our community do not have accurate information with respect to the meaning of "legal non-conforming" with regard to the bylaw. This has created fear where there should not be. The planner addressed this issue at the last meeting and I believe you, as trustees, have an obligation to reference the planner's position on this when this issue is raised. Making decisions based on community input will be clearly be flawed if the facts provided to the community are not accurate.

I do not believe based on the history of Bylaw 122 that any changes are required at this time. The variances given since implementation show that there is flexibility when warranted. I strongly believe the current Bylaw is consistent with the obligation of the Trust to preserve and protect the Trust area. By choosing to live in this area, we have chosen to live in a fragile ecosystem and this bylaw is an important way to ensure this ecosystem is maintained.

Regards
Jennifer Lecour