

From: Jennifer Lecour <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:02 PM

To: SouthInfo <SouthInfo@islandstrust.bc.ca>; South Pender Island Local Trust Committee <SouthPenderLTC@islandstrust.bc.ca>

Subject: Input Regarding Setback Provisions in Bylaw No. 114

To the South Pender Trustees,

This letter is with regard to the review of the current setback provisions in Land Use Bylaw No. 114. I strongly support maintaining these setback regulations. These regulations were passed in 2022 and since that time the case for having these setbacks is even stronger. Climate change is having a significant impact and is proving that it is critical we protect the natural environment. If anything, in my view, the setbacks should be extended not decreased. We live in an area that is ecologically sensitive and by living here we have to accept restrictions on our rights as property owners to ensure that we protect this sensitive environment. The current Bylaw setback provisions balance property owners rights by allowing replacement of buildings that are currently within the setback and also allow for variance by application for new structures. Fears about the impact of non-conformance, such as the ability to procure insurance for structures in existence prior to the bylaw implementation, have been clearly addressed by the Island Trust as not an issue. I am at a loss to understand why these setbacks would be decreased at this time.

Regards,
Jennifer Lecour