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Subject: house size on South Pender

To the trustees on South Pender Island regarding house size:

House size on South Pender needs to remain as set after many informative meetings that provided for community input. Our present by-law protects present houses by making it legal to rebuild on the old foundation. It is my understanding that provision would be lost if the bylaw is rescinded.

Larger houses use more of our island's resources especially water and may encroach on the privacy of neighbors. Larger houses increase light pollution and noise pollution that may disturb neighbors. Sound travels and if houses are too large and close together sound and light can disturb both neighbors and wildlife. Most people come here for the quiet rural environment and the privacy it offers among other things. In my opinion South Pender Island should remain rural. This is not Lake Como or Cinque Terre. Do not let large mansions and luxury rental establishments spoil our rural environment.

Rather than spend time on re opening the house size issue, I suggest the trustees spend time on making sensible rules about new house construction regulations that take climate change into consideration. All new houses should have water storage or cisterns and inflammable siding and roofs. Those with a south facing roof, could plan to have solar installed to cut down on hydro bills and green houses gases from fossil fuel heating. Healthy evergreen trees need to be kept unless dangerous and invasive plants not introduced and removed if present.

As new trustees who are also new to South Pender, I appreciate you are taking steps to learn what is important to your constituents and the environment you are now living in. Trallee Dun