

February 13, 2025

Dear Trustees,

This message is intended to reaffirm our support for Bylaw 122, and firm opposition to the weakening of its provisions concerning house size and setbacks that we believe you are prepared to enact at the next LTC meeting. The reasons for our opposition, relating both to the nature and anticipated consequences of this proposed rollback, as well as the questionable process by which you have reached this decision, have been well expressed in other submissions that are part of the public record. They will not be further strengthened by repeating them here.

Suffice it to repeat that we find the provisions of Bylaw 122, as it stands, align well with the fundamental objectives of the Islands Trust, especially as they relate to the protection and preservation of the natural environment and rural character of our island. It is these objectives, we all, as residents of South Pender Island, and you especially, as Trustees, have a responsibility to uphold. Failure to do so, especially where it works, or is seen to work, to the advantage a few of those who are currently privileged to reside here, undermines the trust placed in us to serve as stewards of this land for the benefit of all, including non-residents and future residents and visitors—the immeasurable “silent majority”.

Sincerely,

David and Pamela Kirkpatrick

