

Dear Trustees,

I am unable to attend the February 14th LTC meeting and provide my views here. I have followed the various meetings with interest including the LTC and APC agendas and minutes. I reviewed the agenda package and the draft bylaw 129 changes with dismay.

The staff report refers to reverting the side lot line setback to 10 feet. I do not support that proposed change and I do support the 20 foot side yard setback from any interior or exterior side lot line that protects property owner's privacy. I support retaining the 15m (50 foot) setback from the natural boundary of the sea.

I support our current floor area limits in Bylaw 115. These limits are in keeping with our OCP goals of protecting our Island's rural character and ensuring that development and growth are gradual and sustainable. Where there are exceptional circumstances, a property owner can apply for a variance. I understand that trustees have approved variances that have increased the maximum floor area. I have reviewed the three options for house maximum floor area limits and can see no reason to support any of them.

I have seen the staff report on the matter of pre-existing buildings that do not comply with the current bylaw sizes and setbacks. That opinion seemed to clearly point out that those buildings, if burned down, can be replaced in the same location and size that they are now.

So in conclusion, the current bylaw seems to offer residents the peace and quiet and natural environment that most people have come to South Pender to enjoy. There must be more important matters that the Trustees can spend their valuable time on.

Respectfully,  
Bert Hol

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