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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 10:51 AM **To:** Kristina Evans; Dag Falck; Tobi Elliott

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Subject: Letter of Support for South Pender Bill 129 - Rick Friesen

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Please find, attached, my letter of support for proposed South Pender Bylaw 129. I request that it be included with the public record of correspondence on that Bylaw.

Rick Friesen

Richard Friesen South Pender Island, BC.

South Pender Island Local Trustees and Chair. Islands Trust, South Pender Island

March 25, 2025

Dear Chair Elliot, Trustee Evans and Trustee Falck.

I am Rick Friesen, and I would like register my support of proposed Land Use Bylaw 129 as written in the package for the South Pender Special LTC meeting of March 27.

While the proposed Bylaw 129 falls short of my original position that the Land Use Bylaws return to the provisions of South Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 114 of 2016, I feel that it has the best chance of meeting the needs of South Pender Island home owners.

I appreciate the efforts made by the Local Trustees in the process of consultation. As meetings must be safe and respectful, I hope that respect and decorum in the Special LTC meeting, and future LTC meetings, will be strictly enforced.

Because Bylaw 122 of 2022, which replaced large sections of Bylaw 114, created a situation where an unreasonable number of legally built, existing properties were made "non-conforming", I appreciate that proposed Bylaw 129's easing of some of the property setbacks, definitions and house size restrictions will address some of these programs.

I support that there will be two tables of house size and setbacks, one for houses built before September 2022 (Pre-Bylaw 122) and those built later (Post-Bylaw 122).

By some calculations, proposed Bylaw 129 would reduce the number of "non conforming" households from 20 to 8, and align South Pender's house size and setbacks with those in other Gulf Island Jurisdictions.

I would like to see some of the progressive aspects of Bylaw 122 retained, while at the same time easing the house size and property setback restrictions so that fewer of our properties are classed as "non conforming", a designation with attendant insurance, rebuilding and re-sale implications. I believe that proposed Bylaw 129 does this.

Respectfully submitted

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