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Subject: South Pender Proposed Bylaw Changes

To the South Pender Island Trustees

I Started practicing on the Pender Islands 28 years ago , I also practiced in Victoria for 32 years . I owned a home in Cadboro Bay . During those years I witnessed small family homes torn down and huge homes built in their place as the lots in that area were very large . Living in what was considered a rural area many years ago is now a becoming an area of large homes where privacy in your own home and particularly in one's back yard was lost . And the land is being denuded of its trees and beauty plus losing the rural character that attracted people to the area in the first place .

So we moved to Pender full time and sadly are now witnessing this build mentality on South Pender . Changing a bylaw to allow larger homes in close proximity than is presently allowed is very heart breaking . What is happening to a simple rural life where the reasons people come here is the leave that city mentality behind . To cut down every tree on one's lot , build a huge home right next to your neighbour seems to me to be so against what we are trying to maintain as a community. One must remember that islands trust mandate is to preserve and protect .

This land is not ours, we are here as caretakers for the next generation. Soon we will be gone off this earth and what will we be leaving behind for our grandchildren and beyond , a row of 5000 square foot houses check to Jowl ?

I am truly disappointed that our trustees would even consider allowing these changes to occur .

Suffice it to say we are not in favour of increasing house size construction and decreasing the distance between homes built on existing lots .

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