



To the Property Owners and Residents of South Pender Island

The South Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) has been considering amending the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) as part of its work program. In February the LTC held a Community Information Meeting to discuss the proposed amendments in Draft Bylaw 111 with the community. In response to the input the LTC has made three substantive changes to the proposed bylaw:

- The proposed floor area limit for single family dwellings has been removed,
- Permitting marine geothermal loops has been removed from the bylaw and the LTC will consider alternative options for regulating these structures, and
- A new amendment has been added that would increase the permitted height for accessory buildings from 4.6 metres (approx. 15 ft) to 7.3 metres (approx. 24 ft).

The LTC welcomes further community input on the proposed amendments and a Community Information Meeting is scheduled for:

- **Saturday, June 15th**
- **Starting at 11:00 a.m.**
- **To be held at Poets Cove Resort in the Seaglass Ballroom (fire hall unavailable).**

The purpose of a community information meeting is to provide an informal opportunity for residents to discuss the proposed changes with the LTC and also hear from fellow islanders. In addition to discussing the proposed amendments the LTC would like to broaden the discussion and hear from community members on any other land use issues of concern.

Next Steps:

Following the community information meeting the LTC will reconsider the proposed amendments. They could make significant alterations to the bylaw, including adding new amendments or removing any of the proposed amendments. Based on community input the LTC may also identify other topics that could be addressed through a separate work project.

Once a draft bylaw is acceptable to the LTC they will give the bylaw First Reading and a Public Hearing will be scheduled. A Public Hearing is a more formal process which will be advertised and the public can submit written comments in advance, or attend the hearing and speak to the LTC. After the close of the Public Hearing the LTC cannot receive any new information.

Following the Public Hearing the LTC will take all comments into consideration, they can make further amendments (with limitations), and then give the bylaw Second and Third Reading. The proposed bylaw then needs to be approved by the Executive Committee before it returns to the LTC to be adopted.

You can join the discussion at the Community Information Meeting on June 15 or, send your comments by:

- email to information@islandstrust.bc.ca or,
- mail to 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria BC, V8R 1H8, or
- fax to 250-405-5155.

The latest version of Draft Bylaw 111 and the Land Use Bylaw using the 'mark-up' tool to highlight the proposed changes are online at www.islandstrust.bc.ca and following the link to South Pender Island and look under the 'Land Use Bylaw Amendments' heading. The previous Trustee Newsletters with more information on the proposed amendments are also posted online under the same section.

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