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### **Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Legal Action**

*Lək̓ʷəŋən*, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) is pursuing legal action against a property owner on Salt Spring Island to address multiple bylaw violations. Violations include operating a non-permitted dog boarding kennel, the storage and accommodation of travel trailers and recreational vehicles, and engaging in non-permitted land use within a rural watershed and rural zone.

The property, located in a Rural Watershed Zone, is not zoned for either kennel operations or the storage and accommodation of travel trailers and recreational vehicles. Complaints from neighbouring residents about noise from the kennel prompted enforcement actions by Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District (CRD). Despite multiple attempts to work with the property owner to achieve voluntary compliance, the LTC has been unable to resolve the issue.

"Taking legal action is a last resort for local trust committees," said Trustee Peterson, Chair of the Salt Spring Island LTC. "We have explored every avenue to encourage compliance with zoning regulations. Upholding the integrity of our land use bylaws is essential to preserving and protecting the natural and residential character of Salt Spring Island. This action ensures accountability and fairness in land use practices."

In accordance with Islands Trust policies, enforcement actions such as legal action are undertaken when the Islands Trust receives complaints from community members. Islands Trust's enforcement approach prioritizes education and voluntary compliance. Efforts are made to investigate complaints, educate violators, and provide opportunities for voluntary compliance. Various options are available to comply with bylaws, and reasonable timelines are provided for resolution. Legal action is taken as a last resort.

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Islands Trust is a special-purpose government representing over 30,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust Area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to many Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment through conservation-oriented land use planning and regulation, education, and cooperation with First Nations and other agencies. The Islands Trust Area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5,200 square kilometres.

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