

Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Record of a Public Hearing Proposed Bylaw 297

Date: June 9, 2026
Location: Galiano South Community Hall
141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, BC

Members Present: Timothy Peterson, Chair
Ben Mabberley, Local Trustee
Lisa Gauvreau, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Mary Storzer, Regional Planning Manager
Bruce Belcher, Planner 2 (electronic)
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder (electronic)

Others Present: There were approximately 13 members of the public present.

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Chair Peterson called the Public Hearing to order at 3:15 p.m. He read a statement outlining the content, purpose, and process of the Public Hearing.

Regional Planning Manager Storzer read a statement related to the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 297 and developments to date.

Members of the community were invited to speak and the following comments were made:

Danielle Pepin of Galiano Island opposed the application due to the noise that will be generated from large gatherings over 100 people, loud music will affect enjoyment of other's property, there will be higher water consumption during summer months, the water source is from a community water system, and they did not receive notification.

Jennifer Margison of Galiano Island stated it has been six months since the application last appeared on a Local Trust Committee agenda many residents would not be aware it has reached the public hearing stage and would not know that no further community input would be received, and they opposed the application due to noise, high water consumption, and lack of information regarding large events.

Art Moses of Galiano Island stated the staff summaries of referral responses are inadequate compared to referral responses in their entirety.

Derek LaCroix of Galiano Island stated the application seeks to change a residential property to a commercial property, there is potential for expansion after the first five years of operation without limits put in place, if the business can not be developed the zoning

creates land that is more valuable and open to commercial development, and there is concern with the ability to have events with more than 100 people.

Leif Palmberg, applicant, of Galiano Island stated it is unlikely there will be 6 events with over 100 people every summer and the vast majority of the water use is for agriculture purposes which are already permitted on the property.

Danielle Pepin of Galiano Island stated opposition to the application because the addition of larger events is new information, there will be high septic output, high water use, and noise.

Todd Rogers of Galiano Island stated 18000 gallons of water use might seem a lot; however, the average use is 230 litres per person per day and 18000 gallons is not a lot in comparison.

Derrek LaCroix of Galiano Island reiterated his previous comments and stated the cidery can not accommodate more than 20 people which limits the size of the business and there will be no change for five years

Jessie Keefer of Galiano Island stated support for the application noting the community should put faith in a long-term resident and support economic diversity.

Jennifer Margison of Galiano Island stated opposition to the application due to the number of authorized uses and said the Local Trust Committee should consider noise generated from milling, events, and added traffic impacting the neighbourhood.

Chair Peterson called three times for speakers and no comments were made. There being no further submissions, Chair Peterson closed the Public Hearing at 3:52 p.m.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A FAIR AND ACCURATE SUMMARY OF THE NATURE OF REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING THE MEETING HELD.

Lisa Millard, RECORDER

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