



Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Special Meeting Addendum

Date: January 8, 2018
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Judith Fisher Centre
 #1 China Cloud Bay Road
 Lasqueti Island, BC

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Presentation to the Trust 8th Jan

Thank you for asking the Lasqueti Island Ratepayers Association for a presentation...5 to 10 minutes long. This is less than 10.

I wish to start this presentation with how the IslandsTrust ended up here on Lasqueti...

In the early '70's when the people pushing the Trust notion came here a meeting was set up outside the old Legion building (think Art Centre now).

After the presentation and prior to a vote, [REDACTED] put forward a motion: Lasqueti not join now but wait 3 years to see what the Trust accomplishes, and then revisit the idea. This was passed with a large majority by a show of hands.

This did not sit well with a group of recently arrived LA hippies, who borrowed a car, drove to Victoria and convinced the Trust organizers that they represented Lasqueti and had us signed in.

Another meeting was called about a month later, this time inside the Legion hall. Locals on one side of the room, hippies on the other. One of the mouthier LA hippies stood up and informed us of what they had done, that it was for our benefit, and we were just going to have to get over it. He then began a rant and would not sit down when asked.

A local resident finally stood up and headed for him, with the notion of giving him the bum's rush through the door and would have too if [REDACTED] hadn't convinced both of them to sit down.

Lasqueti at the time had a 10 acre freeze, no hydro and no car ferry...just like now. Except ONE bylaw. ONE.

In the early meetings I would state: 'All you people are from the city and you are bringing city rules and regulations here just like a car brings dust along the road. Every time you move you do it and you don't even know or don't care you're doing it. By the time you realize what you've done it will be too late.'

In the late '80's I repeated this statement and added "You have won."

I once asked the whole meeting 'How many of you want more rules and regulations in your life?' There was silence. I then asked "How many of you think your neighbours need more regulations." This brought on a nervous giggle.

In the early days of the Trust anyone who had been on island for 30 days could vote at the 'town hall' meetings. There were around 75 locals and hundreds and hundreds of transients, at least until the September rains and wind started. Welcome to democracy.

Since then the Trust has this island wrapped in red tape and has complaint driven rules for nearly everything, all under the guise of their Greenwash. With rules limiting all legitimate endeavours and possibilities the Trust has been a boon to the alleged illegal horticultural activities for which Lasqueti is apparently well known. Is that a politically correct enough statement? If not...Rip it up...and... prove otherwise...

The Lasqueti Island Ratepayers Association (LIRA) was formed to try to bring the people who pay the bills into the picture, and as a result, has always had a less than cosy relationship with the Islands Trust.

In retrospect I personally believe LIRA failed because as the vast majority of people moving to or buying here are from the city, they have or are given the notion that Lasqueti is as it is solely because of the machinations of the Trust's paperwork. This notion cannot be further from reality.

Lasqueti is as it is because it is situated in the geographic middle of the Gulf of Georgia. It has a moat, eight to ten nautical miles wide North South and 40 plus nautical miles East West. Sisters Islets, just to the West of us, regularly posts wind speeds 10 to 15 knots higher than any other Gulf recording station. Lasqueti is the most untenable populated location weather-wise in the Gulf, with no safe, publically accessible harbours.

How many people do you think would be able to live here if there was no ferry subsidy, and the fare reflected the actual cost? Don't say it cannot happen....it just did in Newfoundland... several times.

My father, who purchased property adjoining his father's in the early 1940's, once said "When I bought here Lasqueti was nothing but an impediment to navigation...now some people think it is valuable real estate."

Because the Lasqueti Official community Plan (OCP) and it's sister Land use Bylaws (LUB) have not been updated, except for "Targeted Reviews" by the Trust for 20 years, LIRA wishes to be involved in and with the review of the OCP and the LUB. We are fed up with the Islands Trust telling us that we have to put our money where their mouth is.

A lot of residents have asked me what it would take to get out of the Trust and say I look to Saltspring. LIRA will not start the idea, but will most definitely not fight the process. A ten acre minimum, no hydro and no car ferry, the existing moat which is unlikely to change, and Lasqueti has all the protection it needs until the next OCP review, which is, by the way, supposed to be every FIVE years. Unlike the 20 years of targeted reviews the Trust has perpetrated on our community plan, with it's related Land use Bylaws. It is time to freshen the pot...

Again, it was [REDACTED] who said when he sold the now Tea-pot property.. this community is dying and something has to change. We

have to get more young people to be able to come here and live. They will be different and have different ideas. And they did for some 40 years, hence the Islands Trust to “protect” them as there were few rules here prior to their arrival.

The situation now is the same as when [REDACTED] sold Blackwood's Corner (previously Weldon's Corner) and now the Tea-Pot.

We are interested in receiving clear information on the process needed to ensure that the work done will be part of our new OCP and LUB.

Sincerely...Karl Darwin, President, LIRA

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6 January, 2018

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re: Collings / Wierzbicki

proposed subdivision

I have two primary concerns about this proposal. Having lived and explored in this neighbourhood since 1975, I am fully aware of the steepness of the two ridges, and their unsuitability for housing. Our land group with 4 houses on 120 acres has placed all our homesteads in the middle, away from the ridges which are left to the forest and the nesting Turkey Vultures!

My second concern is the road hazard. Weldon Road is about one and a half car widths, with many blind curves. It jeopardizes all of us to increase

traffic on this road.

Sincerely
Martha R. Wendt
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