

**Community Information Meeting  
Received For Information  
By Local Trust Committee**

**NOTES OF THE GALIANO ISLAND  
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE  
COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014 AT 1:10 PM  
AT THE SOUTH ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL,  
GALIANO ISLAND, B.C.**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Ken Hancock	Chair
	Louise Decario	Local Trustee
	Sandy Pottle	Local Trustee
	Robert Kojima	Regional Planning Manager
	Kris Nichols	Island Planner
	David Millership	Recording Secretary

There were approximately eighteen (18) members of the public present.

Chair Hancock called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Introductions were made and the meeting introduced.

Chair Hancock stated that a Community Information Meeting (CIM) gives the public an opportunity to ask questions.

**3.1 Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 241**

Planner Nichols provided information and stated that in general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 241, is to amend Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127,1999. The proposed amendments are to address the issue of sawmilling on residential lots. The intent being that residential sawmilling operations are temporary in nature and for sole use of the owner for use on their lot and not for commercial use or home occupation. The amendments establish a new definition of temporary sawmilling on residential lots. The definition establishes temporary sawmill management, location and hours.

Chair Hancock invited the Trustees to ask questions.

Chair Hancock invited the public to make comment.

**Michael Sharp (Galiano resident)** asked why sales of milled lumber by the owner and from the owner's property is not being permitted.

Trustee Decario responded that the issue of permitting sales of milled lumber had not been brought up in previous discussions. She stated that the Local Trust Committee (LTC) is addressing an issue whereby a residential sawmiller was exceeding the 14 day limit. She stated that issues regarding sales could be addressed in the future as needed.

There was some discussion regarding bylaw enforcement.

**Michael Sharp (Galiano resident)** stated concern that complaint-based bylaw enforcement is inequitable.

**Sandy Moodie (Galiano resident and Sawmiller)** stated that owners sell excess lumber from their properties in order to defray costs associated with home building. He stated that Proposed Bylaw No. 241 is too narrow in scope and that the sale of lumber by the owner and from the owner's property should be permitted. He suggested the LTC broaden the scope of the bylaw by permitting sales and instead then narrow the scope of the bylaw in the future if necessary.

**Doug Latta (Galiano resident)** stated support for owners being permitted to sell excess lumber from their properties and less regulation on small business.

**Sheila Anderson (Galiano resident)** stated that the common practice of trading wood for milling costs isn't being addressed in the bylaw and therefore suggested seeing how things go with it. She stated that the 14 day restriction on residential sawmilling helps local businesses because it encourages residential owners to transfer their excess lumber to a permitted full-time sawmiller (i.e.: Sandy Moodie) for continued milling.

Regional Planning Manager (RPM) Kojima stated that logs being taken off a property isn't being limited.

There was some discussion regarding the need to obtain a timber-mark prior to transferring/transporting logs.

Chair Hancock stated that Proposed Bylaw No. 241 is addressing temporary sawmilling and the defining/managing of such.

**Sandy Moodie (Galiano resident and Sawmiller)** stated support for all landowners having the right to clear their land and sell their lumber. He stated that constrictive legislation hurts the economy.

**Sam Mabberley (address not stated)** stated that noise and other bylaws are in place already. He stated support for sales of milled lumber by the owner and from the owner's property in order to avoid wasting low-grade lumber that could be used for such things as fencing.

RPM Kojima stated that Proposed Bylaw No. 241 removes the 14 day restriction on residential sawmilling and instead makes sawmilling permissible during certain times.

**Ron Taylor (Galiano resident)** asked if Proposed Bylaw No. 241 would apply to all zones.

RPM Kojima responded that Proposed Bylaw No. 241 would apply to all zones except Forest zones and lots zoned Private Managed Forest Land (PMFL).

There was some discussion regarding amending the bylaw to permit commercial sales of timber by the owner and from the owner's property.

There was some discussion regarding business licensing.

Regional Planning Manager (RPM) Kojima stated that there is no business licensing in places that aren't a municipality.

There was some discussion regarding this being a self-regulating situation.

RPM Kojima stated that this is not a self-regulating situation.

There was some discussion regarding the transferring/transporting of logs.

**Taylor Crandall (address not stated)** stated concern regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 241 not permitting sawmilling on Saturday's. He suggested the LTC amend the bylaw to permit Saturday sawmilling during the colder and/or off-season.

There being no further comments from the public, Chair Hancock closed the Community Information Meeting.

Chair Hancock declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m.

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**RECORDER**

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**DATE**