



Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee

Regular Meeting Addendum

Date: September 8, 2016
Time: 10:15 am
Location: Gabriola Arts & Heritage Centre
476 South Road, Gabriola Island, BC

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From: June Hope [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2016 1:03 PM
To: Heather O'Sullivan; [REDACTED]@mail.com
Subject: Sawmilling on Gabriola

September 2, 2016

Dear Ms. O'Sullivan

Sent by email to hosullivan@islandstrust.bc.ca cc
[REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me last week about the possible amendment to the Gabriola bylaws to allow for the temporary use of small portable sawmills on smaller Gabriola properties. This would allow property owners to remove problem trees and to use the resource in the most efficient, cost effective and practical way.

There are a number of reasons as to why this bylaw change would be advantageous including safety related issues. Large trees very close to homes can of course cause problems from falling limbs as well as from fire hazards through increased dry material build up on roofs and in yard ground cover, i.e. dry needles. In our specific instance, we have a neighbour with a very large dead tree that in strong wind could certainly fall on our (or their) home. The neighbour, because of the related expense, has not proceeded to have the tree removed. When it was suggested that there was an added benefit of lumber production at no cost to him (through a lumber split with the mill operator), he was much more agreeable with proceeding.

This land use change need not be particularly disruptive to other residents. No large industrial equipment need be involved, the mill set up and the sawing operation could be mandated to be completed rapidly and within a specific "in and out" timeframe. The process could be restricted to logs only from the property from which they were removed. Direct lumber sales from the site could be restricted.

Other advantages to this bylaw change would be the best uses for the resource and a small but still important increased opportunity for local employment. Usually there are two people running each mill. In most instances all, or at least a portion of the wood produced, stays with the home owner which in turn results in an improvement to the property.

Thank you again for your time, I would appreciate your forwarding of this request to your Sept. 8th local Island Trust Meeting.

Yours truly

Brad Hope
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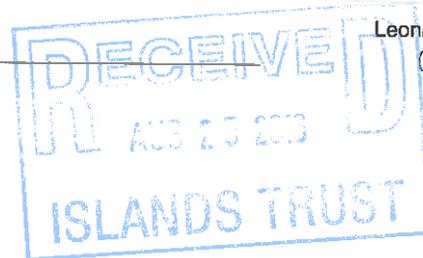


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Leonard Krog, MLA
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August 22, 2016

Peter Luckham, Chair, Islands Trust Council
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Dear Mr. Luckham,

Re: Gabriola Island Potlatch Proposal and rescinding your letter

I recently received a complaint, by email, from a Gabriola Island constituent of my brother MLA Doug Routley. This constituent accused me of sending a letter in support of the Gabriola Potlatch Proposal, a subject about which I have no knowledge until I received this letter of accusation that was apparently cited at an audience of 200 people in a public meeting on Gabriola on May 6th, 2015! This person then went on to accuse me of being unaware of the Islands' ecology, water systems, and of abusing my office etc.

Firstly, apart from the incredible insults involved in this, it is unimaginable why anyone would think I would be supporting some private property development on Gabriola Island. Having said that, I would ask you to do a search of your records related to this file and confirm, in writing to me, that there is no letter on file from my office supporting this proposal, and if there is, to immediately forward a copy to me so that I can take steps to determine who forged any such letter, because that is the only way such a letter would have come into existence.

I am extremely upset by this as I'm given to understand that this hypothetical letter has formed the basis, of what I can only describe as gossip, on Gabriola.

I need your assistance therefore to ensure that my position is understood and this gossip ends and my name cleared.

Sincerely,

LEONARD KROG, MLA
NEW DEMOCRAT OFFICIAL OPPOSITION
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cc. Melanie Mamoser, Gabriola Island Local Trustee
Heather O'Sullivan, Gabriola Island Local Trustee
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