



Galiano Island Local Trust Committee

Regular Meeting Addendum

Date: September 6, 2022
Time: 12:30 pm
Location: Galiano South Community Hall
141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, BC

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11.	CORRESPONDENCE	2:55 PM - 3:15 PM
11.5.	<i>Duncan Reid Wise Island Bylaw Amendment</i>	2 - 3
19.	CLOSED MEETING (Distributed Under Separate Cover)	4:55 PM - 5:25 PM
19.1.	<i>Motion to close meeting</i>	
	<i>that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, s. 90(1)(a)(d) for the purpose of considering: Bylaw Enforcement</i>	
	<i>AND that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.</i>	
19.2.	<i>Recall to Order</i>	
19.3.	<i>Rise and Report</i>	

BY EMAIL

Dan Rogers, Vice Chair, Islands Trust
Jane Wolverton, Galiano Trustee, Islands Trust
Tahirih Rockafella, Galiano Trustee, Islands Trust

August 21, 2022

Dear Mr. Rogers, Ms. Wolverton and Ms. Rockafella:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Wise Island Community Association, which represents all 48 Wise Island property owners.

As you are aware, several of our members have been in discussions with the Islands Trust recently in relation to concerns about solar panels, decks and stairs already in place on their properties. The issue is one of great importance to all Wise Islanders and was discussed at length in our Annual General Meeting on July 31, 2022.

At that meeting, two key unanimous resolutions were approved by the members. First, the members wanted to express their support for the members who are currently addressing concerns with their existing structures, and to convey to the Islands Trust that the community does not want to have those existing structures changed or removed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of the Wise Island Community Association support the objectives of the Islands Trust to preserve and protect the islands, and also support our Wise Island neighbours in their objectives to retain existing structures in place as of the date of this resolution.

That resolution was approved with unanimous support.

Second, the members reviewed and discussed the land use by-laws in place on other small boat access islands (including the islands under the Thetis Island By-Law 94 (including Ruxton, Reid, Pylades, Hudson, Dayman, Scott, Tree and Whaleboat Islands) and the islands under Gambier By-Law 114 (including Bowyer and Passage Islands)). We all agreed that aspects of those by-laws are more suitable to Wise Island than Galiano Land Use By-Law 127, in particular because Wise Island is boat access only, relies on solar power for energy generation, and relies on direct water access for our own fire response and emergency access. Wise Island also has much smaller lot sizes than Galiano does. As a result, the following resolution was also approved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of the Wise Island Community Association request that the Islands Trust initiate a process at their next Galiano Trust Committee meeting to review the creation of a new land-use by-law for Wise Island that is more suitable to Wise Island.

Again, that resolution was approved with unanimous support.

The degree of community support and consensus was truly noteworthy. Even though only a handful of property owners are directly affected, Wise Islanders are united in their view that the system does not work in its current form, when islanders are being told that the items essential to the use and safety of their properties are not permitted under the Galiano land use by law, which was of course drafted to suit the needs of a very different island.

We understand that you have a meeting scheduled for September 6, 2022, and would ask you to put the initiation of a Wise Island land use by-law process on the agenda as an item of the utmost importance and time sensitivity. I am available to come to the meeting and look forward to meeting you in person. If there's anything I can help with in the meantime, please feel free to contact me anytime at dreid@farris.com or 604 816 9424.

Thanks in advance for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duncan Reid', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Duncan Reid
Chair, Wise Island Community Association

cc: Wise Island Community Association Members