



SOUTHERN CORTES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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To Strathcona Regional District Board Directors,

We, the volunteer Board of the Southern Cortes Community Association (SCCA) echo and concur with the questions and concerns raised by Cortes Island resident, and SCCA Past President John Sprungman in his recent letter to Tom Yeats, SRD Corporate Services Manager.

Additionally the SCCA Board has questions and concerns for which we hereby request explanations and answers.

1) Why has the issue of "boundaries" suddenly being put forward and by whom?

The SCCA Board of Directors are confused regarding an issue brought forward by your staff to have "boundaries considered" when "boundaries" were not included in the June 15, 2018 Staff Report; which was written following an extensive series of meetings with your staff by all the Cortes Island Hall Tax stake holders and with members of the Cortes community.

The Referendum for a Referendum on the Cortes Hall Tax held at the November 22, 2018 election represented the entire Cortes population with no "boundaries" stated in the question.

At no time when the SRD staff person interviewed the Board of the SCCA last year were we told that our answers, discussions or documents would be kept confidential. We presume that that the same protocol covers all of the interviews held at that time?

The SCCA Board of Directors hereby requests the complete transcript of the questions and answers, the dates of the interviews, identification of the individuals interviewed and copies of the documents collected from which the June 15, 2018 Staff Report was written be sent to the SCCA Board of Directors.

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2) What are the protocols and policies regarding distribution of correspondence received by a Regional Director when it directly related to another Regional Directors constituency.?

At an SRD Board meeting Brenda Leigh, Regional Director for Oyster Bay/Buttle Lake/Area D, was questioned regarding emails she had received and which have not been shared with all the SRD Board members. The answer given by Director Leigh was that some of her constituents wanted correspondence to be private. However, as the correspondence was understood to have come not from her constituents in Area D but from Cortes Island, Area B this has left the SCCA Board concerned. We have been advised that some of these email correspondents were shared with other Area Regional Directors but not with Noba Anderson, Cortes Island Director for Area B?

We request that the SRD Board explain this discrepancy and request a copy of the Strathcona Regional District policies regarding correspondence received by Regional Directors; and distribution of correspondence, in particular pertaining to correspondence received from constituents in a Regional District not governed by the Regional Director in receipt?

The SCCA Board of Directors are anxious to have the questions directed by John Sprungman to Tom Yates, SRD Corporate Services Manger, and the questions listed above from the SCCA Board answered in a timely manner.

Yours truly,

Southern Cortes Community Association Board of Directors

Julian Ayers, President, Myrna Kerr, Vice President and Secretary, Carol Waddell, Treasurer, Christina MacWilliam, Play School Liason, Andy Vine and Zoe Wimbush Board members

Cc: Noba Anderson, Regional Director Area B Cortes Island