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Dear Chair and Board of Directors of the Strathcona Regional District,

I am deeply concerned about the legal action recently launched against my Regional Director Noba Anderson, and by the increasingly visible disfunction of the SRD Board when dealing with Cortes issues and initiatives.

Regards the legal petition seeking to remove Director Anderson from office. She obviously will need to defend herself against this shameful attack. This will entail a great deal of time, energy, and stress. It may also require a great deal of money! Will the Board ensure that Director Anderson's legal costs are completely covered?

Does the SRD always spend large chunks of taxpayers money to investigate weird claims by a tiny number of people who are clearly either very confused, or just malicious? And how many hours has the Board consumed in closed session responding to this partisan harassment?

I will expect a complete accounting of the total taxpayer's cost for the SRD response to these ill-founded allegations against our Director Anderson.

Regards the Cortes hall tax.

The SRD Board had agreed to expedite the binding referendum if the non-binding vote showed a solid majority in favour. Well, that vote did so. But, in November 2018 the Board reversed it's position and postponed the final referendum indefinitely.

The Campbell River Mirror reported that Director Jim Abrams said " I don't know why we are so intent on doing them (2 Cortes referendums) right now ". Well, I have three answers for Mr Abram regards the hall tax:

1- for two years, the majority's desire for a binding referendum has been clear and consistent.

2- we already spent the money on the "referendum for a referendum".

3- Cortes needs the binding referendum result to resolve this issue and begin healing our community.

Another year, Mr Abram, is a very long time for us. These delays seem to be typical of SRD Board treatment of Cortes Island residents and our Director Noba Anderson.

I want our Cortes hall tax binding referendum to be held quickly, with no further excuses and broken promises.

Regards the SRD Board handling of correspondence received by Board members.

All Cortes related correspondence received by Director Leigh or any other Director must immediately be shared with our Cortes Director and with the full Board, and entered into the public record.

This SRD Board is showing blatant disdain for our democratic process by keeping any public correspondence secret. Only in the most extreme circumstances, perhaps as when there are real concerns for someone's personal safety, might the author remain anonymous. But that judgement call would be made by

the full Board, not by Brenda Leigh. In any event, the body of the correspondence must still be entered into the public record.

This situation is utterly unacceptable. I will see it change quickly, or I will join others in taking this problem to higher levels of government.

The SRD Board has lost most of it's credibility with me. You will be seeing that I am just one of hundreds of Cortes Islanders who now feel this way.

Several Board members appear to be making a childish game out of serious Cortes issues. Of course, you CAN choose to grow up. You can choose to begin supporting each other to better meet the wishes of your constituents, as you were elected to do.

WILL you? Do you have a good Code of Ethics to help you begin to get back on track?

I request, and I expect, a timely response that addresses each one of my concerns and questions.

Sincerely,

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