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**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2019 7:09 AM  
**To:** Email - administration@strathconard.ca  
**Cc:** Noba Anderson; bleigh.53@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Time Sensitive letter for the SRD January 24th Board of Directors Meeting  
**Attachments:** Letter to RD Noba Petition.docx

**Importance:** High

Please ensure the attached letter is given to the Board Chair and SRD Directors before the meeting today.  
Thank you, Nancy & Ray Kendel

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January 24, 2019

**Chair and Board of Directors** of the Strathcona Regional District (SRD)  
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**Re: Concerns regarding the democratic process for Cortes Island**

We are writing to express our sincere concerns over recent events relating to Cortes Island's elected Regional Director, Noba Anderson. We believe the petition submitted by 14 Cortes Residents is mean spirited and is an attempt to subvert the democratic election process. We stand behind our Regional Director and trust the legal process will find these charges to be unfounded.

Also of great concern to us, is the apparent attempt by another Regional Director, Brenda Leigh, representative for Oyster River to negatively influence decisions already made by the electorate on Cortes Island. In a Nov 28, 2018 Campbell River Mirror article, Ms. Leigh explained she voted to delay the Cortes tax service referendum because of concerns she had received via email from Cortes residents. Does this mean people on Cortes can lobby other Regional Directors to influence SRD votes on Cortes affairs? Also it is our understanding, RD Leigh has not made the number or contents of these emails public, has not entered them into the SRD record as *Correspondence Received*, and has not shared them with our own Regional Director. Is this correct? If so, this has not allowed other Cortes residents to voice their opinions and concerns, prior to the vote.

We feel there have been considerable costly and frustrating delays and inconsistencies in the entire Hall Tax Referendum Process, which have severely negatively affected the Cortes community. A clear majority desired a tax service referendum in petitions and delegations in 2017. The October 2018 vote favoured proceeding with a referendum by the same margin. In the summer of 2018, the SRD promised that if the October vote passed the SRD would expedite the process with a deciding vote in the spring of 2019. However, in November, a further indefinite delay was imposed. We want to know why the SRD has delayed this referendum at considerable cost to the taxpayer?

We look forward to your response and clarification on these matters.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by Ray and Nancy Kendel*

Nancy & Ray Kendel

Cc: Noba Anderson, Regional Director - Cortes Island  
Brenda Leigh, Regional Director – Oyster River