

The Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure
PO Box 9850 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9T5

Thursday June 24th, 2021

Dear Minister Fleming,

Re: Subdivision of James Island

As members of the Southern Gulf Islands' Forum, elected leaders from First Nations, local, provincial, and federal governments, we encourage the provincial government to ensure that it is meeting its DRIPA obligations in all current and future subdivision projects in the region, including that of James Island.

We concur with and also wish to ensure that the provincial approving officer and all within the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure are aware of the following resolutions adopted at a special meeting of the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee on April 1, 2021, where the LTC requests that pursuant to s. 3(1)(e)(ii) of the Bare Land Strata Regulations and s. 85(3) of the Land Title Act, the Provincial Approving Officer refuse to approve the subdivision on the grounds that it is against the public interest:

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It was Moved and Seconded,

Whereas the Islands Trust Council has adopted a reconciliation declaration; and

Whereas the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee has adopted a standing resolution with respect to First Nations reconciliation in the North Pender Island Local Trust Area; and

Whereas the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee has reviewed the consultation record, and notes that objections to the subdivision continue to be expressed by the Tsawout First Nation;

Therefore, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee resolves to:

1. Advise the Provincial Approving Officer that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee considers approval of the subdivision of James Island as not being in the public interest.

2. Advise the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council that the North Pender Island Local Trust

Committee considers the deposit of the subdivision plan of James Island as being against the public interest.

And that staff forward this resolution to the Provincial Approving Officer and the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council.

Thank you for considering this issue carefully and acting accordingly.

Sincerely, Members of the Southern Gulf Islands Forum:

Elizabeth May, MP Saanich Gulf Islands
Gary Holman, SSI CRD Director
Adam Olsen, MLA Saanich North and the Islands
Allan Tom, Chief of Pauquachin First Nation
Jane Wolverton, Galiano Island Trustee
Cindy Daniels, Acting Chief for Cowichan Tribes
Steve Wright, South Pender Island Trustee

cc:

Colin Plant, CRD Chair
Peter Luckham, Chair, Islands Trust Council
Signing members of the Southern Gulf Islands Forum