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Attention: Declan Lawlor

Dear Mr. Lawlor:

It has come to the attention of the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee that there are plans to hold an event called "the Wild Rumpus" weekend at Camp Latona on Gambier Island on the Canada Day weekend (June 30th to July 3rd). We became aware of this because of expressions of concern from residents on Gambier who advised us of websites and flyers and news stories advertising the event.

It is our understanding from the online information we have reviewed that the event is an "Adult Camp" for 200 people with music, activities, food, accommodation, parties and a free open bar for the whole weekend. We are most concerned that information advertising the events emphasizes liquor and campfires for a large number of people thereby presenting a risk to the local island area.

The zoning under the Gambier Land Use Bylaw is S3 – Recreation Service. As set out in the Bylaw:

"The purpose of the Recreation Service Zone is to provide regulations for facility-based recreational uses that are low environmental impact, nature-based, and complementary to their natural setting."

We have serious concerns about safety, about fire, and about noise in relation to neighbours. In particular, the possibility of any fires at all is very worrisome. There is a complete "open fire" ban throughout our region. The Local Trust Committee requests that the owner/manager of Camp Latona be present on site during the entire event to ensure that all fire and safety regulations are followed. The Local Trust Committee will be asking the local authorities to monitor this event and we will let the residents around the Ekins point area know the Wild Rumpus is occurring if you have not already done so.

Please keep us informed about any developments regarding this event that will help alleviate our concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan Morrison
Chair, Gambier Island Local Trust Committee

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