

South Pender Island Trustee Updates

One of the major items we learned at our orientations is the importance of transparency and fairness as a Local Government. There is a lengthy list of rules, but two of the major ones are that we cannot go into a vote having already decided which way we will vote, and that we cannot accept any information that is not in written format and available to the public.

At the Provincial and Federal level, you know which way a politician will vote based on the party they are in. However, Local Governments are held to a different standard and our votes must be undecided until we have heard all the facts. This does not mean that we cannot be leaning towards voting a certain way, but our vote must always be able to be swayed by well-reasoned arguments and facts.

The importance of accepting all information in written format is that everyone knows what information was used to make a decision. Without a paper trail, we cannot act on your comments or concerns. As much as we like hearing from you in person, we ask that if you have any comments or concerns about anything, please send us an email or letter so we can act on them.

On February 14, at 10 am at the South Pender Fire Hall we will be having our first LTC meeting. This is a good chance to meet your new Trustees. One of the upcoming items is goals and projects for this term. So if you have any thoughts on what you would like to see done, please write us.

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