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HORNBY PROPERTY OWNER ORDERED TO CLEAN UP

VICTORIA — The Supreme Court of British Columbia has declared that William Robert Wilson's use of his property on Hornby Island is in contravention of a Hornby Island Land Use Bylaw and ordered Mr. Wilson to remove waste and salvage material stored outside of the house and trailers within five months.

On Hornby Island only industrially zoned property can be used to store waste or salvage material. As Mr. Wilson's property is zoned Small Lot Residential the Court agreed with the Islands Trust that Mr. Wilson was using the property unlawfully and ordered him to clean up the property.

Mr. Justice Halfyard for the BC Supreme Court granted an order to the Islands Trust requiring Mr. Wilson to clean up his property. Mr. Justice Halfyard further ordered the following:

- a) that if Mr. Wilson did not remove the waste and salvage material in the time allowed, the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee may remove the waste and salvage material at Mr. Wilson's expense;
- b) that disagreement over removal costs incurred by the Local Trust Committee may be remitted to the Court Registrar;
- c) that both parties have liberty to apply to the court if there is disagreement over which items are waste and salvage material; and,
- d) that costs of the petition are adjourned until the order is completed.

"Communities have an expectation that bylaws developed in consultation with residents will be enforced. The Islands Trust will carefully monitor Mr. Wilson's progress to ensure the work is completed," said Miles Drew, Islands Trust Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

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