

Correspondence 2017-02-05  
(Lucich - Forest)

Re: Incorporation

**Andrew Peat**

**From:** Mitch Forest <trusteeforest@saltspringfire.com>  
**Sent:** February-10-17 14:01  
**To:** Andrew Peat  
**Cc:** Andrew Peat  
**Subject:** Re: in the event of incorporation

Board of Trustees  
20 February 2017

Andrew,

We need to address this. Do we include this as correspondence at the Feb 20 meeting?

Mitch

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**From:** lucich <lucich@saltspring.com>  
**Sent:** February 5, 2017 8:21 PM  
**To:** Mitch Forest  
**Subject:** in the event of incorporation

Good evening Trustee Forest,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chair of the SSIFPD Board. The community has reason to expect that a referendum will be held sometime this spring to determine the course of future governance....i.e., whether to incorporate as a municipality. Questions have been raised regarding the status of the various improvement districts in the event that municipal status is approved. The following quote, which I understand was taken verbatim from the report developed via the Incorporation Study Committee, was recently posted on a related Facebook site:

"In the event that Salt Spring Island incorporates as a municipality, the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development would coordinate the details of the service delivery transition (including the transfer of the existing union agreement) with the municipality and the fire improvement district. **The Province indicates that the Fire Protection District would dissolve immediately upon incorporation, and be transferred to the municipality as a local area service.**" [highlighting is mine]

At present, my concern pertains to the highlighted statement. While I stand to be corrected, it has been my understanding that each improvement district has a window of time (five years?) within which to affect dissolution, but authority for that decision belongs with the trustees of the respective improvement district. If my understanding is correct, it would seem that the Province has either received some assurance from the SSIFPD Board of Trustees in this regard, or is proactively assuming such intent. To the best of your knowledge, has the Board deliberated this matter or given any assurances to the Province in this regard? Would it be possible for you or the CAO to clarify/verify this with the Province?

Thank you in advance for your attention to this issue.  
Respectfully,

Julia Lucich



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