

*Correspondence
P. Vernon 201-10703*

Andrew Peat

From: pcverson@gmail.com on behalf of Phil Vernon
Sent: July-03-15 10:33 AM
To: trustees@saltspringfire.com
Subject: Logging during fire ban

Hello, I was given your email address when calling the SSI Fire and Rescue to ask for clarification regarding logging on Salt Spring during the current fire ban.

I was told there is full closure on logging at this time but SSI Fire and Rescue is not empowered to enforce the closure. Rather, I was told the trustees, yourselves, who may pass a bylaw for enforcement. If this is so, I would ask that you do so immediately.

A neighbour of mine is logging as I write this, yesterday and today without regard to time of day, on a property at 161 Holmes Road, off Isabella Point Road. The sound of chainsaws and trees falling is very unsettling, to say the least given the present extremely dry conditions in the forest.

I very much would like to avoid dealing with a fire starting in my neighbourhood. I look forward to receiving a prompt response regarding what you as trustees are doing to address this critical issue.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Phil Vernon

*Correspondence - 2015 of job
Nelson, Sheri*

Andrew Peat

(High Risk Activities)

From: Sheri
Sent: July-06-15 12:00 PM
To: trustees@saltspringfire.com
Cc: Willow Lampard
Subject: Equipment operation during Extreme Fire Hazard

Dear Trustees,
I understand you do not have authority to order a shutdown of equipment operation during extreme fire hazard. I have been told that Salt Spring Island would require a bylaw to make this possible.

Please move forward on this as soon as possible. I just passed a fellow running a gas weed eater on Fulford Ganges Road. If people can not figure out that this behavior is a risk to all of us, then someone needs authority to make them stop.

Sincerely Sheri Nielson

Salt Spring Island, BC=

*Correspondence 20150706
Robertson, Erna.*

Andrew Peat

(High Risk Activities)

From: Erna Robertson
Sent: July-06-15 6:53 PM
To: Trustees@saltspringfire.com
Subject: High Risk Activities

I am very concerned about the fire risk on Salt Spring Island now and into the immediate future. I note that BC Wildfire Service restricts high risk activities when the fire danger rating has been extreme for more than 3 days. This restriction should apply now, yet I hear chainsaws operating at several locations across Salt Spring. The fire department says they have no authority to stop this high risk activity. I contacted the CRD and they told me that the body that has the authority to control high risk activity is the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection, so I am contacting you. As you are ultimately responsible I would like to know what regulations exist regarding high risk activity in extreme fire danger and how these regulations are enforced.

Thank you.

Erna Robertson

Correspondence 2015 0708
Robertson, Erna:
(High Risk Activities)

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Subject: Bylaw regarding high risk activities

From: "Erna Robertson"

Date: Wed, July 8, 2015 8:55 pm

To: trustees@saltspringfire.com

Priority: Normal

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To the SSIFPD Trustees,

It has recently come to my attention that the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District currently has no bylaw that can enforce a complete ban on chain sawing and other high risk work activities during times of extreme fire danger. The lack of enforcement authority puts at risk our island forests, properties and homes.

In addition, it puts the Fire District and its rate payers at risk for possible legal action in the event of property damage resulting from high risk activities. I strongly urge the SSIFPD Trustees to put in place such a bylaw as soon as possible.

Until such a bylaw is in effect, I also urge the Trustees to direct staff to more actively advise forest and other workers about the high risk of these activities.

Thank you,

Erna Robertson

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B. Aust
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Subject: Respectfully requesting
From: "BARB AUST"
Date: Mon, July 13, 2015
To: "trustees@saltspringfire.com" <trustees@saltspringfire.com>
Priority: Normal
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Dear trustees,

First of all, thank you for taking on the community task of being on the fire board. Volunteerism is often a thankless task and I want you to know that your time and efforts are appreciated.

I would like to respectfully request that the fire board put forward a bylaw that allows enforcement of early shift and, following that step, when necessary, a complete work shutdown in wooded or grassy areas of the island.

This is the driest summer on record and it seems bizarre to have some operators supporting the voluntary ban, at great financial cost to themselves, while others are "flipping the bird" to that request and putting the community in danger.

The fire board has, from my understanding of the societies' act, the right to call an extraordinary general meeting to put such a bylaw into effect. I respectfully request that the board do so as soon as its constitution allows for it to happen legally.

Yours truly,

Barb Aust

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*Correspondence 2015 0714
Milne, Brian*

Andrew Peat

High Risk Activities

From: BRIAN MILNE
Sent: July-14-15 12:11 PM
To: trustees@saltspringfire.com
Subject: Chain Saw use in FIRE BAN

Dear Sir ,Madam.

I have a neighbour cutting firewood in the bush today in the extreme drought.

It appears that this activity is not covered under the present regulations.

May I request that you consider adding this activity to the ban, as irresponsible individuals do not respect the fire department recommendation.

Brian Milne=

*Correspondence
20150714
Jan Slakov.*

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*① Open-burning Bylaw
② Thanks*

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Subject: re: burning regs and good practices
From: "Jan Slakov"
Date: Tue, July 14, 2015 1:42 pm
To: trustees@saltspringfire.com (more)
Priority: Normal
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Dear trustees and Chief Bremner,

First, I understand you are working on a new open burning bylaw and I heard that you intend to require round the clock supervision of any fire. I recognize that this could mean some hardship for people involved in land clearing but I think it is a useful and necessary provision and I thank you for including it in the draft bylaw. Leaving fires unattended is just not safe.

I am so happy that Mitchell Sherrin worked with members of the Conservancy Stewardship committee to help make Salt Spring as fire safe as possible over the past while. I have been to at least one public meeting with Mitchell and he is doing an excellent job of linking the fire department to the wider community. Thank you for supporting his work in this area.

I really hope that the Fire Dept. will build on the work that Mitchell has been doing to help educate people about alternatives to burning for dealing with wood waste. Chipping is a great alternative, but there is also Hugelkultur farming and making berms, both practices which are encouraged as part of permaculture methods.

Sincerely, Jan Slakov

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*Correspondence 2014/07/15
Lynne Raymond*

Andrew Peat

From: Lynne Raymond
Sent: July-15-15 11:20 AM
To: trustees@saltspringfire.com
Subject: Fire ban

*Re High Risk Activities
✓ Acknowledged
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Dear Trustees,

At your next meeting, could you discuss banning all chain saw activity during drought situations and hope that the ban would have some teeth to enforce it. Lynne Raymond and Arthur Black.

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