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From: Pauline Rochefort <paulinerochefort17@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:24 AM
To: Darla Youldon
Cc: Pauline Rochefort; Michel Voyer; Steven Trahan; Terry Kelly; Erika Lougheed; Greg Kirton; Jason Trottier; Monica Hawkins
Subject: Re: Shoreline Road Allowance Fee Increase

Good Morning Darla,

Simply to acknowledge receipt of your email. In the upcoming weeks, the issue of shoreline property acquisition will be coming before Council. Copied on this email are our CAO and Clerk who will ensure we follow up with you.

Thank you for bringing your concerns forward to Council. Regards,

Pauline Rochefort

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 19, 2019, at 10:05 PM, Darla Youldon <darla@cogeco.ca> wrote:

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> Mayor Rochefort, Deputy Mayor Voyer, Councillor Trahan, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Lougheed and Manager of Planning & Economic Development, Greg Kirton

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> As elected officials and fellow property owners in East Ferris, it is my hope that I can appeal to your sense of fairness regarding this year's astronomical increase in obtaining shoreline property rights.

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> Having now owned my family's Lake Nosbonsing property for the better part of 18 years, last year we made enquiries about purchasing the shoreline road allowance. The cost was acceptable at about \$7,200 (\$8/running foot) and we started saving to purchase it.

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> We now have the money and I began the process to purchase the shoreline road allowance. I hope you can imagine my dismay to learn that that the cost to do so was raised by 619% in one fiscal year. Yes, you did send out notices to owners indicating that By-Law 2019-2 was being approved, but in this document were pages and pages of increases to all kinds of fees. The average person would assume that the increases would be in line with normal budgetary increases. What was conveniently left out was any comparison of what these increases would mean and how much the increase was over the existing 2018 fees. To complicate matters more, the method to calculate the fee was changed from a running foot to a square foot. This is just wrong. It almost appears that the calculation was changed in order to hide the enormity of the increase. Things like this cultivate mistrust of elected officials.

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> As members of this community yourselves, I would hope you would be empathetic to my plight. This increase changed the rate of shoreline costs from \$8 a running foot to the equivalent of \$49.50 a running foot (stated now as \$.75 per square foot). Suddenly, the shoreline rights for my property have jumped from \$7,152.72 to an unbelievable \$44,257.46 in just one year. This feels incomprehensibly exorbitant and abrupt; I urge you to retract this increase, contact all the owners who do not currently own their shoreline road allowances and give them an opportunity to purchase them at the 2018 rate until the end of 2019. I would be shocked if the majority of owners of waterfront property would have any idea, the enormity of this increase.

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> Then, if council has deemed this land to be valued at \$49.50 a running foot, I presume based on other municipalities, raise the costs incrementally over the next 4 or 5 years. Doing it all in one year without full disclosure and examples of the impact on property owners is not right.

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> Doing this would alleviate the pressure on property owners and families of this community and give us all adequate time to allocate resources and funds towards obtaining the shoreline rights before the costs to do so become unfeasible.

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> I kindly ask council to take this proposal under serious consideration and allow anyone who wishes to purchase their shoreline road allowance to do so at \$8 per running foot until the end of 2019.

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> Respectfully,

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> Darla Youldon (Rock Haven Rd)

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