

Tofino Ratepayers Association



Hello Ratepayers

July 4, 2022

Tax time seems like the perfect time for our members to contact us and tell us what your thoughts are regarding this year's tax notices. So please we want your views. How do you feel about the 11% tax increase?

With the dramatically increased assessments some folks have lost their homeowner's grant. So, their level of taxation has increased about double the 11%. Mind you, these are not necessarily wealthy folks. They just happen to have got caught in the cross hairs of a double whammy.

We also want your views on all things Tofino, as might relate to the affordability of living here and the sustainability of our community. There are any number of challenges facing the community, to which we need to respond.

To this end we will be convening a meeting of the general membership to discuss, but not limited to, the upcoming elections and what kind of agenda we want to advance. We have reserved a room at Wickaninnish Community School for Sept. 7, 2022, at 7 pm. Write that date down, mark it on your calendar, and show up to support and help in the formulation of our ideas for what we need to do, to make Tofino a better place.

Last election we conducted our own Town hall meeting electronically via email and posted the results on our Tofino RPA website. We asked candidates a series of questions about Tofino issues and their position. It was the perfect vehicle for a Covid election, and the website received over a thousand hits in a week and a half leading up to the election. We also realized it served a broader function of offering more detail on candidates' positions, for them to be able to spread the word of their candidacy. At the same time, we were able to successfully raise issues that seemed to be passing by without any attention. The MRDT springs to mind as the perfect example. We brought some focus to this issue, which resulted in significant benefits to the community.

At the meeting we intend to address:

Issues about Tofino Taxation.

What infrastructure and services need to be addressed in our community.

The real costs of "Affordable" housing in Tofino.

The costs to the community of our Vacation Rental bylaws, Bylaw enforcement and what other communities are doing about this problem that we are not.

Our election agenda.....Questions to be put to the Candidates.

The future of the association.

We will send reminder notices as the meeting date approaches.

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But please don't wait for the meeting to share your thoughts and ideas. We want to hear from you. And the other members do too.

Cheers Jack Gillie