

Tofino Ratepayers Association



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Hello Ratepayers,

It comes to our attention there is an important Open House event tomorrow, Oct 20 from 3 pm to 6 pm, at Wick School. The subject is the location and design of a School District Day Care Center. There are a number of folks in Tofino concerned about the proposed location as it looks like the playing fields will be adversely affected by this proposal. I was personally told by one school official the "School District is not responsible for community recreation". I was a little taken aback by the ferocity of the response.

Of course, many are not against a Day Care Centre, especially in a town where most families require two or even three jobs to make ends meet.

However, if ball fields have to be replaced it will be Tofino taxpayers who foot the bill. Does the school board realize we all pay taxes to the province as well. Eventually it all comes out of the same pocket. Your pocket. I am wondering why it has taken this long to get to an open house, where we might have input on the location of this facility.

I am hopeful of a good turnout at the Open House so we can get to the bottom of this. Are there options? What are they, and why didn't the school board consult the community first before proceeding with plans?

Please try and attend this important event and make your views known.

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