

Tofino Ratepayers Association



Nov. 25, 2019

Re: Call for Action

Hello Members,

There are a few members who want to go to tomorrow's Council meeting (Tuesday Nov 26, 2019)

There may be an opportunity to address the ACRD Bus TAX. It is not on the Agenda for the meeting but apparently at least one councillor is concerned that Tofino Council was not consulted by the Mayor on the form and substance of the Bus Borrowing bylaw before it was approved by the ACRD. In any event it is the last Council meeting before the deadline for "oppose" votes on Nov 29.

There is some thinking it would be good to make a show of strength and get some numbers out to the meeting. I know some of you have been very involved in rallying an "oppose" vote and I am asking you to use your contacts and try and get folks out to the meeting.

We are trying to raise awareness in the public and in the minds of Council there is a problem, existing and looming with Taxation in Tofino. Tofino seems to have lost it's way, it's compass if you will, on this issue and respect for the taxpayer in general.....This is a kind of war for hearts, minds, and common sense. It will not be won or lost in any one battle. But incrementally. Good support at tomorrow's meeting will help in that cause. It is uncertain at this time if Council will allow us to speak. A few of us should be ready to address the issues if they allow some of us to a 2 minute statement. My own concerns will always be the dollars and cents but also a concern over the nature of the town going forward. What kind of Town do we want Tofino to be?

I hope for one where we can afford to live.

See you there,

Jack Gillie