

# Tofino Ratepayers Association

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**Dec 10, 2019**

**Re: Budget Response**

Hello Ratepayers

If you have not heard, the “Oppose” the Transit bylaw fell short. 336 oppose votes were accepted and 28 rejected. To halt the bylaw, we needed just over 600. So according to the law the Transit Bylaw has been approved by the electorate.

Some may find this disheartening, but it shows how difficult it is to motivate people to go to a website find a form, copy it and return it. But there is some good news to be had. We are confident that had the Bylaw been for Tofino only, the necessary “Oppose” votes would have been achieved. The general interest in the subject gave a significant boost to the RPA membership. More people are now aware of taxation issues.

The RPA is considering writing to Municipal Affairs, to express our concerns over some of the details and procedures that we find objectionable.

Our main purpose is now to direct our attention to the Tofino Open House regarding the budget. And our priorities moving forward.

Some of us were not able to attend. I would like any attendees to email your comments back to the RPA Gmail address, so we can share the info you gleaned. This might include what issues you found of particular concern, the general atmosphere and receptivity of the Dot staff in attendance. Particular budget items that you feel should be of concern to the Taxpayers of Tofino. Anything you might want to contribute. Suggestions moving forward.

Those of you who were unable to attend please send us a message with your thoughts and concerns.

We will continue to press for responsible efficient government, fair and only necessary taxes. We will continue to advocate for alternative forms of taxation that more fairly distributes the burden of taxation to all those who benefit from Tofino services.

Cheers, Jack Gillie