

To Counselor Chris Moore:

I am responding to your comments at the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 25th regarding the letter from East Porpoise Bay Ratepayers' Association opposing Stockwell Enterprises' application for a temporary land use permit.

You were critical of the letter I sent on behalf of our 46 members, especially singling out the word "whim" with respect to the problems with spot zoning.

I am quite prepared to admit that the choice of words was perhaps inappropriate. However, that should in no way negate the legitimacy of the concern of our neighborhood about spot zoning, and certainly not justify your designation of us as "opponents". We thought that as a Counselor, you are expected to be neutral during the discovery stage of an application. After all, we were simply responding to a referral from the Planning Committee who recognized that this project has the potential to adversely affect our quality of life. Drawing on your sales experience to say you don't like the tone of the letter is insulting. This is not a sales pitch, but an expression of deep concern. It's part of the democratic process.

I hope that there is no intention of using my perhaps inappropriate use of words to dismiss the concerns of our community.

Yours truly,
Michael Siddall,
Secretary,
East Porpoise Bay Ratepayers' Association.