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<https://citizensforsafertech.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Lets-Talk-Flyer-by-Concerned-Residents-of-Hornby-Island-CRHI-November-12-2023-Meeting.pdf>

Hi everyone,

Concerned Residents of Hornby Island (CRHI) has been actively pushing back against cell towers. Please read their update below, and if you feel inspired to **donate to their legal fund**, E-transfers can be sent to CRHI's account through [standupdonations@gmx.com](mailto:standupdonations@gmx.com)

CRHI is also helping blow the whistle on SitePath Consulting's Brian Gregg and the charade that is being made of the "public engagement" process. If you have stories of how cell towers are being pushed through with little to no regard for the concerns of local residents, please write to the appropriate government official. **Kindly cc your email complaints to CRHI member [willsenior@protonmail.com](mailto:willsenior@protonmail.com)**. Your letter, with only your first name, will be added to the dossier that CRHI is collecting for their submission to Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED), the federal body that regulates the siting of cell towers in Canada.

Message from a CRHI member:

I have posted the corporate-government contact list for you to take personal action regarding Brian Gregg, [and] LTC election interference by the Islands Trust Planners. If you reside in any CVR district or Trust Area, please register your concerns with the

appropriate officials now. You will find this [government] [Contact List](#) here...

And now for CRHI's UPDATE!

Good Morning CRHI, Friends and Allies,

My personal thanks to everyone who attended yesterday's 3-hour CRHI strategy session, either in person or in spirit. Particularly praiseworthy are the skeptics of Sunday's community forum who remained open-minded enough to reconsider this broader approach.

We all agreed that if this upcoming gathering helps incentivize community organisations throughout the Trust Area to insist that Trust planners practice due diligence and due process *before* submitting inappropriate projects for full public scrutiny and debate — such concerted pressure on the Trust from many sides can only help CRHI's concerted opposition to cell towers.

... not only to delete forever the Rogers cell tower proposal but, by holding the Trust to account, pre-empt future attempts by predatory corporations and the Trust's complicit urban planners to impose telecommunications towers on Hornby. And on other islands.

We do *not* wish to give an untrustworthy Trust another chance to "fix" the Rogers debacle. With this in mind, we are no longer demanding a public meeting hosted by the duplicitous Brian Gregg. It's way too late to tick that tattered box.

Moreover, it's vital to note than in her Sept. 8, 2023 Staff Report, Trust Regional Planning Manager, Margot Thomaidis has already ruled that Rogers farcical online teleconferencing *has met all applicable regulations for public consultation*. By yet more sleigh-of-hand, the Trust is now saying that Roger Dodgers is in

full compliance with all ISED and Trust requirements to host an in-person open house!

This implies that a vote for concurrence can be held here at any time. Such as later this winter when many residents are away...

At this point, we are no longer calling for a vote of nonconcurrence, which would likely happen anyway, *if* our trustees can be believed. We neither want nor need to take this chance.

As our lawyer strongly advises, the process around the Rogers cell tower application is so thoroughly broken, the only remedy at his point is for our LTC to throw it in the trash. Without any further opportunity for repair and resubmission. It is now clear that we would be ill-advised to press for anything less than *dismissing the Rogers application outright*. Carla's legal submission to the Trust will help secure this outcome. (see "donations" below)

Remember, Helliwell — home to myriad species, including so many unimpeded strollers — is the next target for a tower here. Do we want to fight that battle too? Or will we act together to shut down subsequent assaults *now* by telling the Islands Trust Corporation: “You’ve caused enough damage and community disruption. We’ll take make this decision ourselves, thank you very much.”

The big question remains: once those who come out this Sunday are exposed to so much disturbing evidence of what they’ve always suspected about an Islands Trust Corporation whose mandate has become to “preserve and protect corporate interests” — *what are they supposed to do with such upsetting information?*

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One answer we also agreed on yesterday is to insist on hybrid in-person/teleconferenced LTC meetings. No more governance by remote control through tech-challenged, "virtual" PR performances only.

Additionally, we will be providing contact details for the Islands Trust Council, Roger's Communications and ISED. (please see my last email for those e/addresses).

Most importantly, rather than forming yet another organization — which none of us has time for and will only further fragment this growing movement to regain local control of our beleaguered destinies — we can recommend that anyone riled enough to act, join with CRHI, HISTRA, HIRA, VISTA or other existing organizations mentioned or represented at Sunday's gathering.

And to donate to CRHI's legal defense fund. We need to raise another \$2,000 *quickly* to pay our Trust-specializing barrister & solicitor to research and produce a letter to the Trust planners and executive putting them on itemized notice for *each law they are breaking*. Which opens them to personally devastating actions.

(And no, I am not referring to more NOLs. VISTA has that more than covered. Nor are we going to resort to expensive and risky litigation, too late, after towers have been approved and instantly erected. Stay tuned for Gary's potential game-changer. In the meantime, please see the attached flyer for highlighted topics to be covered.)

Whatever their issues with the Trust, by demanding fair and transparent due process in all future Trust dealings, our lawyer's culminating legal document will directly benefit every community throughout the Trust Area. Especially those resisting "New Radio" (5G) towers.

So please pitch-in for this big push. (VISTA and Salt Spring, again, if you can. And for all those who have pledged donations but have not yet done so, *now is the time.*) Until CRHI can create a donate button linked to our account co-signers, please email me for simple instructions on how to contribute.

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In closing, I propose that all interested organizations active throughout the Gulf Islands in opposing destructive Trust policies — including and *especially* 5G — meet in a two-day, All-Islands Summit at a time and place to be determined to reclaim our shared future from a rogue Trust Corporation.

(Hornby or Salt Spring next fall or sooner come immediately to mind.)

And no, for anyone wondering, we are not “shit disturbers”.

We are the ones pressing the handle marked, Flush.

In Service,  
*Will Thomas*

contacts url:

<https://willthomasonline.net/hornby/hornby-tower-fight/community-foia-presentation.html>

Please freely distribute this message.

VISTA = Vancouver Island Safe Tech Alliance

New Radio = rebranded 5G, slated for the Roger's tower and presumably, all new telecommunications towers

\*With thanks to [Swami Beyondananda](#) for this wonderful term