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**Cc:** Mayor Council  
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Dear Sir:

I could write a hundred pages on why the idea of any logging on Bowen Island now is an atrocious idea, but I'll try to keep this short. We are part of Metro Vancouver and hence property values here are incredibly high and hugely vulnerable to any activities that might be seen to adversely affect the quality of life on our little island. For that reason alone, you can expect a huge and overwhelmingly upset crowd at your proposed event on July 30th — far more than Collins Hall could safely accommodate, and this will get your attempts to involve Bowen in your FSP off to a very rocky and rancorous start. The potential impacts on our very limited and very heavily used road system are enormous. The impact on our tourism industry, on which we rely heavily for local livelihoods, and which is overwhelmingly comprised of hikers and cyclists who come to see the very forests you plan to cut down, would be devastating. Bowen is an island of people many if not most of whom came here for sanctuary from noise and development, who voted mostly Green in the last election, and many of whom are environmental activists ready to do whatever it takes to prevent environmentally damaging activities from taking place here. We came here for the trees and the amazing view that those trees give us every day everywhere we go on our little island.

In short, any logging on Bowen is a bad idea — it offers us nothing, threatens everything that we hold dear, and would be a political nightmare for everyone concerned. I would urge you to, at the least, defer any plans to include Bowen in a FSP for at least a few years — surely there are many other places far more amenable on your list.

Respectfully,  
Dave Pollard