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Subject: Fibre optic line severed

Hello

RDN Chair Vanessa Craig
Island Trustee Tobi Elliott
Island Trustee Susan Yates

I am wondering why we have no communication to the outside world other than cellular at this point in time.

The reason I ask is because the aerial line between Mudge and Gabriola has been severed, however we did at great length and debate have a submarine cable land on Gabriola during the summer which appears to be merely a convenient landing pad for the company owning the submarine cable connecting other islands.

Why was it not made a condition of landing on Gabriola that it should connect to our own communications systems as a fail safe backup?

I am hoping this is corrected so we do not have the same lack of communication and 911 services down as we do now. NOT everyone on the island has cellular service or a cell phone, they do however pay tax to both the trust and the RDN.

Please ensure that there is a cabled fibre backup system of communication for the future.

Clearly this has to go to the top of the priority list.

Please make this letter part of the agenda of the next RDN board meeting as well as the next Islands trust meeting on DEC 6.

Yours Sincerely

Gavin Coford
Gabriola