

Protection Island Ratepayers Association  
Box 116, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5K4

Mr. Larry McNabb, Chairman  
Parks, Recreation, and Culture Commission  
500 Bowen Road, Nanaimo BC, V9R 1Z7

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Dear Mr. McNabb,

This letter of clarification is being prepared at the request of Jim Harris, the President of the Douglas Island Garden Society (DIGS); because it was felt that, there may be some confusion about the roles of the Protection Island Ratepayers Association (PIRA) and DIGS on Protection Island within the City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation, and Culture Commission.

PIRA oversees the operation of the Mud Bay Dock and acts as a channel through which the concerns of the island residents are addressed and are communicated to and from the various city departments, as necessary. Membership in PIRA is open to Protection Island ratepayers, but participation in regular meetings is open to all and communication of activities is directed at all islanders.

DIGS operates and maintains the community garden in Smugglers Park. Members participate in events in the garden and share in the harvest. The garden has also been developed for the enjoyment of all islanders, who are encouraged to participate in various public events in the garden as well as having the benefit of its splendour.

Both are independent nonprofit organizations with their own agendas and should be seen as separate and distinct.

Sincerely,

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cc Mr. Jim Harris  
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