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Subject: Seasonal removal

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Wilker family who has owned a very small cottage on an approx. 1 acre (dependent on water levels) island since 1962 near Dillon Cove, Nobel.

My parents bought and built here with the intent for this piece of paradise to be passed down through the family which includes two grandchildren (now in their 20's). I cannot see how that will be possible if the cost of hydro and taxes continue to rise. With real estate prices at an all-time high neither of these "kids" with exceptional incomes can afford to pay over \$500,000 for a basic single-family home where they each live **plus** have to pay **excessive amounts for minimal hydro usage at the island** along with the always increasing property taxes.

The end result will be them having to sell the property that their grandparents built and maintained for them to enjoy. An average citizen should be able to inherit property and continue seasonal usage of same without having to forfeit their primary residence to do so. This is not what life is about! Please don't make those of us who are fortunate enough to have a seasonal dwelling, pay further penalty to utilize the hydro that we paid handsomely to have installed in the first place, so that our offspring could enjoy it down the road. It would be a shame to see the faces of original family islanders dissipate to wealthy millennials due to lack of affordable hydro. I know that my parents would be heartbroken!

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