

Recreational Dock Owner Society

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UPDATE ON RDOS MEETING SEPTEMBER 23 WITH OUR LAWYER SERGIO CUSTODIO

Sergio Custodio is a senior partner at Bennett Jones LLP <https://www.bennettjones.com/CustodioSergio> and has extensive experience working with the VFPA on numerous real estate files over the years. He is uniquely qualified to represent RDOS as he has known and has worked extensively with VFPA legal and real estate teams.

The RDOS committee met with Sergio Monday night regarding the recent communication from the VFPA regarding the October 5th deadline imposed and threatening language implying action from the VFPA in Katarina Stoyko's (VFPA – Real Estate assistant) communication to license holders and affected stakeholders. Sergio is of the opinion that this is a veiled threat.

Sergio has a scheduled meeting with Peter Xotta (VFPA - CEO) and Jennifer Natland (VFPA -VP Real Estate) on October 11th to discuss our file along with other matters, which is beyond the October 5th deadline.

Sergio has a meeting with VFPA legal counsel to discuss a moratorium on October 5th as well as address the contentious points we have raised in prior communication to RDOS members prior to his meeting with Peter Xotta and Jennifer Natland on October 11th.

RDOS recognizes that affected stakeholders would like to see a conclusion to this matter and be able to resolve the issue in a fair and equitable way. We are continuing to keep open dialogue and raise the concerns we have had from the beginning and are disheartened by the approach the VFPA has taken to date, however we are encouraged that dialogue is taking place with the appropriate individuals regarding our issue and expect we will have some direction in the very near future on next steps.

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Your RDOS Team is focused on creating an agreement that works for the VFPA, the Canadian government and the waterfront property owners.

Your RDOS Executive

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