

Recreational Dock Owner Society

NOTICE 10 – Donate to RDOS Legal Fund Against Proposed Unfair License Agreement

URGENT CALL TO ACTION

1. The Recreational Dock Owner Society (RDOS) is a group of volunteers working on everyone's behalf to ensure we have an equitable license agreement for our encroachments in the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) jurisdiction. You can support our efforts by joining the RDOS. We need a collective voice in dealing with the VFPA. To achieve this, we need your membership. Visit our website – www.recreationaldockownersociety.com – simply select “Join Us” and commit to \$20 membership fee by e-Transfer.
2. **We also ask that you contribute to our GoFundMe fundraiser to continue building a fund to cover legal costs in negotiating a favorable new license agreement.** We ask that \$500 be considered, however any amount above or below this request would be much appreciated. We have raised over \$30,000 from over 50 contributors so far, but this is short of our needs to complete this critical work. When you consider the impact to your properties, this is a small ask even though we recognize it is a hardship for some. Here is the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-recreational-dock-owners-society?qid=a2172e7006e4501207476a631e5b5faa>
3. For those who have already contributed we thank you for your support.

What are the key issues?

1. Termination of licenses without cause or non-renewal after 2040, constructively expropriating your waterfront property rights impacting your property's value and ability to resell. **(Millions of dollars impact to your homes value).**
2. The new license requires you “to remove all structures, and all other improvements on the License area” at your expense **(Hundreds of thousands of dollars expense to you to restore the property).**
3. Not all properties are equal, yet VFPA license agreement is trying to enforce an all-encompassing agreement for ALL affected stakeholders. They will not address individual property encroachments / improvements.
4. Boat access properties only with no amenities to dock a boat severely impacting access and property value. Serious safety issues in case of medical emergencies, forest fire, or other emergent issues.

5. Unlicensed properties are at higher risk due to no agreement in place. A number of properties do not have docks but have reclaimed land which the VFPA identifies as Parcel "A". These properties are also impacted and if you do not already have a license you will be receiving one eventually.
6. Increase of license fees from \$140 per year to \$2,000 without justification.
7. The VFPA has advised property owners who have signed the new license agreements that they will be responsible for further costs of registering the new agreement that we are negotiating. Another reason to wait until we can finalize a new and fair License.

What RDOS is doing for you

1. We have retained a lawyer to represent us and coordinate this work with the VFPA to resolve an equitable agreement. As stated, we need your support on our GoFundMe initiative to cover these costs.
2. We have gained the attention of the leadership at the VFPA through our diligence and connections. We have tabled amendments for an equitable agreement as per a request from the VFPA.
3. Should you receive a communication from the VFPA pressuring you to sign a covenant and new license agreement, please contact us at the email below, and we can provide additional context and suggestions for a reply to the VFPA.
4. Accountability – An accounting showing Donations to date and legal expenses to date will be provided at our next Town Hall meeting
5. Receipts for your donations will be provided upon request

Your RDOS Executive

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