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I am a member of True Green Solutions for Bowen - I support all of their visionary principles, but would like to focus on one:

We support smarter and greener public services that enable low-carbon, restorative, and where possible, "zero-waste" living. For example, community composting facilities, public community gardens, and municipal incentives to harvest and store rainwater for house and garden use.

I have had considerable experience in helping with the waste management on Bowen (BIRD executive, Zero Waste Bowen chair) and want to see the OCP support the present efforts of all Bowen residents as they deal effectively with that waste. The system works very well at the moment, but will likely move up into a phase where there might need to be restrictions on other types of waste in the garbage stream. There must be mechanisms that council can use to insure that these changes are feasible. For example - restrict out door burning, no organics in the garbage stream, making possible certain ways of collecting waste, use of composting toilets, support for community composting, including composting of sewage and septic sludge.

Besides these issues, I want to state some obvious facts: there are many large lots on the island that could be subdivided there by increasing the sprawl that exists now. It seems to be a given amongst thinking planners that clustering is the way to deal with increased housing growth. Owners of large lots who want to subdivide should be encouraged (forced?) to cluster the houses on their lot.

Respectfully, Don Marshall