

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

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2 **Larry & Bernice Van Wieren, re Regulation of Nuisance Wildlife.**

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Attn: RDN Board

To Whom it May Concern:

RE: C. Nesselbeck Presentation – “Regulation and Nuisance Wildlife

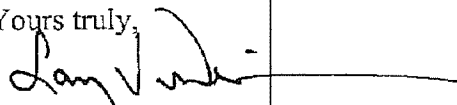
My wife and I are the registered owners of 2896 Munroe Road located in Area C of the Regional District. It is our understanding that Cindy Nesselbeck will be making a presentation at the RDN requesting that the RDN consider adopting a bylaw which:

- prohibits the feeding of rabbits (or other animals) in parks or public spaces
- prohibits uncontained feral or pet rabbits from occurring on private property

Given the problems experienced in other jurisdictions, we feel that it is important for the RDN to create a mechanism to deal with uncontrolled feral rabbits populations. The lack of a bylaw policy leaves the matter open ended and does not provide clarity on a course of action in the event of problems. Our experience has indicated that no clear regulations or bylaws can also create problems in a landlord tenant relationship. Uncontrolled rabbit populations have the potential to be a nuisance and to cause damage to properties.

Therefore we would support the implication of a bylaw(s) that would provide clear guidelines on feral rabbits in terms of what is permissible and what is considered a nuisance.

Yours truly,



Larry and Bernice Van Wieren