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Subject: SSFPD to Remain Apolitical

Dear Saltspring Island Fire Protection District Trustees.

I urge you, please, DO NOT be persuaded to throw the "institutional" weight of your Board into the sensitive political debate on future governance for Saltspring Island. I was relieved to read that you tabled a decision on this for thoughtful consideration after the recent open meeting. If members of the Board wish to support one or other side in this debate let them do so PRIVATELY, but not collectively as a Board.

With respect, you were not elected as a Board to represent your constituency on the question of future governance, which is of far wider scope than just fire protection and safety. It is vital therefore that the Board be apolitical in this debate. Institutions don't have a vote in the upcoming referendum. Only Residents do.

Sincerely,
S.Sydneysmith