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Subject: Point Roberts garbage and recycling

To those concerned (we wish there were more of you):

As a Pt Roberts resident, homeowner, WA state and Whatcom county citizen and taxpayer, I respectfully request you to consider my opinion regarding the applications for garbage and recycling services and the long-term survival of these services.

First: It is abhorrent that the state and county acts with such sluggish intent to provide or facilitate these basic services. Door-to-door garbage collection has been a basic community service of non third-world countries dating back to the 1800's. Keeping our town clean should be one of your concerns as it is ours.

Second: The current applicants, Freedom 2000, have a mixed history in business. An ambiguous business plan without specifics and details (vehicles for instance) is all they have to offer. I suggest you review any application with the type of scrutiny that investors would use when a company raises capital. The last thing we need is a failure in this system within a short period of time.

Third: I suggest you allow PR&R to continue, with certification, their on-call services. This would be one part of a new design for services for Pt Roberts. The transfer station is and can be efficiently run by them.

Fourth: To provide regular curbside services, I propose that you also overhaul the system by contracting with existing Canadian garbage and recycling providers. A large company with a fleet of vehicles and economies of scale is required to give the residents uninterrupted low-cost service, which we deserve. Monthly, or bi-weekly requirements of all households may also be needed, but could be structured for our community -- for instance, 1/2 year service minimum.

And last, a comment: A discontinuance of service for the duration we have experienced would NEVER be allowed in any other city or town in Whatcom county. The tax revenue from our small locale certainly offsets the cost of effort by you to put in place a novel plan to rectify this problem. Think outside the box - then flatten and recycle it.

Regards,
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