

Letter - Return rant re VIHA meeting

Gulf Islands Driftwood

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We were surprised to read the rant from Bill Whitelaw (June 23 Driftwood) taking us to task for shouting down the VIHA responses at the public meeting on June 14 when we questioned details of the new plans to delete surgical services at Lady Minto Hospital.

We can't help but observe that it is the first (and only) public reaction to the new proposal from a board member of the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, the group that solicits funds for the hospital.

The past president of the foundation, Gil Schultz, is on record as "strongly supporting continuation of surgery at Lady Minto . . . and exploring with VIHA extension of surgical services." (April 2008)

We guess that the board is busy writing a detailed excuse for their current position, which we look forward to reading. And they may be, of course, going through a bookkeeping exercise to identify individual donors to the \$800,000 pot donated for a new surgical facility in 2002-03, so that they can return these funds in a logical and fair manner.

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