

Letter - Surgery is viable at LMH

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Re "Doctors' opinion" letter, Jan. 19 Driftwood.

There is a current issue on Salt Spring and the other Gulf Islands that is of great importance to many, if not all, of our residents. That is, whether we have a viable surgery at Lady Minto Hospital or not. Surely there can't be any current issue that is more important.

The letters to the editor in the Driftwood have an expected personal bias that everyone understands when reading them. So I question using this forum to present a "we the undersigned" letter by a group of doctors. Are we to be led blindly to the conclusion that a doctor always knows best?

Most importantly, the lead doctors, in fact all who agreed to sign their name, should recognize that the SOS committee and other interested parties represent and support the needs of the residents of Salt Spring Island and not the desires of the doctors.

It is also interesting to note a number of the signatories are recent additions to the Salt Spring medical community, working in the newly built medical clinic on Kings Lane.

I then discovered their website (www.kingslanemedical.com), finding that colonoscopy and gastroscopy procedures are advertised there.

Talking to a neighbour who very recently underwent a gastroscopy, I asked him where it occurred.

"Well, in the new surgery suite at Lady Minto, of course, by Dr. Morse, and it was painless," he told me.

I guess there is a viable surgery at Lady Minto after all.

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