The Town Council is aware of a petition that is circulating on social media regarding the proposed municipal plan and rezoning amendment of 2-44 Marine Lab Road. This petition was created by the Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove Development Association and presents the Association’s stance of this proposal. This petition was not prepared on behalf, or developed in conjunction, with Council. The Town feels obligated to clarify and provide more factual detail to some statements made in this petition to ensure residents are fully informed with accurate information. With regards to the information provided in the wording of this petition, the following details should be clarified/considered:

- At this point of the process, Council has not made a decision on the amendment. At the conclusion of the public consultation process, Council will take into account the submissions received and will make a decision which it believes is in the best interest of the Town and its residents.
- This land is private property. To the best of Council’s knowledge, no permission from the property owner has been given for people to use this land for any activity whatsoever including hiking, berry picking, dog walking, sliding, snow boarding, show shoeing, cross country skiing, mountain biking etc. Entering private property, where entry is prohibited by notice (which this land is), is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction is liable to a fine under NL’s Petty Trespass Act.
- Council has not received a request, nor an expressed desire, from the current owner of the property to use this land for recreational purposes.
- An application for the Logy Bay Adventure Park, a private initiative, was approved by Council in 2016, but did not proceed.
- The current proposal is not suggesting to turn to this parcel of land into a “residential area”. It proposes to rezone a small portion of this parcel into RLD (Residential Low Density) to allow for the construction of one single family dwelling. The remaining majority portion of the land (approximately 91.6%) is to be left in its natural state consistent with a rural property while conserving the ponds and wetlands on the eastern portion of the property.
- The Town’s recreation program is in effect for 12 months of the year. While weather may not allow outdoor sports during the winter months, a recreation program still exists and Town events are ongoing. Some of these events include 8 different forms of fitness classes, dart league, 50+ club, girl guide meetings all offered in the Justina Center. The Town is also a partial owner of the Jack Byrne Regional Arena where events are typically occurring all year round.
- There has been no discussion, consideration, or decision by Town Council to consider the purchase, development or maintenance of this land.
- Any future possible consideration on the purchase, development, maintenance and operation of this land by the Town would create a huge financial impact and would potentially be reflected onto residents. At this time there is nothing forecasted in the Town’s budget related to this land.

It should be noted that there was an initial public consultation completed regrading this property in early 2020 and the Town received 15 submissions to consider. Of these 15, 14 of them were in favour of this rezoning, and 1 was not. Residents are strongly encouraged to thoroughly review the complete published package to ensure they are aware of all of the facts before expressing an opinion. A virtual meeting via Zoom is scheduled for September 2 at 7:00pm to provide an explanation to this proposal and a chance to clarify any questions or misunderstanding. As stated in the public notice, anyone wishing to voice an opinion must do so by contacting the Town by email at office@lbmcoc.ca or written correspondence delivered to the Town Hall. No other means of commentary will be considered.