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**To:** Bob K Day <[bobkday@lakecowichan.ca](mailto:bobkday@lakecowichan.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Silence Fire Siren

Dear Mayor Day and members of council:

I would like to respond to your plan to turn off the siren during the night. This is a very bad idea and these are my reasons. What if the first responders cell phones or way of contacting them is not working? Anything can go wrong. What if there is a forest fire or some kind of emergency that requires immediate evacuation during the night? Without the siren, the first responders are not going to be able to track everyone down. So what is the plan?

This system was put in place for a very good reason and it has worked for years. All of us who have lived in Lake Cowichan for most of our lives are used to it. I have never heard of any children with autism being traumatized by the alarm. If what Ms. Vandenheuvel is saying about autistic children is true, then where are the complaints from the other parents in town? What happens when the siren goes off during the day? It happens more than during the night. The only time I've ever seen or heard any complaining are when people are visiting from out of town, or when people first move here. Once they know what it is and why, most of them get used to it like the rest of us.

We just can't risk silencing the alarm for a very few handful of people. I hope you will give this some very serious consideration. Thankyou for your time.

Respectfully,  
Melissa Black