



Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee Regular Meeting Addendum

Date: March 9, 2017
Time: 10:15 am
Location: Gabriola Arts & Heritage Centre
476 South Road, Gabriola Island, BC

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- 9.1 *Marie Brannstrom and Paul Metcalfe regarding GB-RZ-2016.1 Potlach Properties and Pilot Bay Holdings*

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- 13.4 *Ferry Advisory Committee meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Ferries*

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CAMP MIRIAM

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January 24, 2017

BY MAIL

Heather O'Sullivan
Northern Office
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Cc: All Island Trustees

Dear Heather,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Honorary Chair of Camp Miriam, a position that I have held for the last 25 years.

Throughout this time I have been extensively involved with Camp Miriam and its activities on Gabriola Island.

I share with you, your concern and the concern of all Gabriola islanders, with regards to the proposed anchorage of freighters which could ultimately lead to anchorage of oil tankers.

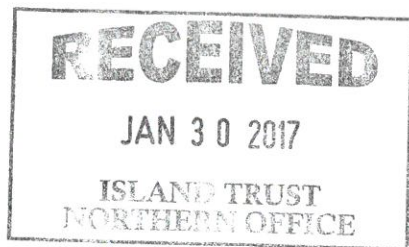
Our board of trustees, camp committee, camp leadership and parents are fully supportive of your efforts and will assist you in whatever way is possible.

In that regard I am enclosing a copy of my letter which was sent to:

- The Honourable Dominic Le Blanc, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
- The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport
- The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change

This letter has also been sent to Prime Minister Trudeau.

I am forwarding this letter in my capacity as the former Minister of Environment of Canada, Minister of Fisheries of Canada, Speaker of the House of Commons, Chair of Fraser River Sockeye Public Review Board, Head of BC Government Citizen's Forum on Pacific Salmon, Former Chair of Pacific Fisheries Resource Conservation Council and Former Director of The Pacific Salmon Foundation.



I have been informed today that the Prime Minister's office has received my letter, together with the offices of the Minister of Environment, Fisheries and Transport.

It will be my intention to work closely with GAFA, and yourself as an Island Trustee, to demand that there be a public consultation and that all studies on this issue have a scientific basis.

This coming year, will be one of the most challenging for environmental issues in recent memory. With events now unfolding in the United States which could very well result in the concern for the environment be severely compromised, it is encouraging to know that the Gabriola Island Trustees, together with the Trustees of all of the Gulf Islands, together with such organisations as GAFA, stands united in aggressively protecting our environment.

As a result of personal family issues at this time I am not able to take calls. However please direct all communication to Carla Shore:

Email: Carla@cshore.ca

Phone: 604 329 0975.

If at any time you wish to speak to me directly please let Carla know.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year. Wishing you every success in this extremely important task that you have undertaken.

Sincerely yours,



HON. JOHN A. FRASER, P.C., O.C., O.B.C., C.D., Q.C., LL.D. (Hon)
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The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
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January 20, 2017

Dear Minister LeBlanc,

I am writing to you in support of Gabriola Island residents and visitors who are opposed to the creation of five cape size commercial anchorages off the NE shore of Gabriola Island, in the legislatively protected Southern Gulf Islands region of British Columbia.

As a former Federal Fisheries Minister and also someone who has served in various advisory capacities on the subject of Pacific Salmon and other west coast fisheries concerns, I am aware that the proposed location in question is an area of productive fish habitat that would be severely damaged by the repeated anchoring of large ships. Your department is well aware that activities such as scouring of the sea floor by anchor chains and potential fuel spills, associated with deep sea anchorages, are known to destroy fish and fish habitat.

You may recall that in 2012, I joined three other former federal fisheries ministers in publicly opposing the diminution of the statutory protection of fish habitat contained in changes to the Federal Fisheries act as part of Bill C-38. I want you to know that I stand by that position today and remain convinced that a lack of adequate federal regulation and enforcement, particularly in the area of habitat protection endangers the continued survival of important salmon and other iconic west coast species.

For this reason, I am in agreement with Gabriola Island residents, that approval of these proposed anchorages should not proceed without adequate scientific study including site specific fish surveys and baseline data from which to measure negative impacts on an important variety of sea creatures including British Columbia's iconic orcas, humpback whales, sea lions, Chinook salmon, herring, and rock cod.

I am aware that the designation of deep sea anchorages is ultimately the responsibility of your colleague the Minister of Transport and that he has a responsibility to ensure that Canada has the infrastructure needed to support international trade and to allow Canadian producers to get their products to markets efficiently. However, at a time when proposed shipping activity in west coast waters is set to increase dramatically, I hope you will agree that it is essential that Canada also demonstrates, in the strongest terms possible, its commitment to preserving our precious natural marine resources for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,



The Honourable John A. Fraser, P.C., O.C., O.B.C., C.D., Q.C., LL.D.

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