



Sandy Hook Community Association

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District of Sechelt
Attention: Mr. Bill Brown, Administrator
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Dear Sir:

Re: Sandy Hook 2008 Capital Works Budget Suggestions
Ref A. Our letter dated November 12, 2007
Ref B. Budget Debate meeting of December 17, 2007

At our Board Meeting of December 3, Gray Waddell was tasked with following up on the status of our Capital Works proposals based on 2006 and 2007 correspondence. After a brief chat with Doug Chapman, Gray decided to attend the December 17 debate. Before the meeting started, you kindly made sure that Gray was supplied with a copy of the working document without which the exercise would have been of little value.

Gray was able to discuss specific Sandy Hook items with John Wild and he provided a report to our Board members on these and some other items that are of more general interest to residents. We would appreciate your comments/confirmation on the following items.

1. Major Roads (page 10)

Under "SIR--Wharf to Xenichen" an amount of \$48,000 is shown for 2007 and \$600,000 for 2008. (Technically it isn't Sechelt Inlet Road through Band lands, it's East Porpoise Bay Rd, but who's quibbling?) At some point in the proceedings, you advised that you had received a phone call that morning from "someone representing the Davis Bay/Wilson Creek community Association" proposing that the funding be switched to another item in the budget titled "Field Road--Highway 101 to Airport" against which no funding is proposed for the next four years. Then Clr. Steeves spoke up to emphasize that Field Road is much more in need than SIR and if that's the case we don't understand why no one has made the case prior to December 17, 2007. In the confused discussion that followed, Gray understood the Mayor to urge expenditure of the \$48,000 for drawing up the specs for the SIR Project. Clr. Shanks spoke in favour of SIR over Field Rd as did our Rep. No one else seemed prepared to take a position and the matter was left unresolved.

Considering the fact that this little stretch of the District's road network has been a subject for discussion first during the Terraces and now Silverback negotiations, the idea of postponing the upgrade any further at this point doesn't make sense. We strongly believe that almost every vehicle operator familiar with the two pieces of road under discussion would say that upgrading the SIR stretch should be the first priority. Your comments would be appreciated.

2. Minor Drainage Works (page 11)

"Sandy Hook Road" expenditures for 2006, 2007 and 2008 totaling about \$11,000 are shown. Wild advised that this applied to the corner of Seaview which at one time was the cause of

considerable concern. He told Gray that the work as now completed--the problem resolved. Confirmation in writing is requested.

3. Park Development and Equipment (page 13 and 14)

Five thousand dollars for 2008 is shown for "Sandy Hook Park Improvements." When questioned, John advised it was for the stairs proposed for beach access. Confirmation is requested.

4. Park Development (continued)

Five thousand dollars is shown for 2008 for "Deerhorn Tot Park--Drainage Improvements." Engineering was prompt in dealing with this new problem when it was brought to their attention. Excess water in front of the mail boxes was particularly hazardous during cold weather. John is in touch with Canada Post since it seems possible that the mail boxes will have to be relocated. We would appreciate an update on this item.

5. Roads (non DCC) Page 17)

The word "Deerhorn" showing \$70,001 for 2010 should be followed by "-Sandy Hook Rd to Skookumchuk." Our Association has been reporting on the deterioration of this stretch of road for several years--so far to no avail. We have received verbal assurances of "next year" at least a couple of times. Whether it lasts another two years remains to be seen.

The next entry of interest to us is "Sandy Hook Rd--Seaview to Coracle (84)" for which \$61,000 is shown for 2008. A serious dip in this stretch was repaired just recently which users greatly appreciate. John commented that rotting stumps are causing sinkholes to develop and it appears that engineering considers this more urgent than Deerhorn. No argument there but he also commented that the cost of repair would likely be at least double the figure shown. That being the case we have to ask why the amount shown is so low. Presumably there's still time to allocate an appropriate amount of funding for this "urgent" safety-related project before the budget is finalized. Your comments are requested.

6. Sidewalks and Walkways (page 22)

"Beach access, Coracle Drive (SH)" shows \$6001 for 2008. Since Gray did not have the opportunity to request clarification on this one, we are assuming that it relates to item i) in our November 12, 2007 letter addressed to you. Once again, confirmations would be appreciated.

Our representative reported that overall he felt this was a "worthwhile exercise." Perhaps in future District should consider a letter of invitation to all Community Associations.

Yours truly
Sandy Hook Community Association

Per:
Peter Harvey
President

cc. Mr. Ken Tang, Mr. Dough Chapman, Mayor Reid and Councillors.