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VIA FAX: 604-885-7591

Dear Andrea deBucy,

Re: 2011 District of Sechelt Budget Development Process

In response to your letter dated January 5th, 2011 requesting input from various Community Groups and Neighbourhood Associations on the District of Sechelt's 2011 budget priorities - we welcome the opportunity to respond.

1. Park Development

We support the District's initiatives to enhance and develop Sechelt's various parks. We would like to recognize the impressive changes over the past 2 years have taken place at Snicket Park in Sechelt and at Mission Point Park in Davis Bay. Considering these changes, we would respectfully request that the two parks located in Sandy Hook also be considered for some enhancements during 2011. Last year we met with Emanuel Machado, Manager of Sustainability & Special Projects, and he is aware of our community's specific requests concerning Tot Park and Sandy Hook Park. The Sandy Hook Community Association is willing to assist the District with developing a long-term plan that supports the requirements/interests of the residents of Sandy Hook and the community of Sechelt.

2. Recreational Development

Again, we support development of Sechelt's recreational areas – in particular the addition of bike lanes to the Sunshine Coast Highway. I would like to note that Sandy Hook residents (and the Sandy Hook Community Association) have also been very active in this area – specifically in Hidden Grove. Countless volunteer hours have been utilized building a wonderful trail network throughout Hidden Grove. As the majority of our community's volunteer efforts are focused on Hidden Grove, we ask the District to consider allocating funds for recreational development in Sandy Hook; namely, Park Road trail. It follows the Park Road right of way from the south end of Porpoise Drive and connects with Sandy Hook Road. Both Perry Schmidt and Emanuel Machado are familiar with this long delayed project – I believe it has been 4 years since our initial request for support from the District of Sechelt.

3. Infrastructure Development

We appreciate the District's commitment to infrastructure development in Sechelt. With that said, there are ongoing issues with drainage in Sandy Hook. There are three areas of concern that require the District's consideration for improvement in 2011. The first area is at the end of Coracle Place Road where drainage has been, and will continue to be, an issue until a permanent solution is adopted. The second location is across from 5932 Sandy Hook Road where a steady stream of water runs into a small ditch and is becoming a serious issue within the neighbourhood. Water collects along the roadways in both areas and in the winter months ice forms and presents a risk to both drivers and pedestrians. Third, behind 5890 Sandy Hook Road (green space easement) there is a culvert "half pipe" in need of modernization.

On behalf of the Sandy Hook Community Association, thank you for providing us the opportunity to put forward our suggestions.

Sincerely,

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