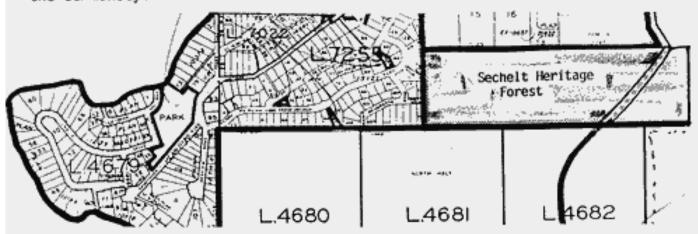
### SECHELT HERITAGE FOREST

We, the undersigned, desire the inclusion of the Sechelt Heritage Forest within the Official Community Plan for the District of Sechelt.

Setting aside this area (see map) will provide for the future health of the community.



Land to the north and west is presently owned and developed residential use land. We understand that the land to the south will, in the near future, also be developed for residential use. Large incoming populations make vital the provision of recreational areas.

Existing trails and gentle slope already make it a popular low-key walking greenbelt. Official designation is needed to remove it from the jurisdiction of the Provincial Forest and to state the significance of this area as the SECHELT HERITAGE FOREST.



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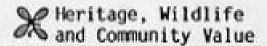


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Re: SECHELT HERITAGE FOREST

Notes taken from the field trip with Marion Parker, Dendochronologist and Archaeologist and expert in tree-ring dating, March 19, 1993.

- \* The forest is an example of old second growth which was probably logged at the turn of the century. Some ancient trees are standing.
- \* This forest is a picture in time of old practises. You don't have stumps of that height and size left behind today. It was termed high grade logging.
- \* Why should this forest be protected as "heritage"? Because this forest:
  - is an example of early logging practices
  - has outstanding aesthetic quality
  - is of scientific study value, especially the mosses
  - has ecological watershed value in the running stream
  - offers diverse wildlife protection
  - is close to a centre of population
- \* All of this together with the many varieties of plants make it a delicate zone.

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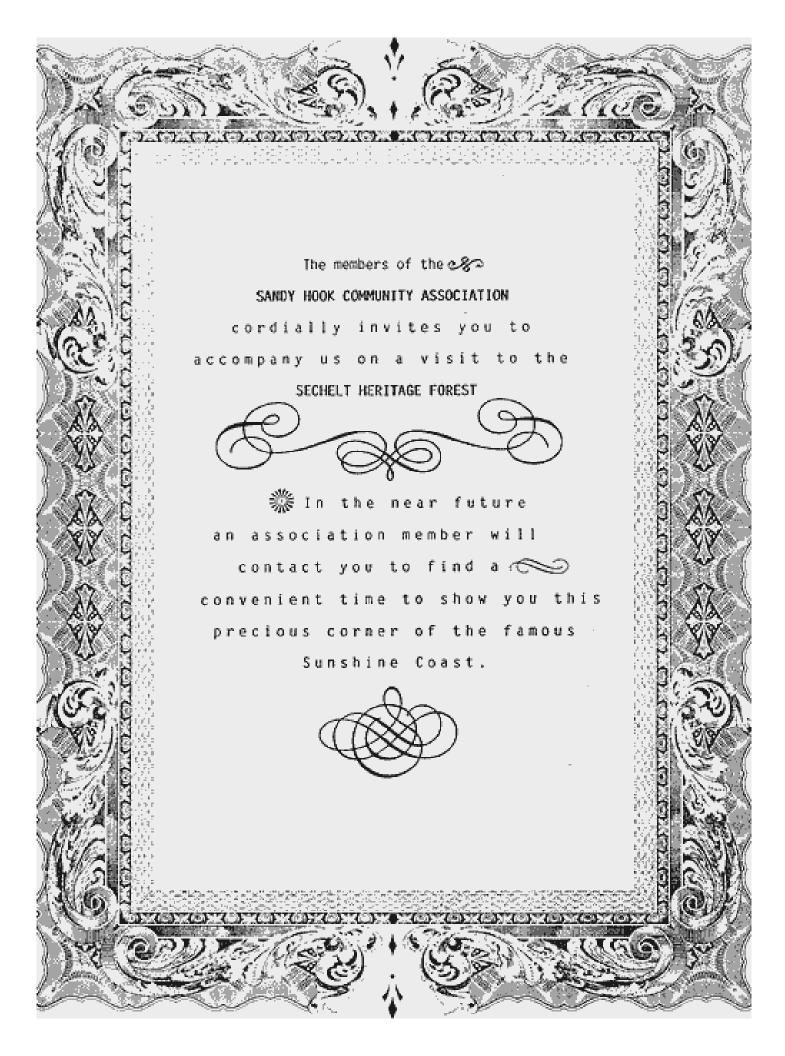
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MARION L. PARKER, B.A., M.A. Dendrochronologist and Archaeologist

M.L. Parker Company, Inc. R.R. 1, Site 16-C, Box 7 Madeira Park, B.C. VON 2H0

1757 Johnson Road Point Roberts, WA. 98281 (206) 945-2077



Notes taken from the field trip with Barry Chambers, resident of Sechelt and knowledgeable person on the subject of logging in this area, on the date of April 2, 1993

- \* Logging may have occurred around 1880, and subsequent logging could have occurred anytime since. Selected trees were felled no later than 1920, as evidenced by the tall height of the stumps.
- \* Old-time logging methods were used, because no evidence of power saw use was found.
- \* The ancient red cedar tree survived to this day because of lumber standards at the turn of the century. (This tree is 8% ft. in diameter.) It may have "swirlies" or "grooves" which would have been considered substandard at the turn of the century. The significance of this giant specimen is that the loggers made two attempts to chop the tree down, but due to irregularities, let it stand. Despite these deep cuts, and the double set of springboard chops, the tree survives.
- \* The "long butts" left behind as waste are evidence of work done by a small logging operation, or one person known as a "gyppo".
- \* The hemlock trees have a mistletoe condition, common to this area. The douglas fir trees are healthy and second growth. Bark missing from the trunks of some of the trees is considered normal damage.
- Some of the common guidelines for selective logging were observed in this forest, some were not.
- \* Further study and consultation with other loggers familiar with this site is needed to determine exactly when this stand was logged for the first time, and by whom.

# HERITAGE FORESTS SOCIETY

7500 Heather Street Richmond, B.C. V6Y 2P9 April 10, 1993

To: Mayor and City Council

Corporation of the District of Sechelt

Re: "SECHELT HERITAGE FOREST": inclusion in the Official Community Plan

This letter is in support of the Sandy Hook Community Association proposal to seek park status for a stand of trees of approximately 80 acres in size (see attached map).

Heritage Forests Society is a voluntary citizens organization dedicated to the conservation of natural areas, particularly those with a heritage.

On a number of field trips, by invitation of Ms. Gertrude Pacific of the Sandy Hook Community Association, we have observed the following amenities worthy of protection:

- a second growth forest stand of Cedar, Hemlock and Fir selectively logged between 1880 and 1920 (approx.)
- \* an existing trail system through the forest where an observer can see majestic old growth trees left standing by pioneer loggers
- \* a mosaic of small streams and bogs which may serve as watershed to future communities down-slope
- \* an ethno-botanical showplace where members of the Sechelt Nation (shishalh - elders) and scholars can engage in teaching to the community the values of our botanical and biological treasure
- \* a place where old-time loggers can relate their historical ways of resource extraction to the community

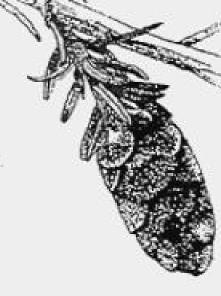
In our experience in helping to establish parks in British Columbia, we have found that areas which have been saved for their natural amenities have measureably improved the public good. Young people are especially enriched by establishing natural values which are hard to find in this industrial world.

HERITAGE FORESTS SOCIETY meets at the SPEC building, 2150 Maple Sirvet, on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 30p. in See you there!



# HERITAGE **FORESTS** SOCIETY





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It is for the above reasons that our Society is wholly supportive of the concept to designate the mentioned stand of trees as park. We will assist the citizen groups and, council in the endeavour to set aside Sechelt Heritage Forest

Co-chair, Heritage Forest Society

cc: Earl Anthony Director General of Conservation and Protection Environment Canada

> Chief and Council Sechelt Indian Band

Trevor Kirby President Sandy Hook Community Association

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Species inventory by botanist Terry Taylor

Plants Observed in Sechelt Heritage Forest, Sandy Hook, April 18, 1993.

Omphalina ericetorum Lepidozia reptans Hylocomium splendens Plagiothecium undulatum

Plagiothecium undulatum Calypogeia azurea Pteridium aquilinum Eurhynchium oreganum Scapania bolanderi Hypnum circinale

Tsuga heterophylla Gaultheria shallon Vaccinium parvifolium Heterotextus alpinus

Entoloma sp. Thuja plicata

Antitrichia curtipendula Dicranum scoparium

Cladonia sp., probably C. macilenta

Platismatia glauca

Mycena sp.

Isothecium stoloniferum Usnea subfloridana Listera cordata

Lepraria sp.

Dicranum fuscescens Rhytidiadelphus loreus Polystichum munitum Pseudotsuga menziesii Rhizomnium glabrescens

Fomitopsis pinicola

Pseudotaxiphyllum elegans Polypodium glycyrrhiza

Rubus ursinus

Sambucus racemosa Dacrymyces palmatus Mahonia nervosa Blechnum spicant

Hypogymnia enteromorpha

Alectoria sarmentosa Sphaerophorus globosus Hirschioporus abietinus

Parmelia sulcata Trientalis latifolia Neckera douglasii Mycena pura

Ganoderma oregonense Frullania nisquallensis Porella navicularis Laricifomes officinalis a mushroom a liverwort Step moss a moss a liverwort

Bracken fern a moss a liverwort a moss

Western hemlock

Salal

Red huckleberry

Orange top jelly fungus

a mushroom Western red cedar

a moss

Birdbeak moss

a lichen a lichen a mushroom a moss a lichen

Twayblade orchid

a lichen

Birdbeak moss

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Red belt bracket fungus

a moss
Licorice fern
Trailing blackberry
Red elderberry
a jelly fungus
Low Oregon grape

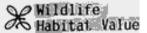
Deer fern a lichen a lichen a lichen

a bracket fungus

a lichen Star flower a moss a mushroom

Varnished bracket fungus

a liverwort a liverwort Quinine fungus



Linnaea borealis Luzula parviflora Peltigera membranacea

Icmadophila ericetorum Lophocolea cuspidata

Alnus rubra

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species not known

Athyrium filix-femina Leucolepis acanthoneura Lysichitum americanum Hypogymnia tubulosa

Tiarella trifoliata

Picea sitchensis

Claopodium crispifoium Plagiochila asplenioides

Cudonia circinans

Stereum sp. Peziza badia

Dendroalsia abietina

Cornus nuttallii

Candellariella efflorescens? possibly

Agrocybe sp.

Acer macrophyllum Polyporus badius Mycena aurantiidisca

Galerina sp.

Lobaria pulmonaria Hypogymnia imshaugii

Viola sempervirens

Drepanocladus uncinatus Homalothecium fulgescens Metaneckera menziesii Heterocladium macounii

Twinflower Wood rush Dog lichen a lichen a liverwort Red alder

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Skunk cabbage

a lichen

Foam flower, possibly a hybrid with

T. laciniata Sitka spruce a moss

a liverwort

an ascomycete fungus

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Pacific dogwood

a lichen a mushroom Broadleaf maple

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Evergreen violet

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This area is a nicely-maturing coastal western hemlock forest, with luxurient populations of mosses and liverworts. There is an especially impressive covering of the step moss (Hylocomium splendens). Many of the hemlocks bear mistletoe brooms. Although detrimental from a forestry point of view these do not detrimentally affect the recreational or natural history values of this forest, and are, in fact, part of the expected natural characteristics of such a hemlock forest.

Terry Taylor. 4377 West 11th Avenue

Vancouver, B.C.

V6R 2L9 228-9966.



## shíshálh curriculum project

A Jointly Spansored Project of the Sechelt Indian Band and School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)



April 26, 1993

Mayor and City Council Corporation of the District of Sechelt

> The inclusion of the SECHELT HERITAGE FOREST in the Official Community Plan

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Sechelt Nation has been working with the Sechelt School Board for the last three years on a curriculum project to teach the shishalh language. We are currently producing language lessons and cultural studies programs for the public school system. A major area of study is the study of native plant species and their historical and contemporary use.

To have a forest within the municipality of Sechelt that would be available for teaching this curriculum could provide an invaluable resource for all the students. In years to come, the value of our plant species to the community at large could be of great economic importance.

Therefore, we support the proposal of the Sandv Hook Community Association to designate the area just east of Sandv Hook, known as the SECHELT HERITAGE FOREST, as a new forest reserve for the municipality of Sechelt.

Yours sincerely

Jeff Smith

shishalh studies Curriculum Development

## The Sechelt Marsh Protective Society

P.O. Box 543 Sechell, B.C. VON 3A0



April 30, 1993

I inspected the forest land in Sandy Hook which you are proposing as a designated green belt. Among the interesting features of this small tract that I noticed were:

- a) Some large and ancient old growth western
- b) Evidence of cultural modification of some of these old trees (experts would have to determine if this was the work of natives or white men)
- c) The area is typical of much low elevation forest on the Sunshine coast and as such it constitutes prime habitat for a variety of bird species, notably woodpeckers and other cavity breeding species, owls, and a variety of passerines.
- d) An existing trail system.

I think it would make an interesting addition to the municipality's park resources.

> Yours truly Tony Greenfield President

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### CONSULTING IN DENDROCHRONOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

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1757 JOHNSON ROAD POINT ROBERTS, WA. 98281 (206) 945-2077

April 30, 1993

Sechelt Mayor and City Council Sechelt, British Columbia Attn: Rob Buchan, City Planner

Dear Mr. Buchan:

I was asked recently by Gertrude Pacific to examine an old, second-growth forest in the Sandy Hook District of Sechelt. I am an archaeologist and dendrochronologist and have worked in the field of dendrochronology for 31 years throughout Canada and the United States. For the past 10 years I have concentrated mainly on examining and dating the big and old trees in British Columbia, dating historic buildings and archaeological sites and identifying and dating culturally-modified trees (CMTs).

After visiting the forest at Sandy Hook, I am convinced that it should be preserved. I discussed some of the reasons with Gertrude Pacific and she has documented them for you. In addition, I would like to stress the significance of this forest for historic and scientific purposes. We took some increment borings from a tree, that is still living, but was damaged in an early connercial logging operation. These borings suggest (although I would like to confirm this with further study) that this logging took place over 100 years ago. Therefore, this forest represents a very good and well-preserved example of early logging practices.

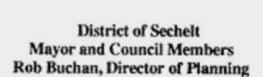
Although the forest has been logged, some ancient tress were not cut and these trees contain valuable dendrochronological information such as proxy climatic data that extends back in time for hundreds of years, information about atmospheric carbon dioxide, acid rain and other scientific data.

I will attempt to meet with you on May 11 regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

M. L. Parker, Dendrochronologist

April 30, 1993



The following presentation represents the response of the Board of Directors of the Sandy Hook Community Association to the request of the District of Sechelt for guidelines and proposals to the Official Community Plan. The issues addressed, while not inclusive, represent the Board's and other residents' primary concerns with the future of the District of Sechelt and of Sandy Hook in particular. For the sake of emphasis, we have summarized key issues and are enclosing a detailed plan on the following major proposal.

The Sandy Hook Community Association strongly favours:

 a municipally-designated green belt adjacent to Sandy Hook with the working title of the SECHELT HERITAGE FOREST.

The Sandy Hook Community Association gives its highest priority to this issue. The Association is persuaded that such an area is essential as population pressures are already schedul ed to assault our area beyond anything this fragile wilderness has known. Developers are planning high density housing projects now and, within ten years, we expect they will be a reality. Of paramount importance is the preservation of a small, precious forest tract which will be of enduring value to the current and incoming residents of our area, and will preserve remarkable plant and wildlife which now survives in precarious balance. The preservation of this forest tract will also increase the desireability and attractiveness of the neighbourhood and, therefore, insure its contribution of a higher-than-average tax base. Documentation for the forest accompanies this report.



-May 3, 1993

Chief and Council Sechelt Indian Band: Box 740 Sechelt, BC VON 3A0

Dear Chief and Council:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter of support for the creation of a new park within the boundary of the District of Sechelt. This park is being proposed by the Sandy Hook Community Association. The letter is from Will Paulik, Co-Chair of the Heritage Forests Society.

In the letter, Mr. Paulik mentions the Sechelt Nation. He felt that you would appreciate knowing about the proposal.

I have been volunteering for the past few months with two of your staff members: Jeff Smith and Anne Quinn, on the ethno-botanical project for Native Studies. The project is a wonderful idea, and the ethno-botanical portion is extremely interesting to me.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Pacific, Chairperson

Official Community Plan Sub-Committee of Sandy Hook

May 3, 1993

Earl Anthony Director General of Conservation and Protection Environment Canada 606 224 West Esplanade North Vancouver, BC V7M 3H7

Dear Mr. Anthony:

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Mr. Will Paulik, Co-chair of the Heritage Forest Socity requested that I send this to you. He also suggested that I should ask for the latest Environmental Citizenship packet. Since many of the neighbourhood communities are quite active at this point, since we are all working on our Official Community Plan, a few extra would be quickly spread around to other groups. This is a moment of involvement to all concerned.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Gertrude Pacific

Chairperson

Official Community Plan Sub-Committee of Sandy Hook

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Gertrude Pacific, Chairperson

Official Community Plan Sub-Committee of Sandy Hook

Minutes from Meeting: Barry Miller

Also Present:

Ministry of Forests

Michael Davidson, Johnny Johnsom

Date:

May 7, 1993

Mr. Miller was fairly sure he could, at the least, flag the area as a Recreation Reserve.

He kept a copy of the Buchan letter, saying he would come to visit the forest in early June.

The chain of command:

John Cuthbert in Victoria.

Charlie Western in Burnaby. Regional office in the Ministry. Ken Ingram is the Regional Manager

Barry Miller in Sechelt. District.

Nothing is final until it goes up the chain of command, and a decision is made by the CHIEF.

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Barry J. Miller, RPF, RP Bio.

Resource Officer

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Sunshine Coast Forest District

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#### Province of British Columbia

Ministry of Forests 7077 Duncan Street Powell River, British Columbia V8A 1W1

Tel: 485-0700 Fax: 485-0799

File: ARCS 232-20 (052)

May 19, 1993

Mr. Rob Buchan Municipal Planner The Corporation of the District of Sechelt P.O. Box 129, 5545 Inlet Avenue Sechelt, British Columbia V0N 3A0



#### Province of British Columbia

Ministry of Eorests

Resource Officer Planning Sunshine Coast Forest District

Barry J. Miller, R.P.F., R.P.Bo. 7077 Duncan Street Powell River British Columbia V8A 1W1

Phone: (604) 485-9838 (1790) Fax: (604) 485-4033

#### Dear Rob:

I am writing in response to your letter of April 30, 1993 concerning the somewhat isolated portion of Provincial Forest land north of Lot 4682, in the vicinity of Sandy Hook.

This location is currently within the Forest License chart area of International Forest Products. Chart areas are administrative boundaries for logging companies and as such, can be amended if deemed necessary. I note that there are no plans to harvest here in Interfor's most recent 5 year development plan which is available in our field office.

While the Ministry of Forests is now aware of the local interest in this isolated "finger" of forest land for recreation, we do not feel that removing it from the Provincial Forest for this purpose alone, is warranted, at this time. The Ministry manages the Provincial Forest using Integrated Resource Management (IRM), which encourages all resource users to work together in the forest. Even though this land is surrounded by urban development, we feel that it is a good example of the many wide-ranging benefits that the Provincial Forest offers to a community.

Recreation areas in the Provincial Forest often need some form of protection from other uses which could degrade, or destroy the unique qualities of these special places. Our own Recreation Department has many sites under its' jurisdiction and they continue to be interested in locations with good access, that can be enjoyed by the public. They have considered the Sandy Hook location for a "Recreation Reserve", but unfortunately, it does not meet the Ministry's criteria for this formal status.

At this time, we would like to designate this area as a 'Notation of Recreation Interest' on our legal status maps. This designation would "red flag" the local Forest Service office of the importance of this area for local recreation. Should there be any application or proposal for any other use here, this designation would highlight the recreational value of this area.

This notation does not infer any improvements of any kind will be added to this site by the Forest Service, but simply that it has a value for local recreation.

I trust that this solution is satisfactory to all parties involved. If you have any questions or would like further discussion of this matter, please call Don Edmonds at 485-0719.

Yours truly,

Barry Miller, R.P.F. R.P. Bio.,

Resource Officer Planning

Barry Miller

Sunshine Coast Forest District

cc: Mike Bell

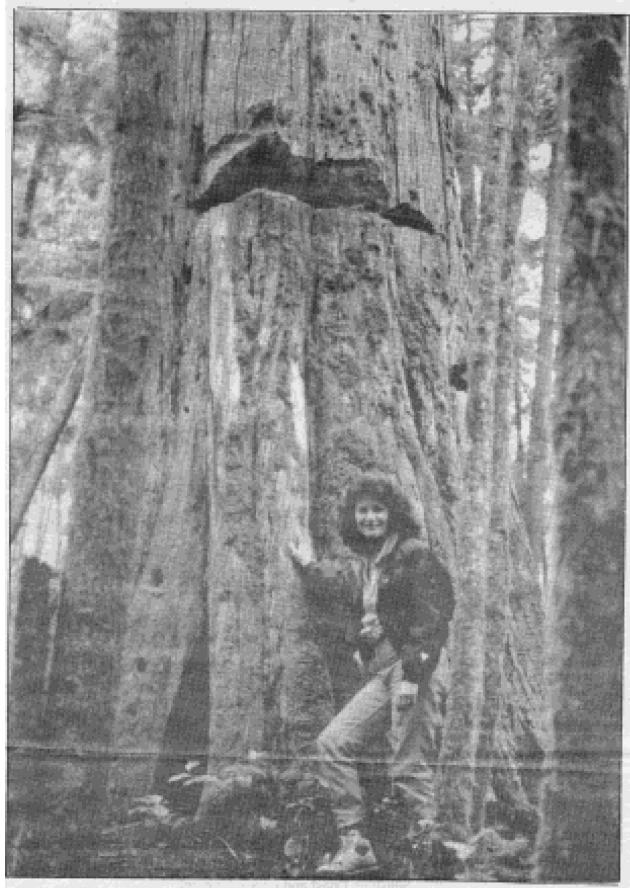
International Forest Products

Gertrude Pacific

Official Community Plan Sub-Committee of Sandy Hook

Enclosure (1)

COMMUNITY



Gertrude Pacific stands by an old tree on land adjacent to Sandy Hook.

Photo by Bryan Carson

# Park proposed for Sandy Hook

# Park proposed for Sandy Hook

The 80-acre chunk of crown land adjacent to Sandy Hook appeared certain to become a Sechelt park.

Gertrude Pacific, Chairperson of the Sandy Hook Official Community Plan Sub-Committee, with Jay Hess and Bula Hess of Sandy Hook, attended a Sechelt Planning Committee meeting May 25 to urge Council to acquire the parcel as a munici-

pal heritage forest.

Support from members of the committee appeared solid, but at a special meeting of council two days later, councillor Peggy Wagner and Town Clerk Michael Vaughan reported that the land might not, in fact, be in Sechelt.

Vaughan said the land might be in the Regional District. Different maps showed different boundaries for Sechelt, but Councillor Bob Wilson said it should be clear, since expansion took place in 1986.

"We have to determine where our boundaries are," he

said

"If it's outside Sechelt, we have to get it put into Sechelt," added Mayor MacLarty.

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But Councillor Joyce Kolibas maintained that as long it was a park, it would not matter whose park it was.

The Town Clerk suggested postponing action on the heritage forest until Sechelt's new Official Community Plan was in place, but Peggy Wagner countered that there are a lot of steps to go through before the area could become a park, and it could not wait for the OCP.

Administrator Art Lew sug-

gested a further complication: It may be under logging license. But by late last week it had been determined that the land is within Sechelt's boundaries.

Sechelt clerk Michael Vaughan told The Sunshine Press that application to the Ministry of Lands to have the parcel turned over to Sechelt can now begin.

# **Celebrating Sechelt**

Whether your family has lived on the Sunshine Coast for four months or 400 years, you probably realize you are part of a unique and powerful landscape. The Friends of the Sechelt Public Library, in conjunction with Celebration Days is hosting a writing contest and would appreciate hearing how you've been shaped and tinted by your life in Sechelt or the surrounding areas. Time is short, Submissions must be in by June 20.

CONTEST RULÉS - maximum length 1200 words double spaced. Your name, address, phone number and title are to appear on a cover sheet.

To ensure fairness, please do not use your name anywhere else on your submission. Entry fee \$5. Mail submissions to "Friends Writing Contest", Box 2104, Sechelt, VON 3A0 or deliver them to the Sechelt Public Library at 5520 Trail Avenue.

Please include a SASE if you would like your entry returned. Winners will be announced at the Celebration Dinner, July 1 at the Indian Band Hall. Prizes of \$100 for first prize, \$50 second prize, \$25 third prize, donated by the Sechelt Golf & Country Club.

Judging will be done by Friends of the Library and Sechelt Public

Library, and judges decisions will be final.

For further information call Robin Wheeler - 885-4505 before 6 pm.

We are present, the members of the Sandy Hook Community Association, to briefly speak in support of the SECHELT HERITAGE FOREST proposal.

Within the framework of the Official Community Plan, we have made some general and specific proposals for the District of Sechelt. The highest priority we place is on the creation of a municipally-designated forest, approx. 80 acres in size, adjacent to Sandy Hook. It is visible on these maps, which are official BC maps.

The creation of this forest is the key to our entire vision of future Sechelt:

-- the preservation of a rural, forested countryside where neighbourhoods retain unique flavour, and are united by common recreational areas, known as parks, green belts or forests.

The many detailed items which we have proposed are all laid out in our Guidelines for Tomrrow. What our members are concerned about today, is the consideration of City Council towards support of and momentum toward the designation of the SECHELT HERITAGE FOREST.

At present, this land is known as land under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Forests, or Crown Land. Members of our Sandy Hook Community Association have had a first meeting with Barry Miller at the Ministry of Forests. He has been most positive in his response, especially after viewing the letter from Mr. Buchan to Mr. Don Edmonds, Assistant Planner for the Sunshine Coast Forest District, which described our proposal.

I would like to introduce several members of our association who are present today, who would appreciate a moment of time to present their ideas in person.

We have: Johnson Bula Hess

Thank you for your attention.

Gertrude Pacífic

Chairperson

Official Community Plan Sub-Committee of Sandy Hook 5-25-93

## Sandy Hook Community Association Newsletter



to the Annual Meeting.Come and learn what we've been up to on your behalf? The Annual Meeting of the Sandy Hook Community Association will be held:

Date:

Saturday, May 29, 1993

Time: Place:

2:00 p.m. St. Hilda's Church Hall

This has been a busy year, but we promise our reports will be brief. If you have noticed our media coverage -- this is your chance to come and hear the real scoop. You're also invited to stay after the meeting for refreshments, to catch-up with with your neighbours, and to discuss our community's special dream. (see "Forest" next column.).

#### Nominations! Nominations!

Speaking of annual meetings -- Bula Hess. Nominating Committee Chair, presents here the slate of nominees to the Board of Directors of SHCA for the 1993-94 year: Bob Patrick. Jim Ettinger. Althea Rowe, Rose Ettinger. Hannah Damtoft, Lila Moss, Trevor Kirby, Peter Parker, Gertrude Pacific and Bula Hess. If you are interested in serving on the Board or wish to nominate someone, call Bula at 885-2429. Deadline for nominations is May 24.

Litterbugging and Junk Mail - we're hearing reports that junk mail is being littered around the mailbox area. Please take it home to your own garbage can. If we deserve to save a forest, the least we can do is keep a few yards of gravel tidy.

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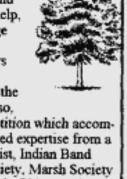




"Sechelt Heritage Forest"

### An idea whose time has come

Many thanks to Gertrude Pacific who has alerted us all to the opportunity to save a precious part of Sandy Hook and provided the leadership. With your help, we will develop the Sechelt Hertitage Forest to benefit all of Sechelt in the years to come. The Board of Directors has adopted the idea and made it a formal proposal in our submission to the Official Community Plan, Thanks, also,



to over 100 of you who signed the petition which accompanied the proposal. Gertrude obtained expertise from a dendocrinologist (tree-dater), a botanist, Indian Band ethno-botanist, the Heritage Tree Society, Marsh Society and others. Conclusion: a small parcel of 80 acres is packed with a great variety of mosses, some rare species; trees in the 600-700 year old range, and marks of man's intrusion 100 years ago. It's a jewel! And together we can save it!

### Christmas Thanks in May

Although the rhododendrons are splashing their colours these days, this is our first chance publicly to thank Don Mackenzie for his generosity in providing the Redonda and leading the grand Carol Ships parade last Christmas. Thanks also to Welwood, Interfor, Pharmasave, Radio Shack and the many Board members who pitched in. Organized again by Trevor Kirby, the Carol Ships provided a spectacular display for the spectators, familiar Christmas music, and netted \$270 which went to St. Mary's Hospital.Our special event is fast becoming a traditional Sandy Hook Christmas present to everyone in Sechelt.

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NOTICE: SHCA memberships are due in January and o	cost \$5.00. Mail to Hannah Damtoft, Box 582, Sechelt,
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# Sandy Hook Community Association



June 15, 1993

Councillors biles & Kolitas mayor mac Larty

Re: Sechelt Heritage Forest

At our Annual General Meeting of May 29th, our membership burst into enthusiastic applause when we reported the progress of the plan for the park and the encouraging support of the City Council for that park.

We hope that sometime in these summer months you will be able to find time in your busy/schedule to arrange a visit to the proposed park site.

Meanwhile, thank you for taking action in favour of the Sechelt Heritage Forest.

Sincerely.

Gertrude Pacific Chairperson OCP Sub-Committee of Sandy Hook

Trevor Kirby President Sandy Hook Community Association



# The District of Sechelt

" Heart of the Sunshine Coast "

June 16, 1993

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, Sunshine Coast Forest District, 7077 Duncan Street, Powell River, B.C. V8A 1W1

Attention: Barry Miller Resource Officer - Planning

Dear Sirs:

Re: Creation of a "Heritage Forest" Area Sechelt Provincial Forest Portion East of D.L. 7255

At a Regular meeting of Council of the District of Sechelt on June 2, 1993 by Motion #7453, we have been instructed to write to you expressing support from the Mayor and Council for the designation of a "Heritage Forest" on the above property. (See attached plan for location of the proposed "Heritage Forest".

We understand that you have been in touch with our Municipal Planner, Rob Buchan, with respect to acquisition, designation or reservation of the above property to ensure that it is retained as a forest preserve, public park or recreation area. We notice that Section 683 of the Municipal Act would provide authority to convey a public park and pleasure ground to a Municipality in trust to preserve it for the use, recreation and enjoyment of the public.

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Telephone: (604) 885-1986 Fax: (604) 885-7591

In your discussions with Mr. Buchan, you may determine whether that procedure or some equally effective alternative is the best means of conserving this portion of forested land for continued enjoyment by the public. However, your offer to "red flag" the parcel file so as to record our expression of interest would not seem to be the degree of commitment being sought by Council. We therefore urge you to continue a dialogue with our Municipal Planner and to pursue some reasonable alternatives to realize the desired result of either a reserved or dedicated recreation area or forest preserve.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours very truly,

DISTRICT OF SECHELT

Michael P. Vaughan

Municipal Clerk

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Mr. Gerry Armstrong,

Deputy Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks,

810 Blanshard Street,

Victoria, B.C.

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R. Buchan, Municipal Planner



June 30, 1993

Barry Miller Resource Officer, Planning Sunshine Coast Forest District 7077 Duncan Street Powell River B.C. V8A 1W1

Dear Barry:

The Sandy Hook Community Association would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to visit the site of the proposed Sechelt Heritage Forest.

We understand that Michael Vaughan, Municipal Clerk of the District of Sechelt, has been in touch with you regarding the proposal.

Enclosed please find some snapshots for you as a memento of the time you spent with us at the Sechelt Heritage Forest.

Sincerely.

Gertrude Pacific, Chair Official Community Plan Sub-Committee of Sandy Hook RR1. Sandy Hook, Site C-128 Sechelt, BC VON 3A0

September 1, 1993

Peggy Wagner Sechelt City Council Sechelt, B.C. YON 3AO

Déar Peggy:

Thank you for taking the time to review the status of the proposal for Sechelt Heritage Forest. As you know, the ball is now in the court of the Ministry of Forests. In order to assess the value of seeking support from other entities of government on the Sunshine Coast, I am presenting the following information:

- A tract of land, of approximately 55 acres, within the municipal boundaries of Sechelt
- This forest is adjacent to Sandy Hook, on the east side of Porpoise Bay, and accessable from East Inlet Road (in fact the area straddles the road)
- The proposed park is a forest of second growth with some ancient trees remaining, and is populated by hemlock, fir and cedar, primarily
- \* It is a connector area used by wildlife to gain access to the streams, ponds and salt water swim to the west side of Sechelt and the forests beyond

The map which is attached shows the exact site and size of the proposed Sechelt Heritage Forest. Also, I suggest referring to the presentation binder provided by the Sandy Hook Community Association which describes the project in detail, together with many support letters.

Thank you so much for your continued and valued support for this concept. Your ideas and input have been extremely helpful. I hope this letter provides information for you to pursue this with your various associates in municipal and district affairs.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, Conservation R.R. #4, Franklin Road.

Gibsons, B.C. VON 1V0 Tel: (604) 886-7633 Fax: (604) 886-3768

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September 9, 1993

Gertrude Pacific Sandy Hook Community Association RR1, Sandy Hook, C128 Sechelt, BC VON 3A0

Dear Gertrude,

Re: Sechelt Heritage Forest

I have received your proposal to create a municipal forest, "the Sechelt Heritage Forest", adjacent to Sandy Hook. The proposed nature park must be considered within the context of the integrity of the entire environmental framework of the Sunshine Coast.

Mid sized parks such as the one near Sandy Hook (55 acres) provide needed protected zones that fill the gap between small city parks and larger wilderness areas such as the Tetrahedron and Mt. Richardson. These mid-size nature parks create a valuable buffer between heavily populated communities and the "working forest". Transition zones such as these are recognized for the valuable role they play in wildlife protection. Other examples include estuaries and riparian zones which act as buffers and protectors, and as integrators for humans, wild animals and plant species.

Other neighborhoods and communities should also look for ways to provide protection for modest tracts of land to augment the Coastal park preservation picture. Environments such as those found in the Sechelt Heritage Forest should find protection under the new clauses in the Municipal Act providing they are located within municipal boundaries.

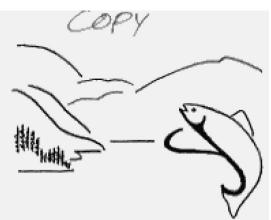
The proposed park is a worthy addition to our shared natural heritage. I am pleased that the Municipal Council of Sechelt fully endorses the proposal, and I am happy to add my support.

Yours truly,

George Smith



RR#1 Sandy Hook Site C-1, Sechelt, BC, VON 3AO\_



October 11, 1993

Calvin Craigan Councillor Sechelt Indian Band 5555 Sunshine Coast Highway Sechelt, B.C. VON 3A0

Dear Councillor Craigan:

The Sandy Hook Community Association would like to invite you to tour the proposed Sechelt Heritage Forest.

Our hopes and dreams for this area are noted in a brochure (copies enclosed) which we produced last month. We first informed the Sechelt Nation about this project in a letter to Chief and Council which I sent May 3rd. In that letter I wrote about the ethno-botanical aspects of your Native Studies program. I have felt all along that the Sechelt Heritage Forest would provide a place to study the plants which have been of high importance to the Sechelt peoples. I can picture labels of the various plant species with the names of the plants in three languages: Sechelt, Latin and English. This "living classroom" aspect of the Forest could provide many lessons to all the children of the Sunshine Coast for years to come.

Last week it was our pleasure to walk the trails with the Sechelt Elders and to hear stories relating to the old days of gathering the herbs and medicines.

I'll be contacting you soon to see if your schedule will permit a visit to the proposed Sechelt Heritage Forest.

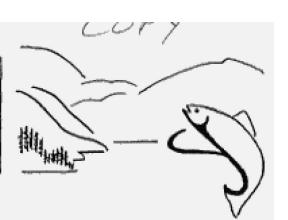
Sincerely yours.

Gertrude Pacific

Board of Directors

Sandy Hook Community Association

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October 14, 1993

Valerie Bourne Coordinator Sechelt Band Cultural Centre Sechelt, B.C. YON 3AO

Dear Valerie:

The Sandy Hook Community Association would like to thank you for your work in coordinating the visit and tour of the Sechelt Band Elders to the proposed Sechelt Heritage Forest.

It would be wonderful to have an ethno-botanical workshop out in the Forest to really identify the plants in terms of the importance of the plants to the Sechelt Band traditionally and in the present day!

We are sending along some photographs as a memento of the lovely day we all had a walk in the woods together.

Sincerely.

Gertrude Pacific

Chair, Environment Committee Sechelt Heritage Forest Committee

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Enclosures

cc: Councillor Calvin Craigan

### October 18, 1993 SUNSHINE PRESS



Elders of the Sechelt Indian Band toured the site of the proposed Sechelt Heritage Forest at Sandy Hook recently. Members of the Sandy Hook Residents' Association want to turn the 55 acre crown site into a park, and have gained the approval of Sechelt Council. Keith Thirkell photo

RR#1 Sandy Hook Site C-1, Sechelt, BC, VON 3AO\_

October 28, 1993

Barry Miller Sunshine Coast Forest District 7077 Duncan Street Powell River, B.C. V8A 1W1

Dear Barry:

Re: Sechelt Heritage Forest

The Sandy Hook Community Association would like to thank you for arranging the meeting with yourself, Greg Hemphill and Ferd Hamre together with the residents of Sandy Hook. We were also glad to have Councillor Peggy Wagner with us as well.

At the request of Councillor Wagner, I presented an update of progress on the proposed Sechelt Heritage Forest to the District of Sechelt Council (Oct. 12). At that presentation, I relayed Gred Hemphill's offer to designate the Sechelt Heritage Forest as an Interpretive Forest / Recreation Reserve maintained under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Forests. I further noted the offer of help from the Ministry of Forests to make trails and put up appropriate signs. Enclosed you will find a copy of the update document for your reference.

Also enclosed is a newspaper photo that appeared recently showing some of the Elders of the Sechelt Indian Band touring the Sechelt Heritage Forest proposed site.

Although a subsequent meeting between myself and Ferd Hamre has been postponed, I am still looking forward to meeting with him. Ferd mentioned he wished to familiarize himself with the physical boundaries and to note the street access to the site.

The enclosed snapshot is a happy reminder of a special day - the time we spent together and the conversations we engaged in were very special to all of us here in Sandy Hook.

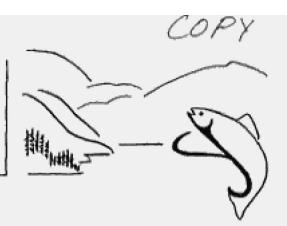
Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Greg Hemphill, Ferd Hamre Ministry of Forests Michael Vaughan, Clerk District of Sechelt

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November 2, 1993

George Smith Linda Williams Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society RR4, Franklin Road, S-19, C43 Gibsons, B.C. VON 1VO

Dear Linda and George:

The Sandy Hook Community Association would like to thank you very much for your letter of support for the Sechelt Heritage Forest.

Your valuable input, George, regarding the concept of a brochure was just the push we needed to go forward with the production of our modest proposal. And thank you, Linda, for all your help in supporting the Sandy Hook community, especially in this instance.

We would like to invite you both, and your friends and family to visit the forest as soon as your busy days permit.

Enclosed are some items of interest: a map for when you visit, a recent newstory of a visit by the Sechelt Band Elders to the SHF, and an update of where we stand in the proposal process.

Best wishes to you both and to the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Pacific Board of Directors

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November 16, 1993

Chief and Council Sechelt Indian Band Box 740 Sechelt, BC VON 3A0

Dear Chief and Council:

I understand that you will be meeting with the District of Sechelt Council on November 1B, 1993, to discuss the proposed Sechelt Heritage Forest.

Today I spoke with Greg Hemphill, Ministry of Forests, to let him know that the Sandy Hook Community Association regards the proposal put forward by the Ministry of Forests as a very good plan. They have offered to designate the Sechelt Heritage Forest as an Interpretive Forest Recreation Reserve.

They have also offered assistance in creating the trails and signs within the area.

Mr. Hemphill responded that he was glad to hear our support of the new designation. He told me that Mr. Ferd Hamre will be rescheduling another visit to the site.

Enclosed please find various documents which might prove useful to you in your meeting with the Sechelt District Council.

If there is anything I can do to be of assistance to you regarding the background of this proposal, please call me at 885-3797.

You are, one and all, invited to visit and I would be happy to show you the trail if you have not seen the area lately.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Pacific Chair, OCP Subcommittee of Sandy Hook

Enclosures cc: Sechelt District Council



Refer to PLANNING

File: 280-30

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His Worship Mayor Earl Basse District of Sechelt P.O. Box 129 Sechelt, British Columbia V0N 3A0

Dear Mayor Basse:

At the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) conference in September, former Mayor Machaly's proposal for creation of the Sechelt Heritage Forest was briefly discussed.

I was impressed with the quality of the presentation and felt that follow-up on the status of this issue was necessary.

I understand that subsequent to the UBCM conference on September 29, 1993, Greg Hemphill, District Manager of the Sunshine Coast Forest District, met with former Councillor Peggy Wagner and members of the Sandy Hook Community Association to further discuss your proposal.

The Ministry of Forests would prefer that this parcel remain within the Sechelt provincial forest. In order to support the intent of the heritage forest proposal, the ministry will consider a recreation reserve designation for the area.

I understand that forest district staff have been working with members of the Sandy Hook Community Association to investigate opportunities for creation of an interpretive trail network.

I trust this approach will meet the needs of your community, as well as provide education and recreation opportunities important to the ministry's program.

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Province of British Columbia Minister of Forests

Parliament Buildings Victoria, British Columbia

For further information on the status of this proposal, please contact Greg Hemphill at 485-0700.

Thank you for bringing this proposal to my attention.

Yours truly,

Andrew Petter

Minister

Greg Hemphill, District Manager Sunshine Coast Forest District