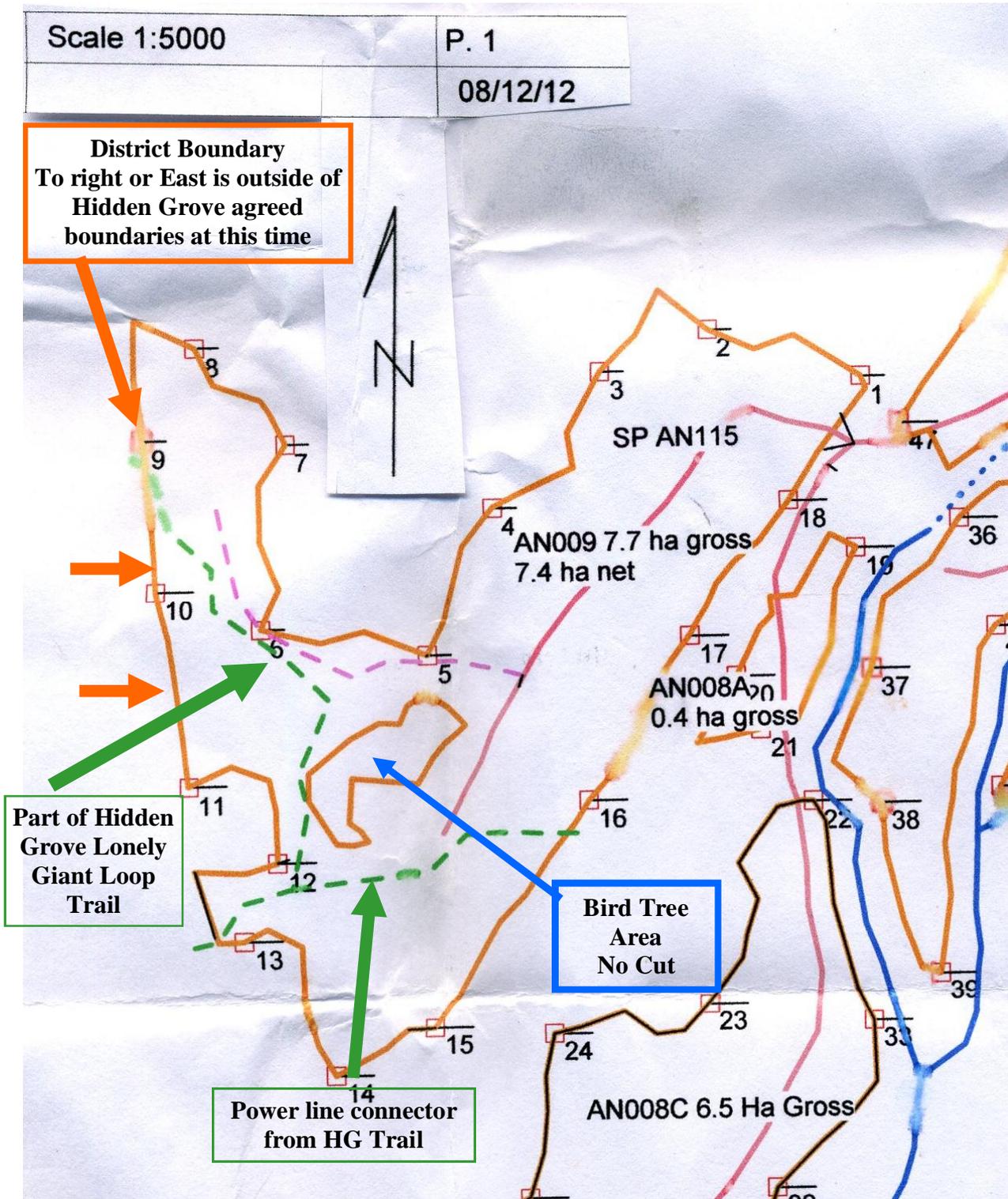


Portion of Map used for January 13th, 2009 Walk About with SCPI



Many walking groups are campaigning to save areas both west of the power lines (towards and bordering on Hidden Grove) but hiking areas to the west and down to the creek or beyond.

January 8/9, 2008 early email sent to 186 souls

IMPORTANT - for JANUARY 13, 12:45 pm

As you may know the Sandy Hook Community Association has a committee of long standing to save the Hidden Grove as a natural recreation area. If you have been in the Grove lately you may have seen markings indicating logging activity planned.

The Association committee has made another presentation to the Advisory board of the Community Forest (they control the destiny of the forest right now) and as a result there will be a walk through some of the Grove on Tuesday, January 13th. In attendance will be representatives of the Sechelt Community Projects Inc. (your District of Sechelt community forest) and the Community Forest Advisory Board. Particular emphasis will be on the AN009 cutblock that touches on the Grove and includes some of the trails.

Sandy Hook folks can gather at the Grove entrance at 12:45 PM while anyone in town may meet up with the community forest people at the Daily Roast at 12:15 PM.

**SUPPORT MUST BE SHOWN AND NUMBERS WILL HELP.
ALSO THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS ON HIDDEN GROVE.**

(This is one of the very rare times this association has used the email addresses on record for a general email. We hope you will agree that this item is important enough and forgive us if you did not want it. Thank you.)

Sandy Hook Community Association Hidden Grove Legacy Committee (since 2001)
Review the submission and more at <http://www.hiddengrove.info>

2009-01-09 - colin horabin - Sandy Hook Community Association - Hidden Grove - GOOD NEWS.txt
From: colin horabin <dxtech@dccnet.com>
To: Sandy Hook Community Association <sandyhook@sechelt.net>
Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2009 21:37:04 -0800
Subject: Re: Hidden Grove - GOOD NEWS

Great news.

C

----- Original Message -----

From: "Sandy Hook Community Association" <sandyhook@sechelt.net>
To: <dxtech@dccnet.com>
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2009 8:29 PM
Subject: Hidden Grove - GOOD NEWS

To all Sandy Hookers and other Hidden Grove supporters.

Sorry to send another email so soon but the phones have been humming today and we need to share the news. Wonderful news!

Last night there was a board meeting of the Sechelt Community Projects Inc. (SCPI, the community forest operators) - a presentation was made by the Advisory Board Chair, Elise Rutland, outlining your committee's presentation two weeks ago and even including the special map we used. As a result, a motion was passed unanimously that they will not log in Hidden Grove for as long as their tenure - if they get a 50 year tenure then that is how long for no logging. Of course, they cannot promise longer.

Your committee is meeting with the Chair of SCPI and the operations manager on Sunday at their offices to explore enhanced cooperation in the development of our Hidden Grove Plan and cooperation with SCPI. At the same time we have heard that we are on the cusp of full approval to go ahead with the handicap trail, the northern trails and the parking area. Almost too much good news!

The walk about is still on and we hope that some of you still turn up but the pressure of mass is not so critical now so you can be more relaxed about it. If you would rather curl up by the fire OK.

Lastly, we have abused the email system over this today and will refrain doing it again. Look for updates from here on including a report on the Sunday meeting on the website <http://hiddengrove.info>

Thanks everyone for your support these 7 years and and this is one giant step for Hidden Grove - more to go.

Yours

The Hidden Grove Planning Committee of the Sandy Hook Community Association

AND: Responses came in:

Great news. C

Wonderful well done tella and mohammed

Excellent news - you can always use our email for this purpose. Thanks for the update. Marnie

HOORAY!!

Thank you for that wonderful news! Jude

Thank you so much for all your hard work. Libby and Larry Hyde

Thank you for the information and the announcement of the good news.

I do not think you abused the use of email addresses, and very much appreciate the contact. Maybe you could create a 2 level list, one for membership only, and another for community announcements such as this.

Members could choose how and when they want to be contacted.

Thank you again for your continued dedication to the residents of Sandy Hook.

Diana Mumford

6047 Sandy Hook Road

Thanks for the wonderful updates! As I am living in North Van, it is great to be kept abreast of what is crucial information for our great neighbourhood! THANK YOU! Shirley.

Well Hallelujah to that. It only takes a change of government to get things done. If I had known that I would have encouraged their departure much sooner. Ha.

Great news Bob.

Jason.

Thank you for the good news!!!! Linda

Good job sorry I can't be there. Rudi Landsfried

Hi Bob, Absolutely wonderful news!!!! Lorraine

Wow, that's fabulous news. I'm so glad they ALL decided this was a worth while project. Unfortunately I won't be able to join the walk on Tuesday - work commitments. However, I'll be there is spirit!!!! Thanks for all the work you have done and please pass on my thanks to the committee as well.

Thank you again, Diane Divall (Home)

Thank you for keeping us informed. We don't mind at all that you emailed us. It is a much more efficient means of mass communication than individual phone calls, so I think this was a perfect use of our email. The news is fantastic and all the hard work of the committee paid off. For those of us who have not been of any particular help, I thank you for all the effort that is to our benefit. I have put January 13th in my daytimer to attend the gathering. See you out there. Karen Chalmers and Paul Nash

Hey -- good work!

Bob, It sooo... good to hear positive news 😊 Lynne

Greetings Sandy Hookers and Supporters, This is great news, keep up the good fight, Cheers, Douglas

Thanks for this excellent news Lynne. I intend to come up to my place later in the week but unfortunately I'm working on Tuesday and won't be available for a walk about. Although I have yet to see Hidden Grove I wholeheartedly support any effort to save significant stands of trees. As vice-president of Surrey Environmental Partners I actively advocate for many types of environmental initiatives here in Surrey, including saving trees, and I will gladly support any of these types of endeavours in the Sechelt area. Thanks again for keeping me in the loop.

Thanks Bob for your efforts to preserve this wonderful forest. Hidden Grove is a place that we like to direct our B&B guests to when they're looking for a walk in the woods. It would be a shame to lose any part of this forest.

Please keep me on the email distribution list. Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year. Ian

Congratulations!!!

The Hidden Grove Outcome is some of the Best News I've heard in years! Kudos to all who tilted against **THAT** windmill!!! You've created a Beautiful Sanctuary for at least 2-3 future generations!!! My profound Respect and Thanks for all your efforts!

I still have a few concerns however...

Who is responsible for clearing any large trees that fall across the path?

Which will hinder an aging pedestrian's activity?

Will any one maintain a road for an Emergency Vehicle in case of a very serious mishap?

This is a part of the "Community Forest" and with the profits 'they' make on timber sales elsewhere, I feel they should reinvest these monies in maintaining the Public Interest and Enjoyment somewhere.

Congrats again folks!!! Steve Yeates

January 11, 2008

Summary report on meeting with SCPI: Chair Len Pakulak and Operations Manager Kevin Davie and Elise Rutland Chair of CFAC

Bob D'Arcy and Michael Davidson met at the SCPI offices at 11 AM where the first item was the receipt of a letter from SCPI outlining the motion of the SCPI board on January 8th and the terms applicable. After a pause, so we might read the letter, a pleasant and open question and answer period went on for about half an hour.

You may find it advantages to read the letter now (see below) and then bounce back here to read some comments. We cannot possibly cover all that was said or even go into any detail but a summary is:

The motion itself is fairly self explanatory and we believe produces a highly satisfactory future of Hidden Grove. We asked about the term "will be managed" and are satisfied that this is really to remedy seriously diseased or other impaired areas to avoid the condition spreading and to comply with the mandate from the MoF. We did get some assurance that a small patch might be left at any time for interpretive/educational purposes.

Then the number points:

1. The map is attached below and shows all the traditional boundaries we sought.
2. This is partly legalese as HH cannot be designated park by SCPI. That is a MoF issue.
3. We never had any real authority so this is OK – for now. There was discussion, inconclusive, about a designation similar to Sechelt Heritage Forest.
4. While we appealed for some expansion it was left that, if possible and reasonable, SCPI would put cutblock A009 off as long as reasonable but there may be remedial work there needed sooner.
5.
 - a. Understood but who knows down the road
 - b. This generated some lengthy discussion but in large part it is really legalese again so that SCPI is not in breach of its tenure. Nevertheless, SCPI would not recommend any part of the current tenure coming out to become a municipal park or similar. That would only be a recommendation however and may be modified.
 - c. The responsibility for this is with another department of the BC government so SCPI cannot approve anything which takes future wood out of the forest. A building would do this.
 - d. Back to Item b.
6. We are just talking real trees with some marketable value here. Small alders, for example do not count. Communication will no doubt solve any questionable items.
7. Of course.
8. Of course.

We agreed that this was a positive step and that sometimes we do not talk the same language so communication is often poor. This has resulted in misinterpretation of various items and we all agreed to try harder.

There was positive discussion about an evolving "interpretive forest" role particularly in any bordering areas and in conjunction with the Sechelt Heritage Forest.

The meeting wound up with smiles, handshakes and a commitment to try and work together constructively in the future.



SECHELT COMMUNITY PROJECTS INC.

January 11, 2009

**Mr. Robert D'Arcy, Chairman
Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee
Hidden Grove Legacy
Sandy Hook Community Association
c/o 5916 Skookumchuck Road
Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A4**

Dear Mr. D'Arcy;

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With respect to HG, our position with respect to this motion is itemized as follows and includes:

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5. This decision does not;
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 - d. imply any approval for any application to the Province for any activity or withdrawal of chart area that has or will be applied for by the HG group or others resulting in the removal of land from the Community Forest Tenure.
6. Any trees that may be removed for any activity are to be made available to SCPI for removal.
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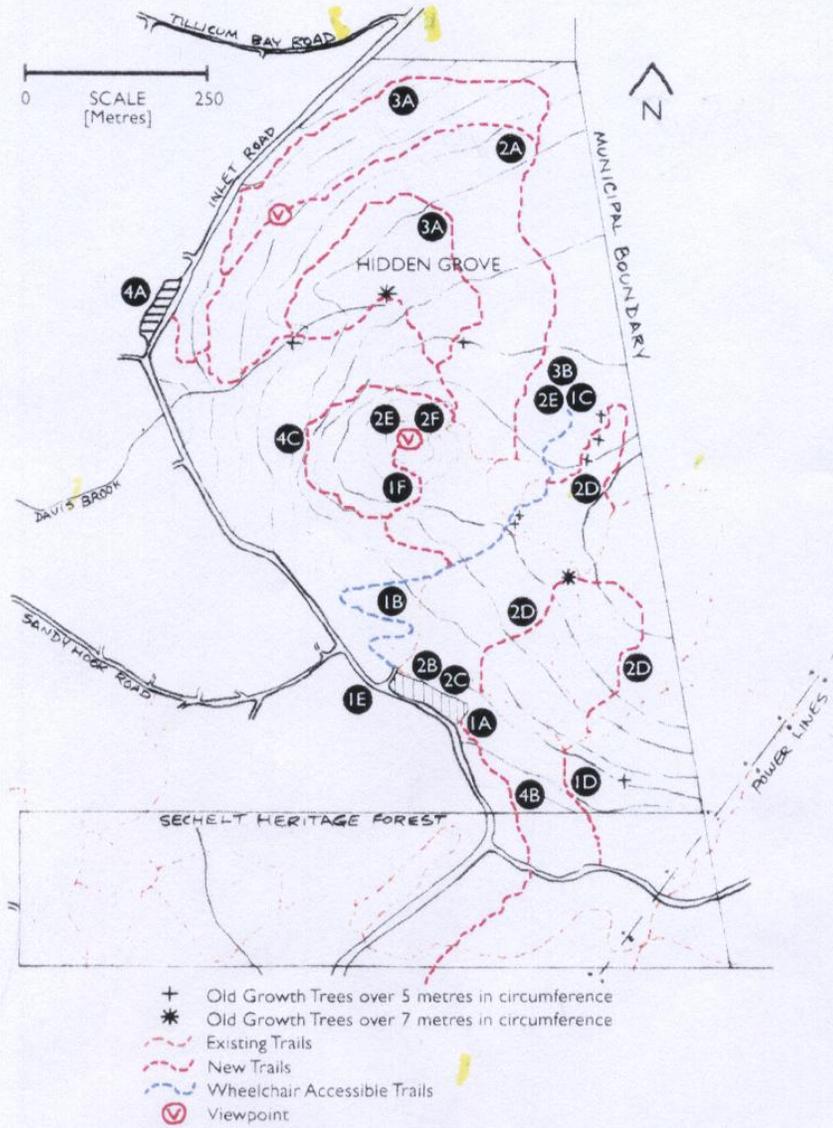
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L. H. Pakulak
Chairman, SCPI

Kevin W. Davie,
Operations Manager

The nature and location of all proposed improvements in relation to the application boundary:

Overall Map With All Features





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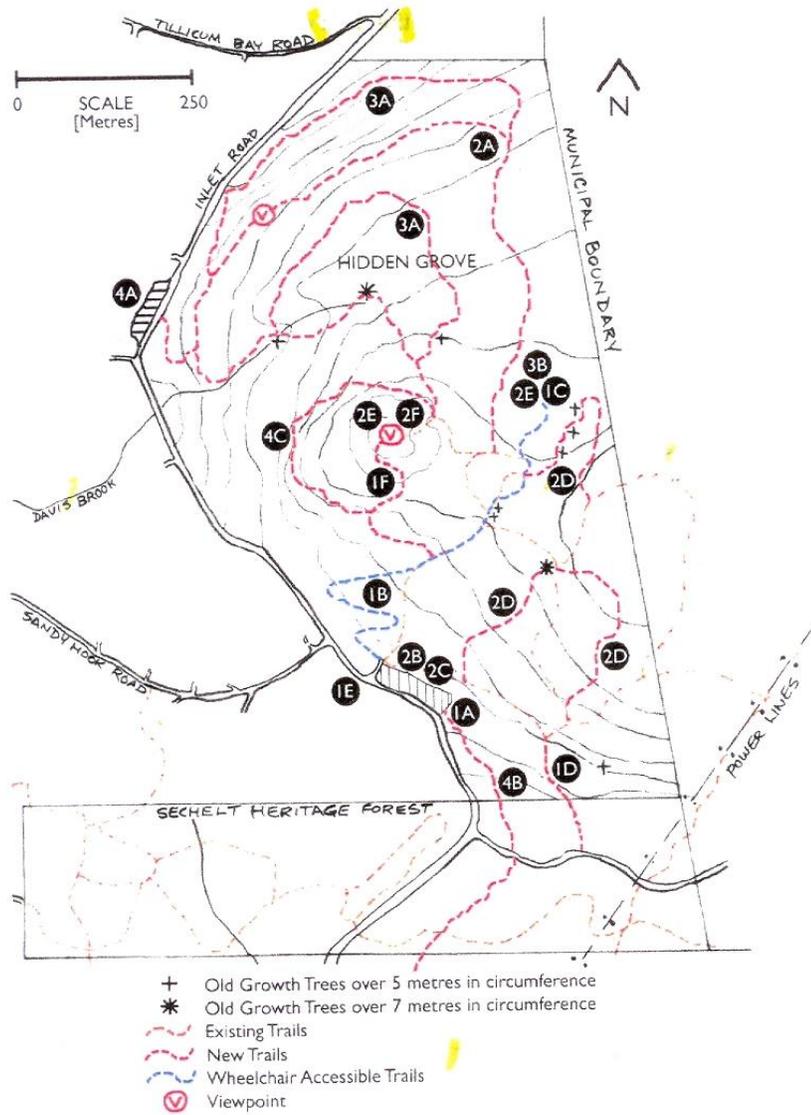
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THE COMMUNITY FOREST HIDDEN GROVE



View from Hidden Grove

PHOTO WWW.DUANEburnett.COM

Sechelt Community Projects Inc. (SCPI) Board of Directors, at the regular board meeting on January 8, 2009, discussed and endorsed a recommendation proposed by the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) regarding Hidden Grove.

In 2006, SCPI recognized early the value of recreation along the urban interface and agreed to defer logging plans during the probationary period of five years in the Hidden Grove proposal located inside the District of Sechelt boundary.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was passed to extend our previous decision to "...manage the defined area of Hidden Grove inside the District of Sechelt boundaries for high recreational values during the life of the Community Forest tenure." This extends SCPI's current commitment beyond our probationary term to include the expected extended term of the Community Forest license.

CFAC's recommendation was based on public input and several presentations from Bob D'Arcy, Chairman of the Hid-

den Grove group.

SCPI Board members consider this decision a very positive step in managing a special portion of the Community Forest for its high recreational and bio-diversity values located next to Sechelt's boundary.

Established trails outside of Hidden Grove will be managed according to the guidelines contained in the Community Forest Operating Plan. This plan was developed as a result of the original application to the Ministry of Forests.

The Community Forest is just in its third year of operation of a five-year probationary term. Fortunately, in 2007, operations were so successful that we were able to pay off all of the debts in 2008. SCPI is debt-free for the start of 2009, an accomplishment in itself. We have plans to make more contributions to the Lower Sunshine Coast as the economy improves and the lumber market strengthens.

Submitted by Sechelt Community Projects Inc.

HIDDEN GROVE

Community forest offers protection

SHANNON BOND
STAFF WRITER

A decision by Sechelt Community Projects Inc. (SCPI) will see the Hidden Grove recreation area protected from logging as long as the community forest retains the licence.

The decision came on Jan. 8 after SCPI endorsed a recommendation from the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC).

"In 2006, SCPI recognized early the value of recreation along the urban interface and agreed to defer logging plans during the

probationary period of five years in the Hidden Grove proposal located inside the District of Sechelt," said SCPI in a news release.

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Bob D'Arcy, chair for the Hidden Grove plan steering committee, said the good news was a long time coming as the committee worked to secure the protection of that area since before the community forest existed.

"We are delighted to have some certainty," he said. "This is a very, very positive step."

D'Arcy said Hidden Grove is interesting for many reasons, such as the old growth forest.

"It's especially neat because it never got burned badly or logged badly and it's all on the edge of the urban interface," said D'Arcy.

Hidden Grove's locale makes it a perfect place for residents to enjoy the woods close to home, and D'Arcy said the committee hopes to receive approval to enhance trails in the park.

"We are slowly getting towards approval to proceed with the Northern Trail or wheelchair trail, which the parking lot is accessible for," D'Arcy said.

Kevin Davie, operations manager for SCPI, said, "I think this is a good bridging in the community between forestry and the recreation community. There is a willingness on both parties and an opportunity for education, using this as a teaching forest."

Hidden Grove Plan

Steering Committee

Ms. Elise Rutland
Sechelt Community Projects Inc.
Community Forest Advisory Committee

BY EMAIL

Dear Elise,

Long overdue, this is a short but sincere thank you from the entire Hidden Grove Committee, the Sandy Hook Community Association and untold numbers of Sunshine Coast residents for your help and tireless efforts to save Hidden Grove.

We do not believe we would have achieved the recent milestone motion from the SCPI board without your direct assistance. We have written SCPI in a positive vein to encourage ongoing cooperation in making Hidden Grove what we all now dream of. We are only able to do this because of your unflagging pursuit of this goal.

Thank you again,

Yours truly,
Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee of the Sandy Hook Community Association

Per: Bob
R. B. D'Arcy (computer signature)

R. B. D'Arcy
Chairperson

CC: HH committee members and website

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Hidden Grove Plan

Steering Committee

January 23, 2009

Mr. L.H. Pakulak, Chairman
Mr. K. W. Davie, Operations Manager
Sechelt Community Projects Inc.
P.O. Box 215, Sechelt, BC
V0N 3A0

Dear Sirs,

First, let me apologize for the delay in sending you this letter. I was waiting to see the press releases from both papers.

On behalf of our Committee, our parent Sandy Hook Community Association and untold numbers of Sunshine Coast residents, thank you very much for the commitments undertaken in your letter hand delivered to me on January 11, 2009 at your offices. The reserving of the Hidden Grove as a recreational area and the recognition of its traditional boundaries give a degree of certainty, long sought, for this special place.

We respect the qualifications attached to your motion and feel that over time we can find a way to make these acceptable to all parties. An 'unofficial' recap of the conversation revolving around these points is posted on our website at www.hiddengrove.info. If there are any serious errors I trust you will advise us.

We look forward to ongoing development of the Hidden Grove Plan and the start of a new era of cooperation as we seek to develop and preserve this important asset.

Thank you again,

Yours truly,
Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee of the Sandy Hook Community Association

Per: **R. B. D'Arcy** (computer signature)

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Hidden Grove Plan

Steering Committee

January 26, 2009

Councillor Fred Taylor
District of Sechelt
2nd Floor 5797 Cowrie St.
PO Box 129, Sechelt, BC
V0N 3A0

Re: Hidden Grove and Community Forest

Dear Fred,

You have doubt seen the newspaper articles announcing a change of policy by Sechelt Community Projects Inc. with respect to the Hidden Grove area. It is a big step in the right direction although there is a great deal more to accomplish.

This letter is a heartfelt thank you to you for bringing the Community Forest issue front and centre at the first real meeting of the new council. While you may not have succeeded in your goal that night you did do one very important thing. You showed that the new council cares; that it is looking at changes and that the public might be listened to. We cannot help but believe that your actions had an effect on the decision making at SCPI. They must see the writing on the wall and you were the first to point it out.

When the weather moderates some we would like to have you out for a fresh tour of the Grove and maybe a bit of refreshment at one of the committee house. We will be in touch.

In the meantime, thank you so much again.

Yours truly,
Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee of the Sandy Hook Community Association.

Per: Bob

R. B. D'Arcy (computer signature)

Chairman

CC: Blind to committee members

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From: Robert D'Arcy <rdarcy@dccnet.com>
To: 'Elise Rudland' <eliserudland@dccnet.com>,
'Michael Davidson' <pacdavi@gmail.com>,
'Rupert Clark' <rupertcra@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 29 Jan 2009 11:06:00 -0800
Subject: RE: CF Walkabout Notes

Things that pop into my mind that are not mentioned or seem to be not real based upon latest marking. Some maybe faulty memory but nevertheless they are the impressions I was left with:

1. Harvesting must be done in exemplary manner says Smart. I would have thought this meant a show piece for the community (show piece phrase used by Pakulak). Well, show piece is Walt Disney at work based upon the way they have marked things now. They could save a ton of money by using a bit less paint. Is there any need for numbers 3 feet high in international orange? Are loggers colour blind and near sighted? 3 dots for tress not to be cut - so make them 8 inch dots of orange right in your face.

2. Hansen speaks of describing meaning of ribbons and that may work for those of us on the walk but what about residents who visit now? How do they know? By the way, what is the meaning of a yellow and black "tiger stripe" tape?

3. Explain how the Davidson idea is any use "post harvesting". Surely it must be applied or rejected "pre harvesting"?

4. I spoke of using the current route to the power lines as the main hauling route since those walking that way would be anticipating an open and clear area anyway (the power line right of way) and having it a bit sooner would not harm the experience and would give loggers a quick and easy access as opposed to trying to save some scrub on the face of the brow that overlooks that area. Maybe this is a dumb idea but it is not even in the notes which makes me think that all the notes care about are things said by SCPI folks.

5. Not mentioned but somehow I picked up what went into the Sandy Hook Newsletter just delivered. "Before any plans are finalized for even the adjoining areas (towards the power lines and beyond) there will be another public presentation and another walk through." The whole newsletter is on the Sechelt.net website.

6. MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL - input was received from all non-SCPI souls that 009 (and maybe 008) be left to be the last areas logged by SCPI. Not just in the faint hope that they might survive the life of SCPI but also to allow for trail changes prior to logging to ease public impact. "Don't rush to do these", was repeated over and over. This is not mentioned in the notes at all and the garish paint job that has been done can only lead to speculation if not certainty that logging is imminent - maybe in April as expressed by KD in one conversation with a resident.

I am not a logger and have absolutely no training or experience in the field. I am but a community member - one of the thousands the something called a "community" forest is trying to accommodate for "community values". Therefore my impressions are indicative of the impressions of the community. Already so much of the good done by the recent Hidden Grove no logging decision is being compromised big time by what has gone on just a few hours after our walk about. Have they no sense of timing, or public relations? (a rhetorical question, I guess).

09-01-29 - Robert D'Arcy - 'Elise Rudland', 'Michael Davidson', 'Rupert Clark' - CF Walkabout Notes. tx
Bob D'Arcy

Chair,

Hidden Grove Steering Committee

<http://hiddengrove.info/>

From: Elise Rudland [mailto:eliserudland@dccnet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 11:00 AM
To: Robert D'Arcy; Michael Davidson; Rupert Clark
Subject: Fw: CF Walkabout Notes

FYI

Please let me know if you would like further input into these notes.

Elise

----- Original Message -----

From: Jacquie Cunliffe <mailto:scpi@telus.net>

To: 'Elise Rudland' <mailto:eliserudland@dccnet.com> ; 'Al Jenkins'
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Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 11:50 AM

Subject: CF Walkabout Notes

Please find attached the Walkabout Notes from the January 13th tour.

Jacquie Cunliffe

Administrative Assistant

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THE HIDDEN GROVE STORY

Hidden Grove is an area with several recreational and eco-system features in addition to its location close to Sechelt.

In January, the board of directors approved a recommendation that we manage Hidden Grove as an area with high recreational values and a sensitive ecosystem, of which part is old-growth timber.

The Community Forest and the Hidden Grove group are working well together to create a trail system that incorporates forestry activities outside of the grove; the outside area will be developed as a demonstration and interpretive forest. Currently, the Community Forest is seeking approval for a road/parking lot that would increase the size of the existing parking lot.

The Sunshine Coast Community Forest (SCCF), working with the public, the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC), and others, has been identifying and mapping areas in the Community Forest, and which do



Robert D'Arcy, Chair of Sub-Committee, Sandy Hook Community Association

not contribute to our Annual Allowable Cut at this time. These areas include old-growth-management areas, wildlife areas such as for Marbled Murrelets, ecologically sensitive sites, recreational areas, and others.

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement is a top priority for the Board of Directors. As well, we are committed to making decisions based on facts, with input from as many people as possible.

To help expand our reach in the community, we formed two new "Policy Advisory Committees" in 2009, one focusing on Forestry Management issues and the other on Economic Development and Value Added matters. These PAC's provide advice and recommendations to the Board, similar to the valuable counsel provided by the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC). Also, we are working with CFAC to ensure their focus in future is on matters of interest to their members.

Other Community Engagement activities in 2009 included:

- The designation of a portion of the Hidden Grove area near Sandy Hook as a recreational area. This opened the way for a partnership with the Hidden Grove Group to expand and improve the trail system. In 2010, we will be working together in the planning for a demonstration and interpretive forest adjacent to Hidden Grove. We also intend to use Hidden Grove for educational forestry tours for school children, teachers and the general public.
- Provided Forestry Tours with the BC Festival of Forestry and



The Best Place on Earth

File : 16660-50/Hidden Grove
Date: April 8th 2009

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5866 Deerhorn Drive,
Sechelt BC V0N 3A4

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Steering Committee

For SCPI AGM April 23, 2009

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Bob D'Arcy. I am the chair of the Hidden Grove Legacy Committee that was created at the request of the District of Sechelt some 8 years ago.

For those who do not know, on January 11th SCPI confirmed the Hidden Grove as a high value recreation area with the term to be at least as long as SCPI has a mandate over the area. This stops any industrial logging in the Hidden Grove. We felt that this AGM is an appropriate place to repeat our thanks to SCPI for this long awaited decision. Thank you very much.

Having taken this step we now see an opportunity to move to the next level. We encourage direct dialogue and cooperation between us to implement the entire Hidden Grove Legacy Plan [hold up a copy for all to see] one step at a time. In this regard, we are also pleased to announce that we have received permission from the Provincial Government to proceed with the construction of trails, including the much needed handicap trail and a proper parking lot. We welcome SCPI's input and assistance in this endeavor.

We also want to work towards agreement on any future proposal or development of cut blocks in the areas adjacent to Hidden Grove. The future may have a boardwalk in the wet lands or, even, an interpretive centre.

We welcome a new phase in our relationship between the Community Forest and the Hidden Grove. We hope the direction taken can be one of agreement and working together. No matter what, we thank you again for your January 11th commitment.

Robert (Bob) D'Arcy
Chair

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NORTHERN LOOP TRAIL

2. PURPOSE

To extend the existing Hidden Grove walking trails into the undeveloped northern portion for those seeking lengthier hikes and additional attractions.

3. DESCRIPTION

Work will consist of 2km of foot trail forming a loop that connects with the existing main Hidden Grove trail network.

4. LOCATION

Trail is located in the District of Sechelt (DoS) in the 54 hectare Hidden Grove area due east of Sandy Hook Road along Inlet Road. The loop circles the northern area, beginning at the Wetland Loop trail and ending at the Viewpoint trail.

5. DATES

(same as other 2 applications)

6. USE

(same as other 2 applications)

7. STANDARDS

Trail would be constructed to standards similar to those set out for “Interpretive Foot Trails” 10.3.2.) in the MoF 1991 handbook. They would have minimum impact on the environment, similar to trails in the Sechelt Heritage Forest.

8. CAPABILITY

(same as other 2 applications)

HANDICAPPED TRAIL APPLICATION

2. PURPOSE

To establish Handicap access to the Hidden Grove recreation area.

3. DESCRIPTION

Work will consist of a 700 meter, 1.5 meter wide trail not to exceed 5% grade consistent with MoF HC trail guidelines.

4. LOCATION

In the Hidden Grove area of Sechelt, north side of Inlet Road, 100 meters east of Sandy Hook Road, the trail begins from proposed parking lot (see separate Parking Lot Application).

5. DATES

Will begin upon receipt of permit, with completion expected within 2 years.

6. USE

The trail will be used year round on a daily basis by local residents. Anticipated users include not only those with wheelchairs, walkers and canes but also strollers, toddlers and the elderly. Weekends ... Jackson Point.(same as parking lot application)

7. STANDARDS

Construction will follow MoF "Special Needs Trails" guidelines as in section 10.3.2. of their 1991 Recreation Trail Management publication or the current equivalent.

8. CAPABILITY – COMMITMENT

(same as parking lot application)

PARKING LOT APPLICATION

2. PURPOSE

To provide safe and adequate parking for users of the existing and proposed Hidden Grove trails network, including a new handicap trail.

3. DESCRIPTION

Parking lot would be gravel, roughly 18x50 meters (see attachment for detailed description and drawing) with space for approximately 10 cars.

4. LOCATION – District of Sechelt

Entry and exit are from the north side of Inlet Road roughly 100 meters east of Sandy Hook Road, potentially using existing road into Hidden Grove as the parking lot exit.

5. DATES

Work will begin upon receipt of permit, with completion expected within 2 years.

6. USE

The lot will be used year round on a daily basis by local residents. Weekends, holidays and summertime will significantly increase use by tourists and other visitors. Annual number of user days would initially be 1500 to 2000 per year which might easily double with the eventual increase of 5000 residents from proposed mega-developments in the immediate neighborhood of the Hidden Grove (Silverback to the south and Jackson Point to the north).

7. STANDARDS

Parking lot would be properly constructed with road base, gravel, crusher dust or suitable pervious material. Efforts would be taken to retain any significant mature coniferous trees when laying out parking stalls. Entrance/exit to Inlet Road would be established through consultation with District of Sechelt (DoS) engineering staff.

8. CAPABILITY – COMMITMENT

Sandy Hook Community Association has a decade long partnership with the MoF to build and maintain trails in the Sechelt Heritage Forest (see attached Certificate of Appreciation) and a further management agreement with the DoS as well.



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District of Sechelt

"Heart of the Sunshine Coast"



June 2, 2009

File No. 0230-20

Michael Davidson
Hidden Grove Steering Committee
5866 Deerhorn Drive
Sechelt, BC V0N 3A4

Dear Michael Davidson:

RE: Hidden Grove Trail Access and Parking

With reference to your letter dated April 16, 2009, the District of Sechelt's subsequent inspection and discussion with you, regarding the access to Hidden Grove.

The approval for the access road to Hidden Grove and its parking space will be granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. The District will allow only one access to Hidden Grove: the entrance from Sechelt Inlet Road south of the Sandy Hook Road junction, as indicated on the enclosed map.
2. The other end of the access road, across from Sandy Hook Road, must be barricaded and kept accessible for emergency vehicles only. A sign for "Emergency Access Only" must be installed.
3. The access road must be paved for a minimum 15m distance from the asphalt edge of Sechelt Inlet Road and at a width of 7m.
4. A stop sign and a stop bar must be installed on the access road.
5. The radius of the curb returns must each be a minimum of 7.5m.
6. A turnaround must be provided, such as a cul-de-sac, a traffic loop, or a Hammerhead to accommodate long vehicles such as school buses, fire trucks, etc.
7. A caution sign must be installed on the east side of Sechelt Inlet Road approx. 130m south of the access road. The sign is "Vision Limited" (W-125) combined with the sign "Hidden Grove Access Ahead" (see attached drawing).

Please contact the Engineering and Public Works Department if you require additional information.

Yours truly



Sanath Bandara, Development Engineer

Enclosures

Installation guideline: Condition C, Table 1, (Appendix).

W- 122 STRONG CROSS WIND AREA SIGN

The W-122 STRONG CROSS WIND AREA sign warns motorists of possible driving objects caused by strong and abrupt cross winds. This sign may be warranted in areas prone to frequent strong cross winds, such as roadways on plateaus or hills, or wherever high winds are channelized.

Installation guideline: Condition A, Table 1, (Appendix).

W-123 OPENING BRIDGE SIGN

The W-123 OPENING BRIDGE sign warns motorists that the bridge ahead is a opening bridge which when in operation, can be lifted or swung open to permit the passage of boat, and that the traffic will be required to stop when the bridge is open.

If the approach to the opening bridge is posted at a high speed and/or a high volume location, traffic signals may also be required.

Installation guideline: Condition B, Table 1, (Appendix).

W- 125 VISION LIMITED SIGN

The W-125 VISION LIMITED sign warns motorists of limited sight visibility ahead due to physical obstructions such as adverse vertical or horizontal alignment, or any other intrusions into the road user's sight triangle.

Installation guideline: Condition A, Table 1, (Appendix).

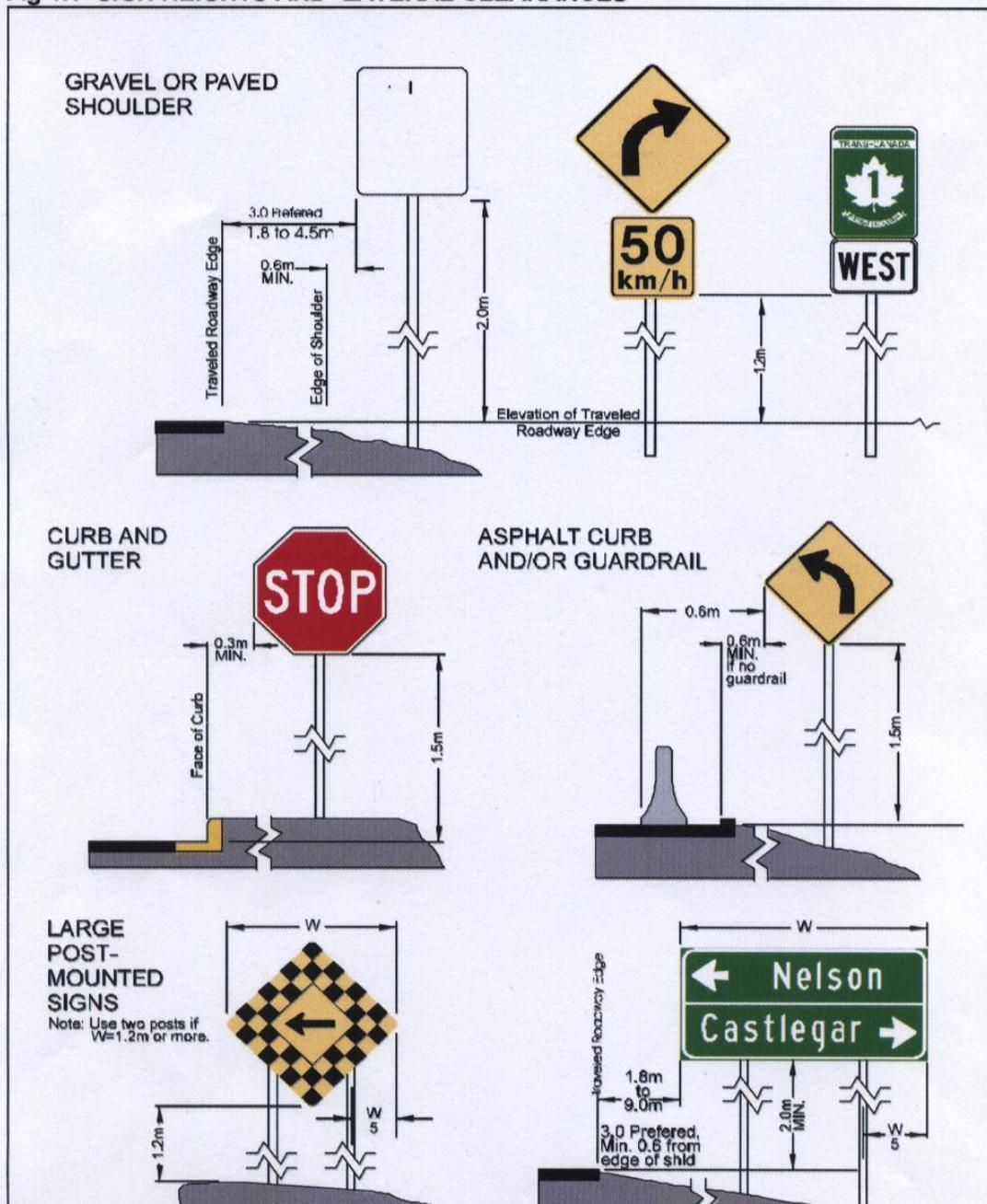
W- 126 HORSE AND RIDER SIGN

The W-126 HORSE AND RIDER sign warns motorists of potential horseback riders on the roadway. This sign may be used on narrow or winding roadways where horseback riding is known to take place.

The W-126 sign shall be installed just prior to the start of any roadway used for horseback riding.



Fig 1.1 SIGN HEIGHTS AND LATERAL CLEARANCES



ROUGH NOTES (Some items re-ordered for clarity)

Meeting June 2, 2009 at SCPI offices

For SCPI: Rutland, Davie, Smart (all hereafter SCPI)

For SHCA (Hidden Grove) Davidson, Waddell, D'Arcy (note taker) (all hereafter HH)

1. **SIGNAGE** – came up in several context at different times but summary:
 - a. The Provincial government is developing a standard for crown land trails and we should adopt it, however, there is no known date that the standards will be public.
 - b. If there is an extended delay in the publishing of the standards then HH should proceed with as close to the proposed standards as reasonable and then adapt as needed.
 - c. Most signs can be simple laminated 8 ½ X 11 sheets placed on trees or posts as needed.
 - d. Maps with “You are Here” are a priority to help the public about.
 - e. Colour coding should be considered
 - f. More labour intensive signs – carved wood with paint may be used for major points.
 - g. Names should be assigned to all trails for ease of discussion and work but these names need not be signed or even placed on the maps if not needed for direction of public.
 - h. HH will provide names for all current HH and SHF trails that are active.
 - i. SIB must be asked about names since consultation is a requirement - dictated by Province for one
 - j. Major sign at Kiosk will be needed and maybe West Coat Homes would help on this.

2. **DEMONSTRATION FOREST ELEMENTS**
 - a. Have small signage to describe:
 - i. Age of some trees
 - ii. Species
 - iii. Why some survived fire or logging and others did not
 - iv. Details of zones – wet to dry and change of flora
 - v. SIB uses – stripping and collecting – consult with them on this
 - vi. Maybe have plant name sign in English Common/Latin/Sechelt
 - vii. No ATVs or bikes but for some trails near boundaries to carry on existing trails outside of HH. Signage at boundaries to discourage “short cutting”
 - b. Kiosk – at entrance and parking
 - i. Would have description, maps, Rules
 - ii. Possibility of combined interpretive centre and community association hall for Sandy Hook and Tillicum and Tuwanek was raised.
 - iii. West Coast Log Homes may help here
 - c. Extended areas outside HH
 - i. Smart made point that there are some good areas for interpretive – educational values outside of the HH. “Hidden Grove does not have to stop at the boundaries.”
 - ii. Areas to the north east where earlier cutting had been done were reviewed on maps.
 - iii. Access might be through top of HH or by climbing power line access

3. **FUNDS FOR CURRENTLY APPROVED HH PROJECTS**
 - a. Davidson will provide rough estimate of costs or materials and labour needed separately for:
 - i. Parking lot – with key hole turn for buses – heavy machinery, gravel, haulage, paving of first 20 feet, some highway signage at about \$250 each.
 - ii. Handicap trail – small machine and gravel

- iii. Northern Trail – just volunteers
- b. Davis undertook to investigate and try of funds from special source where up to \$20,000 might be available but would await Davison estimates.
- c. HH is in no position to actually hire independent workers due to Workers Comp issues so SCPI could (if so decided) hire for HH.

4. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Concern was expressed over amount of cedar bark stripping being done and resultant appearance, garbage and damage. Davie undertook to raise this with SIB.
- b. Liability issues were reviewed:
 - i. HH committee is part of SHCA and therefore some protection provided by Society Act. Also most volunteers are home owners with personal liability policies to cover some volunteer work.
 - ii. SCPI has its own insurance program
 - iii. Ultimately, would see complete HH evolving into same relationship with the District of Sechelt as currently exists with the Sechelt Heritage Forest whereby volunteers of SHCA work under understood supervision of District Parks except for any major developments of changes where prior advice obtained. Both forest areas complement each other and integration of some sort is inevitable.
- c. Liaison in future for HH will be Brain Smart
- d. To do Parking lot SUB and Cutting permits will be needed. Davie undertook to get these for the HH group.
- e. Davie undertook to “handle” the requests to West Coast Homes for wood or Kiosk, etc.

Meeting adjourned about 1 PM.

Agreed, next meeting to be walk about gathering at HH sign at 1 PM on Friday, June 8.

2009-06-03 - Robert D'Arcy - SCAF Attendees - URGENT - Hidden Grove.txt
From: Robert D'Arcy <rdarcy@dccnet.com>
To: SCAF Attendees <scaf-attenders@sechelt.net>
Date: Wed, 03 Jun 2009 11:33:07 -0800
Subject: URGENT - Hidden Grove

URGENT

We met with SCPI yesterday and they are working on a grant for us- to build the handicap trail, interpretive centre, parking lot - etc. For the particular grant we need something into Kevin Davie before noon tomorrow - Thursday, June 4, as there is a Friday deadline. We can do most of it BUT to quote one of the items for submission:

names of partner organization and at least one letter of support.

With the short time we cannot refine this much and the only real letter of support we have is the SIB one some time ago. We would like a package. Would you/could you send a letter addressed to the "Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee of the Sandy Hook community Association" lending your support - no, not financial - just that you support all the goals, etc. Send as a letter by email if you can soonest - today - the more the better. If you need more detail of what the Grove is all about go to <http://hiddengrove.info>.

Please everyone as it is for all of Sechelt and beyond. Thanks in advance.

Bob D'Arcy

Chair,

Hidden Grove Steering Committee

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CC: Michael Davidson



SECHELT INDIAN BAND

July 24, 2009

Mr. Michael Davidson,
Hidden Grove Steering Committee
5866 Deerhorn Drive
Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A4

Dear Mr. Davidson:

RE: TRAIL NAMING – HIDDEN GROVE

We are receipt of a copy of a letter dated April 8, 2009 from Mr. Frank Ullman, Recreation Officer South Coast District of the Ministry of Tourism Sport and the Arts advising of our Nation's interest to have our kids participate in the naming of the trails of Hidden Grove.

We wish to reiterate formally and request that you contact our Education Coordinator Lenora Joe to make the necessary arrangements to meet with our language class in Kinnickinnick Elementary in the beginning of the September 2009.

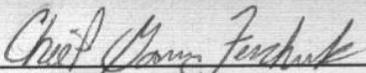
It is very important to our Nation as we would like to recognize our children for their efforts in learning our language and we hope that your Committee is equally excited as we are about the children's involvement in the trail naming.

Lenora Joe can be reached at (604) 885-6016.

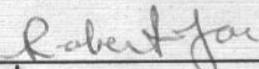
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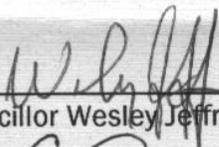
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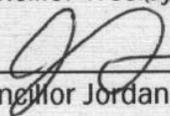
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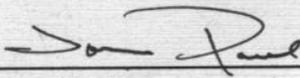
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CC: Lenora Joe, Education Coordinator (Elders/Language program)

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Aug22nd: Sommes Hill, Gibsons -10am
(Parking at Shirley Macy Park off North Rd)

Sprokids, Langdale -10am
(Take North Rd. to top of ferry bypass, continue straight up to Sprokids parking area; don't turn down bypass!)

For additional details or directions, please
contact Nikki at trailactive@scrd.ca

SEE YOU ON THE TRAILS!



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2009-10-22 - Michael Davidson - Trail Builders - Saturday and Sunday work parties.txt
From: Michael Davidson <pacidavi@gmail.com>
To: Trail Builders <trails@sechelt.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Oct 2009 20:26:07 -0800
Subject: Saturday and Sunday work parties

Change in plans! The Community Forest has given us the green light to start in on the parking lot. They will supply an excavator and truck once we have cleared the trees under 6" diameter [mostly alder] from the proposed roadway. In order to honour our commitment as soon as possible I've scheduled work parties on the parking lot for both this Saturday and Sunday at 9:00. I'll fall and limb the trees but most of the labour will involve hauling the branches to a designated area beyond the handicapped parking slot. The trunks will be cut up into firewood for anyone who is interested.

If anyone else wants to bring a chain saw, feel free.
In case of rain, look for the email before 8:00am.

Michael

THE HIDDEN GROVE STORY

Hidden Grove is an area with several recreational and eco-system features in addition to its location close to Sechelt.

In January, the board of directors approved a recommendation that we manage Hidden Grove as an area with high recreational values and a sensitive ecosystem, of which part is old-growth timber.

The Community Forest and the Hidden Grove group are working well together to create a trail system that incorporates forestry activities outside of the grove; the outside area will be developed as a demonstration and interpretive forest. Currently, the Community Forest is seeking approval for a road/parking lot that would increase the size of the existing parking lot.

The Sunshine Coast Community Forest (SCCF), working with the public, the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC), and others, has been identifying and mapping areas in the Community Forest, and which do



not contribute to our Annual Allowable Cut at this time. These areas include old-growth-management areas, wildlife areas such as for Marbled Murrelets, ecologically sensitive sites, recreational areas, and others.

Robert D'Arcy, Chair of Sub-Committee. Sandy Hook Community Association

----- Original Message -----
From: "Robert D'Arcy"

Subject: Some Hidden Grove News
Date: Sun, 13 Dec 2009 11:03:11 -0800

(Sorry if some get this twice but that means you are on more than one HG mailing list.)

Hi to Trail Workers and Committee Members and SCPI,

First, just a bit of webby news for you - go to:
<http://hiddengrove.info> The website has been updated with a bunch of stuff

1. Of most interest are some pictures of all Trail Builders' hard work to date on the Northern Trail. I hope to get some pictures of them working if I ever get to the work party in time! With better light conditions I will take some better pictures. Eventually we can have a photo tour of each trail for visitors to review.

2. The main BIG plan book of 54 pages has been updated on the 'Plan/Print Out' page along with a handy easy to print out pocket sized card for folks to take with them into the Grove.

3. The "Time Lines" on the Latest News page have been updated.

4. There is a new 'Volunteer' seal on every page where one can click to fill in a form for volunteering - not just for trail work but most anything. Tell your friends about this!

5. AND a new more obvious Guestbook link which we hope lots of folks will use.

REMEMBER, we welcome any suggestions for the website.

Now in the "Non-web" world, Kevin Davie with Brian Smart and SCPI are really stepping up to the plate to help out with the parking lot progress. It appears that we are pretty sure we will have a parking lot not later than early spring (March or sooner?) with volunteer or donated services: of a professional faller for those 6 or 7 big trees we could not do; trucks and the necessary material; a compactor and a big excavator for setting the material; along with professional advice. Work is progressing on getting the required (DoS) entrance area 25 or so feet paved too after the other work is done.

Michael Davison made a presentation at the most recent Sandy Hook Community Association board meeting at their invitation. He gave an update on the work progress and also submitted for the minutes how the Committee can continue much as before in spite of the recent upset in the SHCA board. Rupert Clark has taken on the job liaison between the Committee and the SHCA. Thanks Rupert.

Lastly, the work on the Northern Trail is going ahead at a tremendous pace. It is amazing how much can be done by 4 to 8 workers over a 2 hour period. Thanks so much to all the Trail workers. (They are listed with the photos on the website.)

2009-12-14 - anikconsulting@dccnet.com - Robert D'Arcy - Some Hidden Grove News.txt
Isn't great to look back over all the nearly 9 years of activity to see how far we have come.

Cheers and the very best of the Festive Season to all,
Bob D'Arcy
Chair,
Hidden Grove Steering Committee
<http://hiddengrove.info/>

Note: Links are generally not operative in this file

2009 and a VERY GOOD YEAR it was

December - Community Forest features Hidden Grove in latest (2009) Report [Click to see in PDF](#)

December 12 - nearly half way through the main Northern Loop - [SEE PICTURES](#)

November - Good part of Northern Trail built and now suitable for a walk in and back until the loop is done. Go into the Grove and carry on the level past the start of the path up to the Lonely Giant and just stay right. You will see the new trail branch off.

November - Start on Northern Trail

October 24th to 27th and More - Volunteers turned out to clear the scrubby, weedy alders from the planned parking lot area. Some from 8 AM to 11 AM with Michael Davidson wielding the chain saw.

July 10 - Community Forest documentary shot in HH. Committee members Bob D'Arcy and Michael Davidson are filmed describing the Grove and some of its history. Brian Smart adds description of the Grove's features. A professional documentary maker from Victoria - Dave - shot the whole thing.

[See Picture](#)

July 4th to 10th, 2009 - Laying out the parking lot and main entrance - With the parking lot laid out in rough then estimates of machine and material costs can be developed along with a work plan for when funds are available. [See an Album of pictures of the work and a map](#)

FOR AUGUST - Hidden Grove on SCR D Summer Hiking Series - [See Poster Here \(PDF\)](#)

June 2 - See in the Documents a report on a very positive and pleasant meeting with SCPI and see the works page for letters for approval of the Parking Lot plans by the DoS

April 15 - [April 8th letter from Provincial Ministry of Tourism](#) approves building of Handicap Trail - Northern Trails and go ahead on Parking Lot.

January 13th - Walkabout in bordering area - particularly cutblock AN009.

Very bad communication caused serious disappointment for some supporters who turned up at the entrance to HH per our e-mail of the 9th (below) only to find no one there. Somehow the SCPI folks left the Coffee Shop shortly after 12 Noon and drove straight to the entrance - found no one there at that early time so went down to the lower Sechelt Heritage Forest entrance and started into the forest.

Through happenstance D'Arcy and Davidson found this out at 12:40 and went into the forest to find the party near the HH border. Later two other Sandy Hook residents found us.

Davidson and Elise Rutland of CFAC asked lots of good questions and it is clear that at this early layout stage a lot of consideration is being given to the esthetics and preservation of the HH including adjoining areas. We understand that now there will be further refining of all the plans for this areas along with marking of trees that might be cut and marking of trees that definitely will be preserved. After that there will be another Walkabout and it is promised that it will be properly advertised for all to attend who wish.

Click on pictures to see large

[SEE MAP OF AFFECTED AREA](#)

[\(Click to view full size\)](#)

January 11th - Letter - [SCPI for HH as recreation area - comments on the meeting at SCPI](#)

January 9th - We were excited to send out the following email to 186 folks on our list:

To all Sandy Hookers and other Hidden Grove supporters.

Sorry to send another email so soon but the phones have been humming today and we need to share the news. Wonderful news!

Last night there was a board meeting of the Sechelt Community Projects Inc. (SCPI, the community forest operators) - a presentation was made by the Advisory Board Chair, Elise Rutland, outlining your committee's presentation two weeks ago and even including the special map we used. As a result, a motion was passed unanimously that they will not log in Hidden Grove for as long as their tenure - if they get a 50 year tenure then that is how long for no logging. Of course, they cannot promise longer.

Your committee is meeting with the Chair of SCPI and the operations manager on Sunday at their offices to explore enhanced cooperation in the development of our Hidden Grove Plan and cooperation with SCPI. At the same time we have heard that we are on the cusp of full approval to go ahead with the handicap trail, the northern trails and the parking area. Almost too much good news!

The walk about is still on and we hope that some of you still turn up but the pressure of mass is not so critical now so you can be more relaxed about it. If you would rather curl up by the fire OK.

Lastly, we have abused the email system over this today and will refrain doing it again. Look for updates from here on including a report on the Sunday meeting on the website <http://hiddengrove.info>

Thanks everyone for your support these 7 years and this is one giant step for Hidden Grove - more to go.
Yours

The Hidden Grove Planning Committee of the Sandy Hook Community Association

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