

Meeting - hopefully Sat. July 20th
10am - our house!?! - GP.

Bob



Land and Water British Columbia Inc.

LWBC REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST COMMUNITY/INSTITUTIONAL - NEW APPLICATION

The following requirements are part of the application and must be provided.
Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.

I HAVE SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING:

- A **non-refundable** Application Fee of \$107.00 (\$100.00 plus \$7.00 GST) in the form of a cheque or money order made payable to Land and Water British Columbia Inc. must be attached to the application package. LWBC's GST Registration number is 12237 - 3046 - RT. DOS ✓
 - A completed Application for Crown Land form that identifies the application area. SOLID MAP ✓
 - A Certificate of Incorporation (if applicable). DOS ✓
 - A completed Economics Impacts Questionnaire. TOURIST CENTRE - NOT APPLICABLE
UNSURE. SH + DOS FIGURES
 - For *local governments or public service agencies*, a resolution of the municipal council, regional board or band council endorsing the application. DOS ✓
 - For *local governments making application on behalf of community organizations*, a resolution of the municipal council or regional board. For Crown Grants, please include an undertaking by the local government to retain title to the land and use the land only for the approved purposes.
- For *community organizations*:
- a written confirmation that the relevant local government board or council declines to apply on behalf of the organization, but does not object to the proposed land use.
 - a certified copy of the Constitution and Bylaws indicating your organization has formed a non-profit organization and that the organization is entitled to hold land.
 - the Constitution and Bylaws must state that on winding-up and dissolution of the society that, after all debts have been paid or provision for payment has been made, the assets remaining shall be paid, transferred, or delivered to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations.

RAY ARFITT - HO.
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- a copy of the latest Annual Report of your organization including the financial statement and the report of the directors to the members.

A detailed Development Plan that explains:

- The nature of the proposed use; *SH*
 - The nature and location of all proposed improvements in relation to the application boundary; *SH*
 - Proposed development and operating schedule; *SH*
 - All other relevant details of the proposal; *SH*
 - Agency Requirements Checklist information. *-? Forward SH - 210.*
- A written demonstration that land applied for under this policy is required for the intended use, and that suitable alternative land is not available. *SH*
- A copy of the State of Title Certificate of the requested property (if applicable). *DOS.*
- A general location map (appropriate scale eg 1:250000, 1:50000) showing the general location of the proposed operating area, and the location of access roads, watercourses, district lots and other major landmarks as reference points. *DOS*
- A document print of an appropriate scale (eg 1:20000 or 1:10000) with a north arrow, showing the exact perimeter boundaries of the application area including the dimensions (in metre) and area (ha). The plan should also include watercourses, district lots and major land marks as reference points.. *DOS*
- A site plan (top view) (1:1000 or 1:5000) of the entire application area, drawn to scale with a north arrow, identifying the location of all improvements (buildings, structures, roads, powerlines, fences, etc.) in relation to the boundaries of the tenure area and other legal boundaries. *DOS Following SH*
- A set of photos showing the nature of the Crown Land in the area, especially the sites proposed for any development. *SH*
- If you have engaged an agent to act on your behalf, a letter authorizing the person to do so. *AAA. DOS.*

LWBC NOTIFICATION CHECKLIST COMMUNITY/INSTITUTIONAL - NEW APPLICATION

IF MY APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED BY LWBC I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY
BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING :

- An annual rental payment.
- A tenure document fee (\$50 plus GST for permits; \$150 plus GST for licences)
- Insurance.
- Security.
- Proof of Advertising in the form of newspaper cut sheets or newspaper clippings.
- Confirmation that a Staking Notice has been posted on the Crown land application site as per Staking Instructions.
- An Archeological Overview Assessment or other studies to determine if First Nations Rights or Title issues exist in the area of application.
- A Letter of Upland Owner's Consent (to Riparian Rights Infringement) if applicable.

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THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT I HAVE SUBMITTED INCLUDES
INFORMATION THAT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSES THE
CONCERNS OF THE AGENCIES AS OUTLINED IN
THE AGENCY REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:

- Local Government.
- First Nations.
- The Ministry of Forests
- The Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (The Environmental Protection Division, The Wildlife, Habitat and Enforcement Division, Parks Division, etc.)
- The Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management (Water Planning, Water Rights, Allocation and Licencing, etc.)
- The Ministry of Transportation

NAME OF APPLICANT

DATE SIGNED

**** Additional information may be required depending on the consultations that will occur as a result of your application. However, provided the above information is completed as the instructions and examples note, your application will begin to be processed, based on our target *Turn Around Time of 140 days*. As noted above, any application that is incomplete will not be processed until the above required information is completed and accepted by the LWBC Regional Office.**

Once an offer is made for the land you are applying for, you may be required to seek rezoning, conduct First Nation Overview Assessments, obtain other Federal, Provincial and Local Government permits, etc. before LWBC can confirm the offered approval.

LAND AND WATER BRITISH COLUMBIA INC.
"Economic Impacts" Questionnaire

Document revised: February 28, 2002

In an effort to more fully appreciate the positive impacts of making Crown land available for a wide variety of uses and to help us better understand the specific nature and extent of your proposal the following questionnaire must be completed in support of your application. This information is required before your application can be considered complete and ready for further processing.

APPLICANT NAME: _____

Investment Impacts:

(Form A)

- Estimate the capital cost of new fixed facilities (e.g. buildings, servicing infrastructure, others)

Year 1 Final Build-Out (Year _____?)

\$ _____ \$ _____ (excluding year 1)

- Estimate the capital cost of new machinery and equipment

Year 1 Final Build-Out

\$ _____ \$ _____ (excluding year 1)

- Estimate the number of construction jobs based on person-days of employment (e.g. 6 people working for 120 days = 720 person-days)

Year 1 Final Build-Out

_____ _____ (excluding year 1)

Operating Impacts:

- Estimate the number of full time, permanent jobs (number of employees)

Year 1 = _____ Final Build-Out (excluding year 1) = _____

- Estimate the number of part time, permanent jobs (number of person- months)

Year 1 = _____ Final Build-Out (excluding year 1) = _____

- Estimate the number of seasonal jobs (number of person-days)

Year 1 = _____ Final Build-Out (excluding year 1) = _____

This information will be subject to protections afforded by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Handwritten notes:
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ECONOMIC
REPORT
OF OWNERS

February 5, 2003

NOTE
FILE: 2408270

Tyler,

* *Development + Marketing - LWBC*

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Thanks Tyler,

Tony Duffy



Coastal Woodlands
Campbell River Operations

February 10, 2003

Bob
2408270

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LAND & WATER BRITISH COLUMBIA
CLIFF/FILE No. _____

ATTENTION: TYLER BROWN
LAND OFFICER

RE: REFERRAL REQUEST FOR LICENCE OF OCCUPATION, SECHELT -
FILE #2408270

Dear Mr. Brown,

On behalf of International Forest Products Limited (Interfor), comments on the abovementioned proposal are offered.

I have organized a response to correspond with the questions posed on the Referral Request form:

1. Please describe your interest in the proposal.

Interfor is interested in the proposal because the area in question is within the Provincial Forest on which Interfor operates.

2. Do you have any objections to the proposed developments (yes/no)?

Interfor does not object to the proposal, but has a number of concerns with a Provincial Government decision to remove this land from the forest land base.

3. Please describe how you think this proposed development may have an impact on your interests

The proposed use of this land (ie. Park) will further reduce Interfor's ability to maintain its Contract with the Provincial Government under Forest Licence A19220. Under this Contract, a specific volume of timber must be harvested from the Provincial Forest each year.

International Forest Products Limited

#311-1180 Ironwood Road, Campbell River, B.C., Canada V9W 5P7 (250) 286-1881 Fax (250) 286-5019

The land in question contributes to the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) of the Sunshine Timber Supply Area (TSA) and therefore, removing it from the working forest will negatively effect the AAC.

This proposal also affects Interfor in that it further reduces the Company's ability to meet Contractual obligations under the Timber Harvesting Contract and Subcontract Regulation (Bill 13).

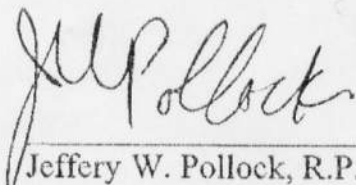
The removal of this land from the operable land base represents approximately 25,000 cubic meters of timber to Interfor and its Contractors. Interfor has spent an appreciable amount of money in the Planning, Engineering, and Layout of this area for harvesting. Operational Timber Cruising and Silviculture data has also been collected from the site.

★ In summary, Interfor does not directly object to the designation of this area as Parkland, but if the Government decides that a Park is the best use for this land, Interfor expects to be fully reimbursed for the expenditures incurred while attempting to meet our Contractual obligations with the Provincial Government.

If you have any questions regarding Interfor's position, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

INTERNATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS LIMITED



Jeffery W. Pollock, R.P.F.
Operations Engineer

February 12, 2003

File: 232-20/Lands (Sechelt)
Lands File: 2408270

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Bob D'Arcy

From: Bob D'Arcy [rdarcy@dccnet.com]
Sent: February 27, 2003 11:13 AM
To: 'mshanks@district.sechelt.bc.ca'
Subject: Tree Cutting Bylaw

Hi Mike,

I am writing you in your capacity as Chairman of the Public Works Committee and specifically regarding a minor but important point for the tree cutting bylaw.

As I mentioned at one meeting not long ago the language used in any bylaw should include some reference to properties controlled by the District - not just a bylaw regarding "publicly owned property" as stated in the February 18th staff report. The concern is that probably/likely the District along with the Sandy Hook Community Association will be soon be official stewards of the Sechelt Heritage Forest and maybe/hope to be in control of the Hidden Grove. In either case the District might not 'own' the property but sure would want the same protection afforded to them. Maybe this was covered on Feb 25 but no one was there from Sandy Hook to know.

When it was vocalized at a prior planning committee meeting several councillors nodded acceptance and support. I thought a reminder at this time might be welcomed since it is probably easier to include a provision on the first go around instead of having to send any bylaw back to the drawing board.

Thank you.

Bob D'Arcy, President
Sandy Hook Community Association
<mailto:sandyhook@sechelt.net>

P.S. The agenda for February 25 has been posted on the District Web site for March 25 - oops!

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Sechelt budget review underway



District of Sechelt staff are in the process of fine-tuning budget numbers and are planning to present their final figures to council before May 14.

Sechelt Mayor Gary Reid said the budget would allow for an economic development increase of \$500,000, which the district can use to bring in an additional person or person-hours consulting services.

Under the B.C. Assessment Authority's valuation property values, the district will receive 100 per cent property taxes will increase this year. The district has made a long-term political commitment to gradually lower business taxes, which results in an increase in other tax areas, including residential and property.

"There is a loss in income, material and industrial taxes," Reid said. "Our goal is to be a multiple of two times that of residential. We are trying to attract commercial base taxes to our community."

Sechelt Finance Director Doug Chapman said increased fees, a seven per cent increase in hydro costs and the hiring of an additional police officer drove the budget up.

Reid said the district goal is

to keep this year's tax increase at around five per cent or less.

Some of the major papers included into this year's budget include the Northwest Bay Road project, which will cost the District \$850,000. The final upgrading of Sechelt Inlet Road is also slated for completion this year with a price tag of \$200,000.

The district is planning an open house in April for the public to review the budget.

Hidden Grove

The Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee (HGPC) provided Sechelt council members with an update at Wednesday's council meeting.

The group is requesting a meeting with George Abbott, the minister of sustainable resource management, regarding the disposition of a portion of Crown land.

The Sandy Hook Community Association, at the request of the District of Sechelt, created the HGPC. Their mandate is to continue with the District's planning department initiative to gain permanent control over a 120-acre parcel of land incorporated within the District in 1986.

The District of Sechelt applied to Land and Water B.C. in December 2002 for the transfer of the Hidden Grove to the District of Sechelt. The application was not successful at that time.

The HGPC presented council with some of the

changes that have occurred since the initial application was made. Initially, in their referral response, Interfor was opposed to a new designation for the land, but would not object if Land and Water B.C. granted the land to the District of Sechelt.

In August 2003, the forestry company reversed its position and informed the HGPC that "Hidden Grove is not in Interfor's development plan now or in the foreseeable future." Also in 2003, the Sechelt Indian Band reversed its initial referral response and informed the HGPC of its full support of the Hidden Grove plan.

The Sunshine Coast district manager for the Ministry of Forests responded to the HGPC in an email saying, "Although it is clear that Interfor has no plans for harvest in the area at this time, the area remains in Provincial Forest."

The HGPC reports that further conversations with the district manager for forests have indicated that the Ministry of Forests would respect whatever decision Land and Water B.C. would make.

Members of the HGPC anticipate their meeting with Abbott will be a fact-finding mission and a preliminary discussion, with formal communication or a visit from Sechelt District elected officials to follow at a later date.

— Maria Spitale

(N.B. This copy is from a scanned copy of the original letter. The text is exact but the format is replicated)

Land & Water British Columbia Inc.

A corporation of the government of British Columbia

File: 2408270

May 22, 2003

Ray Parfitt
The Corporation of the District of Sechelt
P0 Box 129
Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0

Dear Mr. Parfitt:

Re: Your application for Crown land covering that parcel or tract of land in the vicinity of District Lot 5378, together with that parcel or tract of land in the vicinity of District Lot 7148, Group 1, New Westminster District for a 54.15 hectare park.

Your application has been reviewed to determine the highest and best use for Crown land. The review included referrals to various other agencies responsible for public programs affected by a disposition of this type.

The Sunshine Coast Forest District has advised that this area is within Forest Licence AI 9220 held by International Forest Products Limited and under the administration of the Ministry of Forests. The land you are interested in must be removed from this forest licence prior to LWBC giving further consideration to issuing you tenure for this area. This procedure may take some time; therefore, we cannot approve your application at this time.

We will however reconsider a new application once confirmation is received that the area you have applied for is acceptable to the Sunshine Coast Forest District for removal of Licence No. AI 9220.

If you have any further questions please contact Sangita Sudan at (604)538-5771.

Yours truly,

"Signature"

Alec Drysdale
Land and Water Manager

/md

cc: Bob D'Arcy, Chair Hidden Grove Park Plan Steering Committee



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Alec Drysdale
A/Land and Water Manager

/md

cc: **Bob D'Arcy, Chair**
Hidden Grove Park Plan Steering Committee



t D'Arcy - 'Tom Nash (lnash@dccnet.com), 'Gray Waddell (spiderlegs@dccnet.com) - Hidden Grove - Land and Water
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Cc: Koen (koen@dccnet.com) <koen@dccnet.com>,
Din Ruttelynck (din.r@dccnet.com) <din.r@dccnet.com>
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 12:59:00 -0800
Subject: Hidden Grove - Land and Water Letter

I received the following today. I cannot quite believe it as it sounds like you have to go to Forestry not Lands and Waters yet we were told, I think by forestry, we had to get Land and Water approval. You will see it was sent to Ray Parfitt. He is out of town at the moment so I guess we should try some research on our own to prepare for the "what next?"
Bob

Land and Water
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Hidden Grove Park Plan Steering Committee

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July 9, 2003

Dear Mayor Cam Reid:
District of Sechelt

Re: Hidden Grove Park

Our committee recently received the attached copy of a letter sent to Ray Parfitt dated May 22, 2003 from Alec Drysdale of Lands and Waters BC (LWBC). You will note the salient point made is:

"The land ... must be removed from the forest licence prior to LWBC giving further consideration to issuing you tenure for this area. This procedure may take some time; therefore, we cannot approve your application at this time."

This committee views this advisement as part of the inertia common to reviews where the LWBC has no current mechanism to deal with unusual applications involving the Ministry of Forests and Municipalities with competing interests. (We note that the words "this procedure may take some time" are not really dismissive or final, and that LWBC mentions also that they will consider a new application.)

We feel that now might be the time to apply pressures from different directions, such as political and/or public relations. We have several ideas we would like to review with you, including your idea to gather some councillors with you to go to Victoria to "twist or tweak some political arms" in favor of the Hidden Grove!

Also, we would like to share with you our understanding of the current broad background against which this initiative is operating, including a phone interview with Sangita Sudan from LWBC in which details of the application were discussed. As well, we continue to offer to do our share of the necessary Hidden Grove committee work.

To review all of this, we would appreciate an informal meeting of a couple of our members with you very soon so that this project can continue its momentum with action by the District of Sechelt and your Hidden Grove Park Plan Steering Committee. Please contact me at 885-5606 or the Chair of the committee, Bob D'Arcy, at 885-5766 to arrange a time convenient to you.

Sincerely yours,

Gray Waddell
President
cc. Bob D'Arcy, Chair Hidden Grove Park Plan Steering Committee

Subject: **Hidden Grove Proposal**
Review and Future Protection Efforts

Date: July 17, 2003

Meeting at the District of Sechelt: Mayor Cam Reid, Michael Davidson, Gertrude Pacific, Bob D'Arcy

Review of Application to Lands and Waters BC

A phone conversation with the **Lands and Waters BC** author of the letter signed by Alec Drysdale dated May 22, 03, is as follows:

The number 1 item of importance: Ministry of Forests is not working with us, sending a negative referral response.
The District Manager must agree to remove the land from the forest licence.
LWBC has a letter from Interfor who is not planning to log right away.
Interfor is not working with us. A "boundary dispute" between Powell River and Sechelt which likely came from MoF was mentioned.

The number 2 item: The District of Sechelt didn't offer proof that it has the funds to maintain Hidden Grove as a park. There wasn't a "businesslike approach".

The Number 3 item: The Sechelt Indian Band did not respond to the referral confirming our letter stating that they were onsite.

Apparantly, what is needed is:
support from MoF – how that is to be achieved is up to us to initiate,
a letter from District of Sechelt stating financial support exists, and a
written statement from the Band that they want to work with us on Hidden Grove.

The plan for the park was considered very good.

A phone conversation with **Forest Practices Review Board** suggests:

A diplomatic letter inquiring about the details of the "procedure" referred to in his letter could be sent to Mr. Drysdale as a follow up. A request can be made to study the complete file, including documents received from the Ministry of Forests and Interfor, for the reason that it is vital to understand the position of the M o F and Interfor, thus providing background for a better application next time.

The District of Sechelt Planner should schedule meetings with the Sunshine Coast Forest District Manager.

A second phone conversation with a lawyer with the **Forest Practices Board**:

1. Sechelt has a bylaw for the area. - OCP
1. Whatever the bylaw says would govern the use of the land. ✓
2. Municipalities do have the power to regulate tree cutting. ✓
3. This question was asked: Is it true that the Ministry of Forests and the District of Sechelt have an equal or 50-50 jurisdiction over this land? Answer: legally, it is not so. As a practical matter, it is so. That means the provincial government does not want to directly challenge the point.

Background against which the Hidden Grove park proposal is situated:

Interfor:

Although Interfor has had some good press recently for voluntarily relinquishing rights to log in our watershed, it needs much more to counteract its history. Future dealings should be addressed to Gerheart Pocranz, who ranks above Jeff Pollock. Their Public Relations point man is Steve Crombie who is said to be sensitive about Interfor's image in communities. Internationally, Interfor is currently vulnerable in Japan, since a campaign exists urging Sumitomo Forestry Co. Ltd. not to buy from Interfor.

BC Liberal Government:

Pressure on the BC Liberal Cabinet would now be appropriate. The Premier Gordon Campbell visits his summer home on the Sunshine Coast and should have some level of interest in this area. Re: considering a visit to Hidden Grove with Council (and some local Liberals who support the Hidden Grove), he will want to know if there is wide community support, he will want pictures, a map and proof of the District's commitment to the proposal - which a copy of the LWBC application would demonstrate.

Ministry of Forests:

Recently Greg Hemphill has been seconded to work on the AAC takeback of licences. He is not living in Powell River, and his leave is indefinite. His decisions to allow Interfor logging in sensitive areas were in part defeated in court. His position is now shared by Brian Hawries and Mark Anderson as Acting District Managers. A change of personnel at this level might now afford a more congenial opportunity for staff and or Councillors to approach the Ministry of Forests directly in Powell River.

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- WAS THERE OVER*

*Inclusion Community Forest something, 2010 done & was done.
- Joyce Thompson Beck. Dept. meet to assess how we are.*

Michael Davidson – 5823 Skookumchuk Rd. Sechelt BC V0N 3A4

July 28, 2003

Cam Reid, Mayor
District of Sechelt

Dear Cam:

Thanks for taking time to discuss Hidden Grove with us on the 10th, as well as for inviting Ray Parfitt. I am encouraged by the steps that both you and Ray will be taking to move the process in a positive direction.

In the days following the meeting I had some more thoughts on the concept of including the Hidden Grove in the community forest proposal. I appreciate the fact that it is one of the few chances where you can directly participate in the control of our local forest, however there seems to be a major flaw in this idea.

Such an approach would replace the Interfor chainsaw hanging over the Hidden Grove with perhaps a smaller local chainsaw, but a saw nonetheless. In other words, it would still remain part of the harvestable forest base and not really open to development as a tourist destination. MoF might allow more trails, but a real parking lot and other permanent amenities would be out of the question. It would preserve access for us locals but it would not allow the Hidden Grove to sparkle as the potential Sechelt/Sunshine Coast tourism gem that it is.

Sincerely yours,



Michael Davidson

Cc: Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee
Ray Parfitt, Planner

Hidden Grove Plan

Steering Committee

July 30, 2003

Chief Gary Feschuk, Councillor Rick August
Sechelt Indian Band

Dear Chief Feschuk:

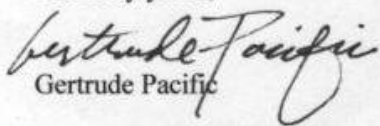
Late last year I called Gilbert Joe, the only Elder I knew, to tell him how happy I was about your idea of our committee working with the Sechelt Elders on the plan for the Hidden Grove. He seemed very interested, especially when I asked him what he thought the Sechelt name for Hidden Grove would be. He said he would think about it, and that I should remind Chief Feschuk that we should meet with the Elders, or else it would be forgotten. I respected Elder Gilbert Joe so much, and worked alongside him with Friends of Caren (the Spius Park proposals), and with Spawn to be Wild (an effort to protect salmon habitat in Angus Creek). There are so many people who miss him very much.

Thank you for meeting with us last year and we still look forward to meeting with the Elders. We respectfully request that a date be set for a meeting with both you and some of the Elders in order to be introduced to each other, and to get things started.

At this meeting we would be happy to discuss the news regarding the Hidden Grove application sent by the District of Sechelt to Lands and Waters BC. We still feel very positive about this project and would like to report to you and the elders what the concerns of Lands and Waters BC are. Although there were omissions etc. in the application, they said that the overall plan was good and that they would consider a revised application.

Our feeling is that we would like to begin work on the concept of the Hidden Grove with the Elders. It is possible that we could develop ideas together as a joint cultural project to develop a legacy for future generations – perhaps a “Hidden Grove Legacy”.

Sincerely yours,


Gertrude Pacific

Cc: Hidden Grove Plan Committee ✓
District of Sechelt
Attachment: Hidden Grove photograph by Keith Thirkell

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Steering Committee

August 19, 2003

Chief Gary Feschuk and Councillor Rick August
Sechelt Indian Band
Box 740, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0

Dear Chief Gary Feschuk, Councillor Rick August:

Re: Hidden Grove Status

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Yours truly,

Bob D'Arcy,
Committee Chair

Cc: Mayor Cam Reid, District of Sechelt;
Sangita Sudan, Lands and Waters BC

Hidden Grove Plan

Steering Committee

August 25, 2003

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Cc: Mayor Cam Reid, District of Sechelt
Sangita Sudan, Lands and Waters BC

Attachment: photographs

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Hidden Grove Plan

Steering Committee

August 27, 2003

Gerhard Pokrandt, General Manager
International Forest Products Limited
#311-1180 Ironwood Road
Campbell River, BC, V9W 5P7

Dear Gerhard Pokrandt:

Re: Hidden Grove in Sechelt

This letter is the result of an informative conversation that I had with your Operations Engineer Jeff Pollock on August 25, 2003, regarding the area within the District of Sechelt known as the Hidden Grove (formerly Interfor Block 350). As you may know, this Steering Committee was set up by the District of Sechelt to provide a development plan for the Hidden Grove and that plan was included in their application to Lands and Waters BC for consideration for a licence of occupation.

In our ongoing work we requested and received from Sangita Sudan at LWBC the referral responses from stakeholders such as Interfor. We were very interested to note that the last paragraph of the letter written by Mr. Pollock in Interfor's response said:

"Interfor does not directly object to the designation of this area as Parkland, but if the Government decides that a Park is the best use for this land, Interfor expects to be fully reimbursed for the expenditures incurred" etc.

In our view, Interfor has a valid point. We appreciate that this statement refers to expenses for planning, engineering, operational timber cruising and silviculture data collection. We understand that at present no dollar figure for those expenses is available.

Mr. Pokrandt, during our conversation Mr. Pollack made several comments which I thought were so important that I wrote them down as he was speaking, and later verified that I had noted his words correctly, and also received his permission to write to you. You will note that he is receiving a copy of this letter. He mentioned that 'Interfor does not have any real interest in the Hidden Grove area and that, indeed, Interfor is winding down operations in this vicinity, and has sold private holdings in Sechelt. Although interest was shown in the past, Hidden Grove (or Block 350) is not in Interfor's development plans now or in the foreseeable future.'

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He also said that in his opinion the 'Ministry of Forests has no legal requirement not to approve another use now.' Of course, consultation with the Ministry of Forests is of primary consideration for the LWBC allowing the District of Sechelt a licence of occupation.. We believe that if MoF understands that Interfor is, in essence, standing down from proposing any further development plans in the Hidden Grove, an affirmative referral response from MoF could be possible.

Regarding another instance of consultation, a member of our committee, Michael Davidson, met with Kevin Davie, Executive Director of the Sunshine Coast Forest Coalition on August 23, 2003. The discussion centered on Mr. Davie's comments in his referral response about the importance of hiring local forest workers and Interfor's contractor to do park development work proposed in the application, should it be successful. Mr. Davidson wished to know what qualifications the workers might have to construct the amenities such as a parking lot, handicapped trail, boardwalk, viewing platform and welcoming structures, etc. Mr. Davie gave assurances that the workers have experience in building West Coast Log Homes, and mentioned small scale machinery used successfully in Powell River to create more intimate trails. He further stressed that it would be best to give Sechelt workers first priority in doing the work. Our committee feels that all of this is in keeping with the wishes of the general community to make this a project in which many people can participate.

I truly hope this letter does not seem impertinent or frivolous. We sincerely appreciate the candor with which Mr. Pollock evaluated the situation. We do realize that Interfor has acted in good faith to meet it's contractual obligations with the provincial government. We know that mapping delays (17 years) within the provincial government departments did not show District of Sechelt 1986 boundary changes which contributed to some of the confusion over this tract of land. Happily, this has now been corrected and we thank Mr. Pollock for mailing us the revised map last summer showing the actual boundary.

Mr. Pokrandt, if you could find a way to acknowledge the above points made by Mr. Pollock, on paper, our committee could so inform the Ministry of Forests. For that reason, we respectfully request a response to our letter in whatever words would best convey that the Hidden Grove area is not in your foreseeable plans, and that your company is moving ahead in other directions. Your sensitivity to community hopes and plans will be welcome indeed and it would be a substantial public relations credit to Mr. Pollock, yourself, and to International Forest Products. We would have no hesitation in actively publicizing this through the local media and our community newsletter and web sites if you so wish.

Sincerely yours,

Gertrude Pacific

Cc: Jeff Pollock, Interfor; Kevin Davie, SCFC; Sangita Sudan, Lands and Waters BC
Mayor Cam Reid, District of Sechelt; Harold Long, MLA Sunshine Coast
Committee Chair and Members

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Steering Committee

September 15, 2003

Brian Woodward, Administrator
Sechelt Indian Band
Sechelt, BC

Dear Brian Woodward:

**Re: Hidden Grove Legacy - Response to Email from Rochelle Baptiste
Request for background information on District of Sechelt
Application for Tenure**

Last week, our committee was advised by Councillor Stan Dixon to direct all correspondence to you, with the request that this information be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Sechelt Indian Band Council. We hope this is the proper procedure even though Ms. Baptiste's Email, sent August 27th, requested that the information be sent to her.

We have included:

- Recent Email request from Rochelle Baptiste
- Hidden Grove Legacy Information Update page
- Letter from Steering Committee dated July 30, 2003
- Follow-up letter from Steering Committee dated August 25, 2003
- Scanned copy of original letter from LWBC – text exact
- All the file on this application obtained from District of Sechelt
- The original Detailed Development Plan from our committee except for the name change of “Legacy” instead of “Park”
- Referral responses to the Application sent to us by LWBC
- The addendum our committee added referring to our meeting with Chief Feschuk and Councillor August last year

We sincerely hope that this information is complete and that it will help the Chief and Council commit to a meeting with our committee and /or the Elders to discuss the possibilities within the Hidden Grove.

Yours truly,

Gertrude Pacific



Coastal Woodlands
Campbell River Operations

September 15, 2003

Gertrude Pacific
C/o SHCA
5866 Deerhorn Drive
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Dear Gertrude Pacific,

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 2003 concerning Hidden Grove in Sechelt. I can confirm that you are correct in believing that Hidden Grove is "not in Interfor's development plan now or in the foreseeable future".

For a variety of reasons we have looked closely at our historical Jackson chart area tributary to road access from Sechelt, and have decided to consolidate our operations elsewhere in the forest licence.

In line with this thinking, we have also divested ourselves of three private lots we held at Tuwanek, the largest of which was our dryland sort and shop complex. In addition, we have deactivated our booming ground as we have no further use for it.

I hope this is the information you are looking for.

Yours truly,

Gerhard Pokrandt
General Manager

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Hidden Grove Plan

Steering Committee

September 25, 2003

Otto Schulte
Vice President of Coastal Woodlands
International Forest Products Limited
#311-1180 Ironwood Road
Campbell River, BC V9W 5P7

Dear Mr. Schulte:

Re: The Hidden Grove area in Sechelt and Interfor

Our steering committee was appointed by the District of Sechelt to work towards securing land within the District (which was dedicated through bylaw as park), a process involving Land and Waters BC, Ministry of Forests, the Sechelt Indian Band, the Forest Coalition and Interfor.

Since 2000, Interfor staff and various community members of the Sunshine Coast have been involved in talks regarding a proposed cutblock 350 – the area of the Hidden Grove. Many letters of support (over 100) were sent to the Ministry of Forests in support of the bylaw, and the District of Sechelt Mayor and Councillors unanimously passed resolutions to that effect, resulting in the current application process with Lands and Waters BC.

Interfor has reacted promptly this month to the inquiry from our committee when we sought to understand current harvesting policies and your present and future intentions. In particular, we wish to commend two members of your staff, Mr. Jeff Pollock and Mr. Gerhard Pokrandt, for their forthright responses to our inquiries. The letter we received from Mr. Pokrandt, confirming Mr. Pollock's statements provides the information we need to further the process of securing the Hidden Grove land as a forested legacy for future generations.

Interfor is to be congratulated for sensitivity to community aspirations and our municipal bylaw, and this committee thanks International Forest Products Limited for putting it in writing.

Sincerely yours,

Bob D'Arcy
Committee Chair
Letter attached

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Coastal Woodlands

October 1, 2003

Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee
SHCA
5866 Deerhorn Drive
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ATTENTION: Bob D'Arcy, Committee Chairman

Dear Mr. D'Arcy:

RE: The Hidden Grove area in Sechelt and Interfor

Thank you for your letter of September 25, 2003. I appreciate your feedback regarding Gerhard Pokrandt's letter and Jeff Pollock's statements.

We trust our efforts result in a workable solution to keep our operations and workers active elsewhere while addressing the Hidden Grove Plan.

Yours truly,

Otto Schulte
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cc Gerhard Pokrandt
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 **HIDDEN GROVE**

Interfor steps back

NANCY MOOTE
STAFF WRITER

International Forest Products has decided not to log the controversial patch of old growth forest near Sandy Hook known as the Hidden Grove.

Interfor's decision has cleared the way to permanently protecting the grove from logging, according to Sandy Hook resident Michael Davidson.

"It doesn't necessarily make it a slam dunk, but it's one of the hurdles," said Davidson.

Davidson and his wife Gertrude Pacific are both members of the committee which has been working, at the request of Sechelt council, to preserve Hidden Grove. The group developed a conceptual plan for a park including the Hidden Grove old growth firs and cedars, and Sechelt Council formally applied to Lands and Waters B.C. in December 2002 to obtain park status for Hidden Grove.

Lands and Waters B.C. rejected that application last summer, citing various reasons, including the Ministry

of Forest's objections and Interfor's expectation that it be reimbursed for expenses if the grove is made into a park. Interfor holds logging rights to the Hidden Grove area and in 2000 was preparing to log it.

Pacific pursued the issue with Interfor and in September learned that the company no longer intends to log there.

"We're thrilled," said Pacific after Interfor confirmed its intentions in writing. "Now we can go to the Ministry of Forests, hand them that letter and talk to them about it."

Gerhard Pokrandt, general manager of Interfor's Campbell River operations, wrote to Pacific Sept 15, saying, "I can confirm that you are correct in believing that Hidden Grove is 'not in Interfor's development plan now or in the foreseeable future'."

Pokrandt added that Interfor has also sold three private lots it held in Tuwanek, the largest of which was its dry land sort and shop complex, and has deactivated its Sechelt Inlet log booming ground.

"For a variety of reasons,

we have looked closely at our historical Jackson chart area tributary to road access from Sechelt, and have decided to consolidate our operations elsewhere in the forest license," wrote Pokrandt.

Sechelt Mayor Cam Reid also is optimistic Hidden Grove may be preserved.

"We did meet with the senior bureaucrats at the Union of B.C. Municipalities and we feel we're making progress," said Reid. "With the logging company backing out of the area, it changes the situation fairly significantly. If it was active forestry, it would not go into a park."

The next step for the Hidden Grove committee will be to meet with the Sechelt Indian Band council to seek its support.

Pacific said discussions with the band have been positive. After talking with the chief and band administration, Pacific said, the committee is looking at ways of protecting Hidden Grove without declaring it a park.

"For the Indian Band it would mean they could carry on cultural activities there, such as harvesting for traditional uses," said Pacific. "All the trees would stay."

(N.B. This copy is from a scanned copy of the original letter. The text is exact but the format is replicated)

Land & Water British Columbia Inc.

A corporation of the government of British Columbia

File: 2408270

May 22, 2003

Ray Parfitt
The Corporation of the District of Sechelt
P0 Box 129
Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0

Dear Mr. Parfitt:

Re: Your application for Crown land covering that parcel or tract of land in the vicinity of District Lot 5378, together with that parcel or tract of land in the vicinity of District Lot 7148, Group 1, New Westminster District for a 54.15 hectare park.

Your application has been reviewed to determine the highest and best use for Crown land. The review included referrals to various other agencies responsible for public programs affected by a disposition of this type.

The Sunshine Coast Forest District has advised that this area is within Forest Licence AI 9220 held by International Forest Products Limited and under the administration of the Ministry of Forests. The land you are interested in must be removed from this forest licence prior to LWBC giving further consideration to issuing you tenure for this area. This procedure may take some time; therefore, we cannot approve your application at this time.

We will however reconsider a new application once confirmation is received that the area you have applied for is acceptable to the Sunshine Coast Forest District for removal of Licence No. AI 9220.

If you have any further questions please contact Sangita Sudan at (604)538-5771.

Yours truly,

"Signature"

Alec Drysdale
Land and Water Manager

/md

cc: Bob D'Arcy, Chair Hidden Grove Park Plan Steering Committee



SECHELT INDIAN BAND

Gertrude Pacific
5823 Skookumchuk Road
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December 2, 2003

Dear Gertrude Re: Hidden Grove Plan

Thank you very much for your attendance and presentation with Bob Darcy and Michael Davidson at the Council meeting held on November 17, 2003.

This letter will confirm that the Sechelt Indian Band is in full support of the Hidden Grove Plan for the preservation of the Hidden Grove Plan Park.

Chief Feschuk and Joni Estabrook will be arranging for the Elders to approve of the plan and attendance at the park.

Joni will contact you for the arrangements. I trust you find this in order and if you more information or further clarification on this matter, please contact the undersigned at you convenience.

Yours truly

Brian M. Woodward
Administrator

CC Chief G. Feschuk
Joni Estabrook

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