

# Sandy Hook Community Association

RR#1 Sandy Hook Site C-1, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0



February 28, 1994

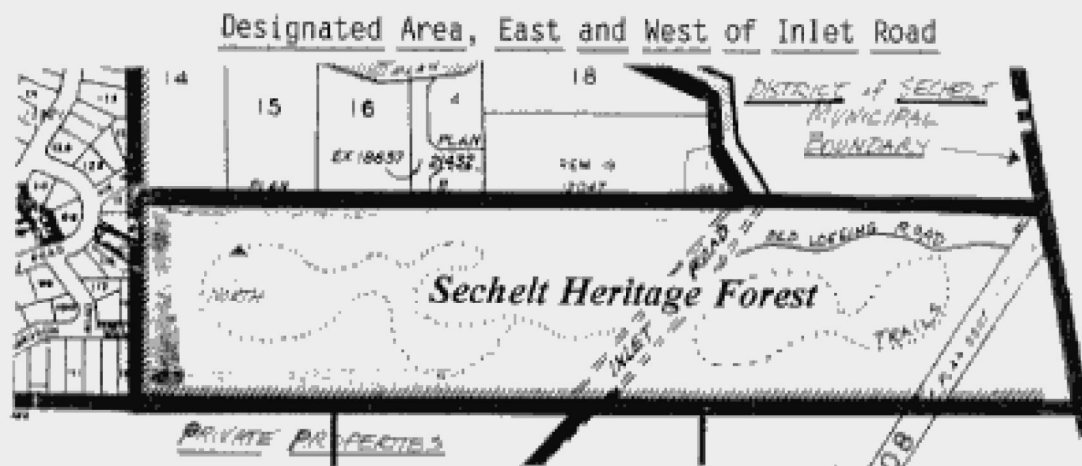
Andrew Petter, Minister of Forests  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Petter:

## Re: Sechelt Heritage Forest

The Sandy Hook Community Association would like to thank you for your support of our proposed Sechelt Heritage Forest. We note that in your letter of December 16, 1993 (File: 280-30), the Ministry of Forests "will consider a recreation reserve designation for the area."

We have had the pleasure of working with Greg Hemphill, Barry Miller, Ferd Hamre and Bob Rebantad (photos enclosed) on the interpretive forest concept. Below, please see the map of the designated area, showing municipal boundaries and trail ideas. We are now in the process of flagging the trails, in anticipation of trail building later in the year.



We are very happy with the response of the Ministry of Forests to this concept, which also forms part of Sechelt's new Official Community Plan. The Ministry's staff, mentioned above, have been more than helpful. We are now approaching Sechelt District Council to work on tasteful signs to mark the entrances.

The Sandy Hook Community Association will, in the coming months, be working to provide educational and recreational opportunities within the Sechelt Heritage Forest for all the communities of the Sunshine Coast.

Sincerely,

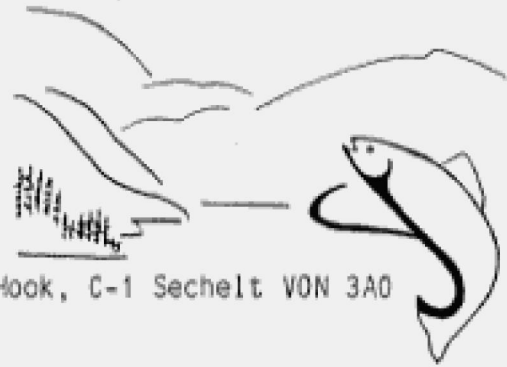
Gertrude Pacific, Chair  
Sechelt Heritage Forest Proposal

Enclosures

cc: Greg Hemphill  
Ferd Hamre  
Barry Miller  
Mayor Earl Basse  
Chief Gary Feschuk

# Sandy Hook Community Association

RR1, Sandy Hook, C-1 Sechelt VON 3A0



March 30, 1994

Nancy Cashman, Forester  
International Forest Products  
Tuwaneke  
Sechelt, B.C. VON 3A0

Dear Nancy Cashman:

It was a pleasure for Bula Hess and me (as representatives of the Sandy Hook Community Association), to meet you yesterday for the purpose of describing our plans underway with the Ministry of Forests and the District of Sechelt for the Sechelt Heritage Forest.

During our meeting when we were discussing Interfor's logging plans for the area, it became apparent from viewing your maps that your company was drafting its new 5 year cut block plans based on maps which did not include the recently amended boundary for the District of Sechelt.

As promised yesterday, I am enclosing a current map and documentation relating to the boundary changes and date of change.

We will keep you posted on the Sechelt Heritage Forest as we work with the Ministry to develop trails and interpretive aspects, and would appreciate being advised of Interfor's intentions as to when your new plans are to be formally presented to the public.

Bula and I again extend a warm invitation to you personally to join our neighbourhood community association in Sandy Hook.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Pacific

Enclosures

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



# District of Sechelt

*"Heart of the Sunshine Coast"*

April 11, 1994  
Ref.167T

Ministry of Forests  
Sunshine Coast Forestry District  
7077 Duncan Street  
Powell River, B.C. V8A 1W1

Fax: 485-0799

Attention: Mr. Fred Hamre, Operations Manager

Dear Sir:

RE: "SECHELT HERITAGE FOREST": being Provincial Forest Land,  
North of DL 4681, 4682, 4683, in the Vicinity of Sandy Hook

It has been drawn to our attention that Interfor have proposed a 5-year logging plan, which in part targets the Sandy Hook vicinity, but which also specifically addresses the subject land, highlighted in yellow on the attached plan.

As evidenced by the attached copies of correspondence, these very lands have recently been the focus of local community and Municipal attention, directed at the preservation of this isolated "finger" of forest land for recreation and heritage purposes. This ongoing interest resulted in the communication from your Minister, Andrew Petter (dated December 16, 1993) in which he clearly indicated the Ministry's consideration of a "recreation reserve" designation for this area.

In view of this, we would greatly appreciate your early confirmation that the subject lands have been deleted from Interfor's 5-year logging plan.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours truly,  
DISTRICT OF SECHELT

Rob Buchan  
Municipal Planner and  
Approving Officer

cc: Mayor Earl Basse  
Cllr. Duncan Fraser  
Mr. Greg Hemphill, SCFR  
Mr. Barry Miller, Resource Officer Planning, SCFR

# Sechelt heritage forest won't <sup>4-11-94</sup> be logged, according to Interfor

## COAST NEWS

by Don Anderson

International Forest Products Ltd. (Interfor) will not be logging the Sechelt Heritage Forest as suggested by Sechelt council last week.

"We have certainly no intention of taking on a heritage park," said Mike Bell, operations manager for Interfor, in answer to concerns that the company would log a small block of the forest in Sandy Hook.

"We are certainly not into that."

Concerns about potential logging of the 55 acre forest, located on the east and west sides of Inlet Road, were raised last week during the District of Sechelt's regular council meeting.

"I'm a little concerned about this," said Mayor Earl Basse, prior to making a recommendation that municipal staff review the situation.

Councillor Rosina Giles said the municipality would do everything within its power to stop logging in the area if such an action were to be undertaken.

"Our power lies in protest," Giles said.

"If you don't say anything, these people do these things. Once you get wind of them, you

have to say, 'Hey, keep your hands off.'"

But as it turns out, it was just a case of misunderstanding.

"Prior to the boundaries being established, Interfor had laid a block, I guess, on the west side of the park," Bell said.

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*'We are certainly not into that'*

*—Mike Bell*

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Once the boundaries had been established two years ago, the company was contacted by the Sandy Hook Community Association about its intention to lobby the Ministry of Forests to designate the land as a heritage forest.

"The situation has been addressed and we have no intention of logging the heritage forest, I can assure you that," Bell said.

Gertrude Pacific, chair of the Sechelt Heritage Forest Proposal, said the confusion was likely the cause of old planning documents Interfor was working from.

In any event, work on preserving the forest as a heritage park continues. The Ministry of Forests has expressed its interest in seeing the area designated as a recreational reserve.

The ministry has also agreed to cover the costs of building a trail system for pedestrians and a comprehensive heritage and history sign plan is also in the works. Members of the Sandy Hook community have assisted in flagging trails and work should begin this summer, Pacific said.

"There are lots of areas that we need to put in new trails so the ministry will be furnishing the labor and expertise for the new trails," she said. "We hope to have some very low-key entrances along Inlet Road. We don't want it to be a big, splashy place... we want to keep it a nature park."

The forest contains 70 species of plants and considerable numbers of second- and third-growth trees, namely the hemlock species.

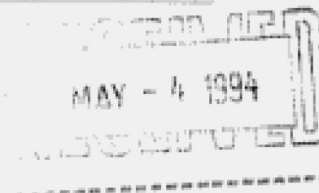
"We want to keep it very pristine and try our best to be sensitive when we put in trails," Pacific said. "I think there is such a thing as a 'YIMBY'—Yes In My Backyard, when it is a natural forest."



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Ministry of Forests  
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Tel: 485-0700 Fax: 485-0799

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File: ORCS 10520-20/SHF

April 29, 1994

District of Sechelt  
Box 129  
5545 Inlet Avenue  
Sechelt, British Columbia  
V0N 3A0

**Attention: Rob Buchan- Municipal Planner and Approving Officer**

Dear Rob:

Thank you for your letter of April 11, 1994 regarding the Sechelt Heritage Forest.

The Sunshine Coast Forest District is currently seeking designation of the "Sechelt Heritage Forest" as an interpretive forest site under *Section 104.2 of the Forest Act*. The site will then receive a "recreation reserve" status. International Forest Products Ltd. will be formally notified of our intentions and will be required to amend their 5 year plan for FLA19220.

I feel it would be timely to meet with you to discuss options in developing and managing the Sechelt Heritage Forest. Please contact Ferd Hamre at 485-0709.

Thank you for writing to express your concerns.

Yours truly,

Greg Hemphill  
District Manager  
Sunshine Coast Forest District

cc: Brian Hawrys - SCFD



# District of Sechelt

*"Heart of the Sunshine Coast"*

May 18, 1994

File No. 6120-24

Mr. J. Ettinger,  
President,  
**SANDY HOOK PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION,**  
R.R. #1, Sandy Hook Road, Site C-94,  
Sechelt, B.C.  
V0N 3A0

Dear Mr. Ettinger:

**Re: Sechelt Heritage Forest**

At the Regular Council Meeting held on May 18th, 1994 Council approved a resolution that approval in principle be given to the Sandy Hook Property Owners' Association to place two signs (final design to be chosen at a later date) at the proposed future entrances into the Sechelt Heritage Forest, off Sechelt Inlet Road, and further that the District consider contribution to pay for the cost of the signs at such time as the Heritage Forest is officially designated.

Council wishes to commend the Sandy Hook Property Owners' Association for its hard work in achieving the designation of the heritage forest and we wish to thank you on behalf of the community for all your efforts. As you know, we are now awaiting official notification that the designation has been made and we will look forward to a formal announcement.

Yours very truly,

**DISTRICT OF SECHULT**

Michael P. Vaughan  
Municipal Clerk

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June 3, 1994

Mayor Earl Basse  
District of Sechelt  
5545 Inlet Avenue  
Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A0

Dear Mayor Basse:

The Sandy Hook Community Association wants to keep you informed  
re: the Sechelt Heritage Forest.

All of our Board of Directors (12 people) are responding to  
the cut block plans of Interfor which are within the boundaries  
of Sechelt, and one clearcut which is planned within the  
Sechelt Heritage Forest.

Interfor has said, in print and in the persons of the young  
engineers at the public hearing, that they will change their  
boundaries when they get the official word.

We, however, like to make sure they receive comment from us.

The District of Sechelt might also like to make comment or  
have consultation regarding the other cut blocks proposed  
for the area just to the north of the Forest, and within  
the municipal boundaries.

Please take a look at our attached comments and letter.

Thank you, and keep up the good work!!

  
Gertrude Pacific  
Chair  
Sechelt Heritage Forest

# Sandy Hook Community Association

RR#1 Sandy Hook Site C-1, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0



June 3, 1994

George Mulder, R.P.F.  
RR1, Tillicum Bay Site, C-17  
Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A0

Dear George Mulder:

Re: **1994-1998 Five Year Development Plan  
Forest Licence A19220 & A19224**

**Cut Blocks 160, 161, 162**

The Sandy Hook Community Association would like to draw your attention to the above cut block proposals which we viewed at the Driftwood Inn, Sechelt on May 17, 1994. We noticed that these blocks were within the boundaries of the District of Sechelt, and one of them was within the Sechelt Heritage Forest, a 55 acre area adjacent to Sandy Hook, and recently designated as an "interpretive forest recreation reserve" by the Ministry of Forests.

We had discussed these proposed blocks at an earlier meeting with Interfor's Nancy Cashman, on March 29. With her help, we viewed these blocks on maps drawn by Interfor's engineers, and we mentioned the Forest Ministry's new designation.

We feel that when the Sechelt Heritage Forest receives the final formal appropriate clearance, that Interfor will be able to redraw its maps to more accurately reflect the new circumstances of those proposed cutblocks.

Further, we should like to say that consultation with adjacent communities and the District of Sechelt should begin regarding the above three cutblocks owing to the importance of private water rights, park areas and other concerns of the neighbourhood and the municipality.

Thank you for your attention and the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bula Hess".

Bula Hess  
President

Fax:885-3797





# District of Sechelt

*"Heart of the Sunshine Coast"*

July 15, 1994

Mr. George Mulder, R.P.F.  
R.R. #1, Tillicum Bay Site, C-17  
Sechelt, B.C.  
VON 3AO

Dear Sir:

Re: 1994-1998 Five Year Development Plan:  
Forest License A19220 and A19224:  
Proposed cut blocks 160, 161, and 162:  
Sandy Hook area: District of Sechelt

Recent information meetings have highlighted the fact that the subject "cut blocks", scheduled for imminent implementation, are located within the boundaries of the District of Sechelt.

We have serious concerns with this proposed program. From our viewpoint, ~~it is totally inappropriate for any logging of any kind to occur within Municipal boundaries.~~ The District of Sechelt is experiencing a high level of development activity, which is in direct response to the increase of population: the 1991 Census data confirmed that this Municipality is ranked fifth in the Province of B.C. in growth rate, and third in Canada in terms of in-migration from elsewhere in Canada. In particular, the Sandy Hook area is destined to be the recipient of a large percentage of our anticipated growth, with a major "impact" development of approximately 1000 dwelling units being planned for the area immediately north of the Porpoise Bay Provincial Park.

Also, as you are by now no doubt aware, the southern one-third of the subject proposed "cut block 160" is indicated as being located within the boundaries of the Sechelt Heritage Forest, which area has already been designated as an Interpretive Forest Recreational Reserve.

In addition, public input towards the preparation of the District of Sechelt's new Official Community Plan has clearly identified preservation of the quality of life, and the environment as objectives of the highest priority in the public view.

With this in mind, we urge reconsideration of your proposed cutting program, implementation of which as presented can only lead to conflict with both existing and proposed land uses in the immediate area, and with clearly defined Municipal objectives.

Yours truly,

DISTRICT OF SECHELT



Rob Buchan  
Municipal Planner and  
Approving Officer

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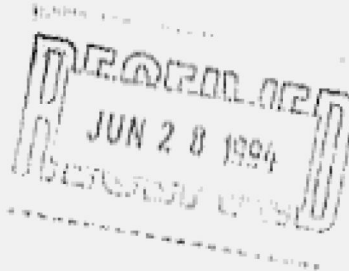
Ministry of Forests  
7077 Duncan Street  
Powell River, British Columbia  
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Tel: 485-0700 Fax: 485-0799

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RB

File: 16660-20/REC 6206

June 21, 1994

Mr. John Wild  
Manager of Public Works  
Sechelt District  
Box 129  
Sechelt, British Columbia  
V0N 3A0



Dear Mr. Wild:


The proposed area of "Sechelt Heritage Forest" as indicated on the attached 1:20000 forest cover map is currently in the clearance process to be designated an "Interpretive Forest Site" under Section 104.2 of the *Forest Act*.

The Sechelt Inlet Road is identified to pass through approximately the middle of the proposed area and will be excluded from the "Interpretive Forest Site". Parking of vehicles may occur along this roadway to access this proposed area. Permission is requested to erect signs along this roadway to identify the "Sechelt Heritage Forest" and trails.

To facilitate the designation process comments concerning this matter are requested within thirty days. If no reply is received, this office will assume approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Gorrell at the Ministry of Forests, Sunshine Coast Forest District (604) 485-0776.

Yours truly,

  
R.D. Rebantad  
Resource Officer Recreation  
Sunshine Coast Forest District

Attachment



Province of  
British Columbia

Ministry of Forests  
7077 Duncan Street  
Powell River, British Columbia  
V8A 1W1  
Tel: 485-0700 Fax: 485-0799

File: Orcs 16660-20/Rec 6202  
Orcs 19500-55/A19220 CGRAY (2)

June 28, 1994

Kevin Stachoski, R.P.F.  
Logging Engineer  
International Forest Products Limited  
Sechelt Division  
RR#1, Tillicum Bay Site  
Sechelt, British Columbia  
V0N 3A0

Dear Mr. Stachoski:

Reference is made to your 1994-1998 Five Year Development Plan for Chapman and Gray Creeks. The proposed area of 'Sechelt Heritage Forest' as indicated on the enclosed 1:20000 forest cover map is currently in the clearance process to be designated an 'Interpretive Forest Site' under Section 104.2 of the Forest Act.

Referring to the above mentioned development plan, Block 160 and 161 are identified within the proposed 'Interpretive Forest Site'. Amendments to this five year development plan to relocate the block boundaries are requested to ensure that harvesting of timber and road layout will not occur within the proposed 'Sechelt Heritage Forest'.

To facilitate the designation process comments are requested within thirty days. If no reply is received, this office will assume approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Gorrell at the Ministry of Forests, Sunshine Coast Forest District, 485-0776.

Yours truly,

R.D. Rebantad  
Resource Officer Recreation  
Sunshine Coast Forest District



# District of Sechelt

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July 13, 1994

Ministry of Forests  
7077 Duncan Street  
Powell River, B.C.  
V8A 1W1

Attention: R. D. Rebantad, Resource Officer, Recreation  
Sunshine Coast Forest District

Dear Mr. Rebantad:

Re: Sechelt Heritage Forest at Sechelt Inlet Road

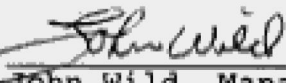
Thank you for your letter of June 21, 1994 regarding designation of the above site to "Interpretative Forest Site" under the Forest Act.

As you are aware, Sechelt's Sandy Hook Community Association has, through hard work and dedication, lobbied to protect this area as a heritage forest.

The District of Sechelt's Public Works Department supports the efforts of the Association as well as the proposal of road allowance placement of signage and parking.

Yours sincerely,

**DISTRICT OF SECHELT**

  
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John Wild, Manager  
Public Works Department

JW/jb

cc: ~~Gertrude Pacific, S.H.C.A.~~  
Rosina Giles, Chairman, Environment Committee  
Ray Rempel, Chairman, Parks & Recreation Committee  
Rob Buchan, Planner  
Gerry Grognet, Superintendent of Public Works



# District of Sechelt

*"Heart of the Sunshine Coast"*

July 15, 1994

Mr. George Mulder, R.P.F.  
R.R. #1, Tillicum Bay Site, C-17  
Sechelt, B.C.  
VON 3A0

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With this in mind, we urge reconsideration of your proposed cutting program, implementation of which as presented can only lead to conflict with both existing and proposed land uses in the immediate area, and with clearly defined Municipal objectives.

Yours truly,

DISTRICT OF SECHELT



Rob Buchan  
Municipal Planner and  
Approving Officer

RB/jb

c.c. ✓ The Mayor and Members of Council  
Sandy Hook Community Association  
Tuanek Community Association

# INTERFOR

Sechelt Division

September 27, 1994

Gertrude Pacific  
RR#1 Sandy Hook, C-128  
Sechelt, B.C.  
VON 3A0

Attention: Gertrude Pacific

Dear Gertrude,

**RE: 1994 TO 1998 FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Thank you very much for taking the time to reply to our 1994 to 1998 Five Year Development Plan for our Jackson Division.

Further to your comments regarding this Five Year Plan, I agree that no logging should take place in the proposed area of the "Sechelt Heritage Forest". I must apologize that the area was even indicated within our Development Plan. Unfortunately, we did not receive any official correspondence from the Ministry of Forests until June 28, 1994 stating the exact location of the Heritage Forest. I have included a copy of this letter for you to look at.

Interfor has no objections to the designation of this area as an Interpretive Forest Site and will remove the portion of block 160 which encroaches on the Heritage Forest.

★ Only blocks 160 and 162 fall within the boundaries of the District of Sechelt, at this point, we have already started discussing our logging plans with the District planner. As you stated in your letter, I agree that we should also include people from the community of Sandy Hook in these discussions as well. Could you possibly suggest any way we could go about achieving this goal?

Finally, block 162 falls outside the "Sechelt Heritage Forest" and the District of Sechelt boundary but because of it's close proximity to the Heritage Forest, I suggest we discuss these areas as well.

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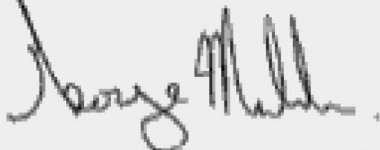


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Once again, thank you for your comments and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

**INTERNATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS LTD.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Mulder".

**George Mulder, R.P.F.  
Area Engineer**

**885-8509  
885-1944 (Fax)**

**Enclosure**



Sechelt Division

September 27, 1994

Sandy Hook Community Association  
RR#1 Sandy Hook C-128  
Sechelt, B.C.  
V0N 3A0

Attention: Gertrude Pacific  
Sechelt Heritage Forest Chair

Dear Gertrude,

Re: 1994 to 1998 FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR F.L. A19220 AND  
A19224.

As you requested, I am sending you a revised map showing the  
Sechelt Heritage Forest.

Interfor agrees that no logging should take place in the proposed  
area of the "Sechelt Heritage Forest".

I must apologize that the area was indicated within our Development  
Plan. Unfortunately, we did not receive any official  
correspondence from the Ministry of Forests until June 28, 1994  
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a copy of this letter for you to look at.

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which encroaches on the Heritage Forest.

I hope this meets with your satisfaction.

Yours truly,

INTERNATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS LTD.

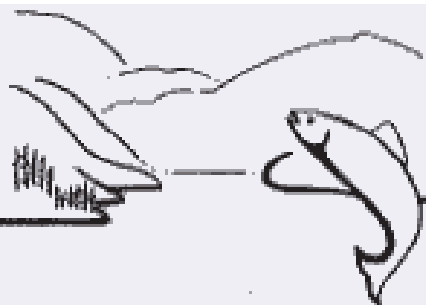
George Mulder, R.P.F.  
Area Engineer

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885-1944 (Fax)

Enclosure

# Sandy Hook Community Association

RR#1 Sandy Hook Site C-1, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0



September 28, 1994

Rick Fairfield, Project Officer  
Human Resources Development Canada  
CJS Operations, Metro Vancouver  
Sinclair Centre, Winch Building  
415 - 757 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver B.C. V6C 1A1

Dear Rick Fairfield:

**Re: Letter of Intent  
to apply for a Job Development  
General Project**

The Sandy Hook Community Association is happy to send you this letter of intent to make an application for a Job Development General Project for trail building in the Sechelt Heritage Forest, in Sechelt, B.C.

We will want to consult with our fellow Sechelt Heritage Forest supporters working in the Ministry of Forests and the officials working for the District of Sechelt as we formulate the details of the application.

At a suitable time in the first half of 1995, we would like to make application for a Job Development General Project, something along the lines of the project undertaken at Sargeant Bay, also near Sechelt.

Members of our association's Board of Directors have toured the trails recently constructed by the crew at Sargeant Bay, and have found the work done there to be of excellent quality as well as aesthetically satisfying.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Gertrude Pacific.

Gertrude Pacific  
Chair, Sechelt Heritage Forest Committee

cc: Earl Basse, Mayor	District of Sechelt
Councillor Ray Rempel	District of Sechelt
Joe Calenda, Administrator	District of Sechelt
Bob Rebantad, Resource Officer	Ministry of Forests
Ferd Hamre Operations Manager	Ministry of Forests

# Trailbuilders

## Sechelt Heritage Forest

Mike Saddler -

Gray Waddell 5-5606

Heather Waddell 5-5606

Phil + NADINE KOCH

Ann Henshaw 5-6475

no stumps  
Sue and Jane 5-0336 OR  
5-4185

Jin Etherton a no



## OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

JANUARY 19, 1995

### COMMENTARY ON ENDOWMENT LAND CONCEPT

#### WHAT ABOUT "AREA X"?

Since the area in question, "Area X" (please see attached map) falls within the boundaries of the District of Sechelt, and since the status and proposed designation of this land as Rural Resource was added late in the Kai Kreuchen drafts of the OCP, representatives to the Official Community Plan felt a responsibility to make some observations and comments regarding this "overlooked" area..

The representatives are fully appreciative of the fact that the role of this committee is advisory only. It is within this mandate that the following observations are made.

As can be observed on the map, topographical lines indicate a sloping hillside, with a stream indicated (Upper Davis Brook), and a viewpoint feature at 197.9 meters, situated near scrub lines. It is approximately 200 acres in size, and displays typical mixed species tree cover of second growth.

#### INTERNATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS - INTERFOR

Our understanding is that Interfor has no "tenure" or "timber rights" on this land. Their forest license is "quota" - that is, volume based, not area

based. Interfor is given an area in which to look for possible cuts.

There is one cut block within "Area X"; #160, which is approved by the Ministry of Forests for "alternative logging" in 1997. It is directly adjacent to the Sechelt Heritage Forest on the north side of that Forest. (Interfor does not plan any proposals for the Sechelt Heritage Forest: see attached letter).

#### JURISDICTION OVER "AREA X"

The question of whether or not Sechelt District has jurisdiction over what happens inside of its boundaries, when it comes to logging cutblocks, is, from initial inquiries pertaining to this specific area, known to be as follows:

"Area X is not managed forest land under the Assessment Act.

Therefore, Section 943 (2) c of the Municipal Act does not apply, and because Interfor's forest license is volume based (see attached definitions), Section 943 (2) d does not apply.

In addition Section 944 (2) regarding OCP's and Section 963 in its entirety under Division (4) of Land Use Designations should apply.

What the above means to the Committee, is that this area could be re designated (from Rural Resource) within the OCP and zoned accordingly.

It is also suggested that the official designation be developed after careful legal research and serious consideration of the potential long term benefits this area may provide and in recognition of the area's largely DPA1 zoning in the Golder Report.

It is possible, in our view, for the District of Sechelt to have a voice in determinations regarding industrial logging activity within its boundary.

#### PRECEDENT:

#### THE VIEW FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

According to our former planner, Rob Buchan, in his letter of comment from the District of Sechelt Planning Department to Interfor, dated July 15, 1994 (see attached), "From our viewpoint, it is totally inappropriate for any logging of any kind to occur within Municipal boundaries."

#### LOCAL CONCERNS IF AREA IS LOGGED

The bridge over Gray Creek could be inundated with excessive water flow if clearcuts increase water runoff. This ten year old bridge might sustain enough damage to need another replacement.

The congestion due to logging trucks entering and leaving the traffic flow on Inlet Road is problematical in terms of safety due to the extreme curvature and steepness of the roads in this community.

Private water rights, held by a resident of Sandy Hook, also lie within the area in question, and the resident is concerned regarding loss of water quality and volume should logging occur anywhere close to his reservoir. Interfor is aware of the existence of these rights.

### **LONG TERM POSSIBILITIES:**

#### **ENDOWMENT LANDS CONCEPT**

What about some future possibilities?

The Golder Report shows this area on the map as a DPA- 1, so that tree cover should be retained, no clear cuts and no cutting of trees over 7.5 meters in height should be allowed.

This area could be set aside for a special future use, so that when the right opportunity presented itself, Sechelt would be prepared.

This area, set aside as "Sechelt Endowment Land" (or some such name), could provide the District of Sechelt with a base for a showplace institutional facility, unique to the Sunshine Coast, possibly reflecting the forest related activity of the area, and appropriate to the natural setting, such as:

a New Canadian Forestry Techniques Institute

- a Sustainability Study Complex
- a Biodiversity Habitat Research Station
- a GIS Mapping Facility
- a Campus for Government, Industry and Community

Or, this Endowment Land could be appropriate for other unique municipal activities in keeping with the long term goals of the District of Sechelt - such as those to be explored in the official community plans of the future.

#### **LONG-TERM STUDY SUGGESTED**

An area of this size and location could be a prized asset if handled in a careful manner, and developed with cautious planning.

Perhaps further study of this area could be pursued in depth when Sechelt has a long-term planner on the Planning Department Staff.

**Sandy Hook  
Community Association**

RR#1 Sandy Hook Site C-1, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0



February 24, 1995

Rick Fairfield, Project Officer  
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Dear Rick Fairfield:

**Re: Application for a Grant for  
Trailbuilding in the  
Sechelt Heritage Forest**

The Sandy Hook Community Association is pleased to make application for a Job Development General Project. We have been advised that our project proposal falls under the guidelines of the subheading "Developmental Project". Enclosed please find our completed application.

Our intention is to develop, in an environmentally sensitive manner, the Sechelt Heritage Forest as an "Interpretive Forest Recreation Site". The Sandy Hook Community Association is a vigorous, active association representing some 200 residents adjacent to the Sechelt Heritage Forest. Our efforts to protect and develop the forest carry the strong support of the District of Sechelt and the Ministry of Forests. The Forest is the only other public attraction on the east side of Sechelt Inlet, only 2k from Porpoise Bay Provincial Park - a heavily used camping destination during the tourist season. So, besides enhancing the overall experience of being in the Forest through extending the basic trails, the developmental project would promote tourism by increasing the hiking opportunities for visitors within the municipal boundaries of Sechelt.

In addition, this proposal has the support of the outstanding organizations listed below:

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society  
Heritage Forests Society  
shshsh curriculum project

Sunshine Coast Natural History Society  
(formerly Sechelt Marsh Society)  
Tuwaneke Ratepayers Association

Also, we were honoured by a visit from the elders of the Sechelt Indian Band who conducted a special ceremony with us around the Core-pop Tree (see attached photos and newspaper photo). We hope eventually to install plant identification signs in three languages - Sechelt, Latin and English.

Thank you for your attention, and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

  
Gertrude Pacific  
SHCA Board of Directors  
Chair, Sechelt Heritage Forest Project

cc: District of Sechelt: Mayor Earl Basse, Councillors Ray Rempel, Rosina Giles, Joe Calenda, John Wild  
Ministry of Forests: Bob Rebantad, Ferd Hamre, Heather Gorrell  
Sechelt Indian Band: Councillor Theresa Jeffries, Valerie Bourne  
Community Futures: Sharon Anderchek  
Parliamentarians: Gordon Wilson, M.L.A., John Duncan, M.P.



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28 August 1995

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**ATTENTION: Gertrude Pacific**

Dear Ms. Pacific:

**RE: Job Development Project N01419-6**

Please be advised that we have withdrawn your application under the Job Development Project Program, as per your request.

Yours sincerely,



Jo Ann Hall  
Manager

cc: CEC Sunshine Coast

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