



August 2, 2012

File No.:

Luc LaChance
Ministry of Environment
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Dear Mr. LaChance,

RE: South Island Aggregates Waste Discharge Permit Application

I am writing to advise that at its August 1, 2012 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) unanimously resolved:

“that the Cowichan Valley Regional District indicate to the Provincial Government that it is strongly opposed to the deliberate permitting of the use of contaminated soil for land or mine reclamation or other purposes within the public domestic water supply watersheds of the region, including specifically the watershed of the Shawnigan Community, and

Be it further resolved that the CVRD indicate to the Ministry of Environment that it is opposed to the granting of a waste management permit to South Island Aggregates for the use of contaminated soil in the reclamation of their Stebbings Road Quarry lying within the provincially designated Shawnigan Community Watershed, and

Be it further resolved that the CVRD prepare the necessary bylaw to prohibit dumping of contaminated soil or waste in a designated community watershed that lies within the Regional District, and

Be it further resolved that the collaborative working relationship between the CVRD and the Ministry of Environment be employed to determine how the CVRD by-laws and the provincial contaminated soil regulations can be harmonized and strengthened to prevent future risks to community domestic water supplies within the Region.”

The regulation or lack thereof of contaminated soils in the Cowichan Valley continues to be a very significant concern for people living in the Shawnigan Lake area and the South Island Aggregate Waste Discharge Permit Application has served to further heighten concerns. While it may be an area of concurrent authority the CVRD's Official Community Plans and Zoning Bylaws clearly express the Board and community's strong opposition to the deposition of contaminated soils within the Shawnigan Lake area. The CVRD Board simply cannot accept the risk posed to people's drinking water.

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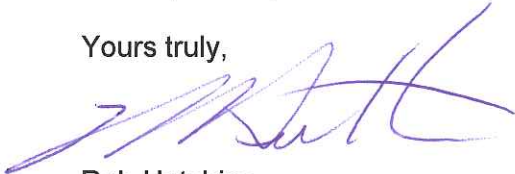
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On behalf of the Board I respectfully request that the South Island Aggregates Waste Discharge Permit Application be denied.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Yours truly,



Rob Hutchins,
Chair

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pc: Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Environment
Bill Routley, MLA, Cowichan Valley
Board of Directors

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