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Dear Ms. Johnston,

I am writing in opposition to the CRD building a parking lot on Lac La Hache at the request of the Island residents. In fact, I am opposed to any parking lots on any lakeshore property. I believe lakeshore property should be protected both environmentally and aesthetically and a parking lot is the worst way to do that.

My concerns are in a few areas.

1. I am an Island resident and have been for over 20 years. We purchased the property knowing full well that there are issues to owning water access properties including boat launching, parking, no electricity, no services of any kind. Buying property like this is generally cheaper than property on the mainland for those reasons. Anybody purchasing lots would have made their decision based on these facts.
2. As an island resident I do not want to pay for a public parking lot, whether I use it or not. If I need parking, I will pay for my own when, and if, I need it. There are parking facilities in and around Lac La Hache. Why should the CRD create a new one?
3. A public parking lot has a great potential to become a dumping ground.
  - a. What are the rules?
  - b. How long can you park there for free, a month, 3 months, a year?
  - c. Who is patrolling the parking lot?
  - d. Can you leave boat trailers there?
  - e. How about RV's can you just park them there for 3 months in the winter? If not, why not? If it is a public parking lot and Island residents can park there for weeks or months, then others should be able to do so as well.
  - f. Who is going to remove abandoned boat trailers, and garbage?
4. Waterfront is pristine and should be protected no matter where it is. Putting a parking lot on waterfront property is the worst use of the best property. At this point I have not received the new map of the proposed lot, but I understand it was mailed a few days ago.

I am not against a parking lot that is off the lake and on a pay-per-use basis, providing that all the items in #3 above are considered and there is a plan to make sure that the lot does not become a dumping ground.

Thank you very much. I appreciate being able to share my concerns and hope that the Board considers these items and decides against this proposal.

