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Subject: Fwd: Lac La Hache Island Parking Lot Petition

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Hi Alice,

I just read an email from one of the other lot owners informing us of this all of a sudden deadline.

We were never made aware of a deadline to have input in so I don't really think all of a sudden coming up with a noon deadline is reasonable. The vote isn't happening until tomorrow. I sent the letter to the board of directors at 1:27 pm which still leaves time for the board to read before tomorrows meeting. Please accept our input.

Thank you

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Subject: Lac La Hache Island Parking Lot Petition

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Re: Petition for Overnight Parking, (Crown Royal and Emerald Island owners).

Dear Directors,

Please take into consideration our comments when making your decision regarding the above mentioned petition.

We purchased our lot [REDACTED] on Crown Royal Island in 2000. As a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] charged with the protection of the environment in the 100 Mile House area, I patrolled and enforced the various environmental regulations including the Fisheries Act which provides the legal foundation for the protection of shoreline habitat.

While I was stationed in 100 Mile House, I responded to complaints and conducted patrols and discovered the two islands on Lac La Hache. I quickly realized that the islands were not only special in many ways but they would provide a wonderful cottage location to enjoy for many generations.

During our 19 years on the island we have watched ours and our neighbors children grow up. Countless hours of healthy outdoor games and evenings by the campfire have provided a lifetime of memories. We have not only

enjoyed what the islands have to offer but have also given back by providing annual assistance to boaters in distress who have found themselves in trouble due to the fast moving storms.

Additionally during the fires of 2017, [REDACTED] and I stayed on Crown Royal during the evacuation and maintained a constant presence with fire pumps and hand tools in an effort to save the islands if falling embers started a fire.

My purpose for sharing some of our history is to try to help the board understand that we are not only seasonal residents but stewards who are passionate about maintaining the islands and Lac La Hache for generations to come.

The only issue we have faced that I would describe as a problem has been the annual parking issue. Over the years we have paid to park at Kokanee Bay Resort until asked to leave due to a lack of room. We also paid to park at Fircrest for many years but now due to a re zoning change they have also asked us to leave. We have also parked on private property, and risk managed parking at public access points. All of the locations seem to have a life span for one reason or another. In addition to finding parking for ourselves we must find room for visiting family and friends.

Immediately upon learning that Fircrest was giving us notice that this would be the last year we were welcome we began searching for a new location. We soon found that a suitable location close enough to the islands for relatively short and safe boat rides was non-existent. Even if we did find a property owner who was willing to come to an arrangement, experience has shown that it would only be a matter of time before we would find ourselves back in the same position.

Our main reason for embarking on this establishment of a long term parking solution was to ensure that not only ourselves, but our children and family would always have access to the islands. Several of the Island property owners have committed to contribute a substantial amount of money to the upgrading of the site which will not only benefit us but also others who wish to use the location.

I am aware that there is strong opposition primarily by one multiple lot owner. I understand and accept this as they do not currently need parking and that an increase in taxes is not very appealing. However the list of concerns and accusations made by this person are simply nonsense. The one allegation I will address is the comment that many island owners were not made aware of the petition. I am only aware of two property owners who were not contacted by us as we did not have any contact info for them.

The site in question is already designated as public access and the simple change of allowing vehicles to be at the site overnight as opposed to just daytime will make very little, if any difference, to the impacts on neighbors or the environment.

I find it interesting that the person who is claiming the sky will fall if this goes ahead is the only cabin owner to build on Crown Royal Island without a permit. The rest of us who are strongly in favor of this

solution have been and always will be advocates for the protection of Lac La Hache and the islands.

As part of the group in favor of this petition we feel we have followed the requirements set out to us by MOTI and the CRD and feel we have met the required criteria for this vote to pass. That criteria was a 50% vote in favor equaling 50% of the assessed value.

In summation, I strongly urge the board to solve a long standing issue and allow the petition to pass.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.