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Dear CRD Board Member,

I am writing this letter in support of the recent petition to grant access to the existing Lac la Hache public access point to allow for overnight parking. referred to MCS

My family and my [redacted] make up two of the owners on Crown Royal Island (Lots [redacted]). We have been involved with the effort to secure overnight parking for us and other landowners.

Let me assure you that the group trying to secure this overnight parking is well intentioned and has **made every effort to be inclusive to all affected parties**. Some of the vacant landowners are not known to us, and some we have no way of contacting. Landowners adjacent to the proposed site were contacted and opposed use of the land for public purposes. This is understandable but fundamentally these properties are **already public access points, and the public has the right to use them**.

We have followed the protocols and laws as explained to us, and through this process have agreed to upgrade, maintain, and provide ongoing taxes to the CRD to provide for maintenance of the public site. Although this arrangement is not perfect for our needs, it at least allows us a sanctioned area where we can leave our vehicles overnight while we enjoy our summer vacation homes at beautiful Lac la Hache.

We have been on the island since [redacted], and were the [redacted] landowners to successfully obtain building permits and go through all required inspections when building our homes. Parking has been an ongoing issue for some time. We have gladly paid for parking at Resorts like Fircrest and Kokanee Bay.

Unfortunately owners change and there never is a guarantee that we can secure parking at a resort. As for other access points, most have been taken over by adjacent land owners and it is not feasible or realistic to park at any of these spots even if were allowed to park overnight (which current laws do not allow for). Secure, legal, overnight parking is something we really need, and should have been provided for the landowners as per the **original developmental requirements**.

There has been opposition to this petition from one owner (or family) who owns [redacted] of the lots on the Islands. This owner has [redacted], so it is understandable their opposition considering they have no need for parking. Interestingly, this same owner has constructed **illegal** unpermitted structures on four of their lots ([redacted]). Not all of these structures remain, some have been dismantled or abandoned leaving piles of unwanted debris.

We, and the other active owners of the lots on Crown Royal and Emerald are stewards of the land and water. We have constructed neat tidy cabins, with full legal building permits and inspected construction. My neighbours and I spent several weeks watering and protecting the Island during the severe fire seasons. We are good neighbours to each other and to the rest of the users of the Lake.

We fully intend to take care of this proposed site, and will use it respectfully and carefully to minimize disruptions to adjacent land owners.

We urge you to pass this petition if it meets the legal mandate that has been presented. We follow the rules, even if some of our neighbours do not.

Thank you for listening.

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