



Sechelt Groves Society

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Mr. David Lasser, Operations Manager
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Re: Hidden Grove/Sechelt Heritage Forest Road Opening

Dear Sir,

Further to our meeting of September 28th, we are pleased to advise that your adjustment of the boundaries of cut block AN9 adjacent to the Hidden Grove was very well received by the Board of the Society. Thank you for this important contribution to the protection of the recreation and scenic value of this popular area.

Further, they have, by a unanimous vote, (via email poll) authorized that this letter be forwarded supporting the temporary opening of the deactivated logging road on the east side of Sechelt Inlet Road in the Sechelt Heritage Forest. The road currently has a chain across it.

We understand that the road will only be open for approximately 6 months and in a most sensitive way with: minimal disruption of the natural amenities; no new roads; flag service for safety and, upon deactivation, will be restored as best as can be reasonably done, including removal of any culverts and seeding of the road bed.

You may, of course, copy this letter to anyone you deem might be helpful in your pursuit of logging plans, as agreed, near the Hidden Grove. For the information of any such recipients some background might be helpful:

With respect to the Sechelt Heritage Forest, it was members of the local Sandy Hook community who were instrumental in having the Forest protected under Section 56. For over 12 years the Society and its predecessor, a committee of the Association, has been officially designated by the District of Sechelt Council and Parks Department as stewards of the Forest – maintaining trails and clearing hazards with volunteers from the community. The Society has a special interest in the protection of the Forest and is sensitive to requests such as this one for reopening a road. The District pays for appropriate insurance for the Society. The arrangement for the Heritage Forest has been continued for the Hidden Grove with the sponsorship and support of the Community Forest and the District of Sechelt.

We wish you every success in your planned logging venture near “our” Groves.

Yours truly,
R. B. D’Arcy (computer signature)
Robert B. D’Arcy
President

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