

Friends of Stillwater Bluffs

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Darshan Sihota, Manager
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Dear Darshan Sihota:

Please consider this letter as a formal introduction to the group currently known as The Friends of Stillwater Bluffs. We are a group of concerned citizens who have been meeting since the summer of 2007 to address the issues of preserving the 118 acres, more or less, of the area known as the Stillwater Bluffs. The Stillwater Bluffs are located approximately 32 km south of Powell River in Area C of the Powell River Regional District (PRRD), on lands owned by Island Timberlands (IT) identified primarily as DL 3040.

Over the last year the group has participated in preliminary research, information gathering and analysis in order to assess available options that may be able to ensure the Stillwater Bluffs are protected as they are today—and that long-term public use of the area is guaranteed through a suitable designation. The group's work is based on recognizing the values of the sensitive eco-system and inherent beauty of the area, and the historical and continued public use of the many trails and activities associated with the Stillwater Bluffs.

In 2007 the group made inquiries of the status of the Stillwater Bluffs regarding possible harvesting and further development activities by IT through Bill Waugh, IT General Manager of Planning and Forestry. The group also participated in consultation with the larger community of Powell River including the PRRD Area C representative and PRRD chairperson Colin Palmer, and Nicholas Simons, MLA for Powell River Sunshine Coast. The Friends of Stillwater Bluffs maintain a membership in the Sunshine Coast Conservation Association as well.

We look forward to working with Island Timberlands in the near future as we progress towards our goals of protecting the sensitive eco-system of the Stillwater Bluffs and ensuring the continued long-term public use of the area through a suitable designation. If you have any questions please contact group members Nadja Hocking at 604 487-0740 and David Moore at 604 487-4169.

Sincerely,

Nadja Hocking

Cc:
Bill Waugh, IT Planning and Forestry
Colin Palmer, Chairperson, PRRD
Dan Bouman, Executive Director SCCA
Christopher Dawes, IT Real Estate Group

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