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Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Wendy Thomson <wthomson@acrd.bc.ca>; Douglas Holmes <dholmes@acrd.bc.ca>; John Jack <jjack@acrd.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Lake rising
Importance: High

I would respectfully ask that this letter and info be included in the ACRD Board meeting agenda as late addition.

The question to be asked "is this an ACRD emergency"? Sproat Lake has risen to the point of near flooding this week and the High Streamflow Advisory that was given today confirms the predicted rain fall.

One new issue is that insurance has lowered the amount residents can access.

Can the sweep still be cleaned up? Attached communication regarding DFO to remove debris from log boom (sweep). Last meeting the ACRD agreed to waive tipping fees.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Terri St. Jacques" <tstjacques@dominionlending.ca>
Subject: Lake rising
Date: November 21, 2017 at 2:35:58 PM PST
To: <pcote@acrd.bc.ca>

Hello Penny, the Lake levels are incredibly high, and now we have a high stream flow advisory, and the weather channels are predicting up to 153 mm of rain over the next 5 days, with the freezing level rising which will then have the snow pack melting. I want to ask how this cannot be considered an Emergency situation so that something is done to clean the sweep and have the Weirs properly attended to each and every year. In September BEFORE the rains start!

I was unfortunate enough to have my house hit hard, and was out of the property for 9 months while it was repaired. I am beyond frustrated that something was not done about the Weirs and Sweeps, in September when we had one of the lowest water levels in years!!!

The debris in the Sweep is definitely blocking the water from flowing freely. Why has nothing been done long before now. Who is responsible for the stewardship of the Lake?

As we, who were lucky enough to have insurance have now been hit twice, mildly in 2014, tremendously in 2016, our insurance has been lowered to max of \$50,000 for overland flooding?? Who is going to step up to the plate and pay for the damage if the lake once again floods to the degree it did in 2016. It wasn't just one or two people or properties that were hit!! Maybe someone should do a study to ascertain exactly how many homes were affected. As it is, everyone's drinking water is affected, as these high waters flood a lot of the septic and that pollutes the entire lake?? How come it is ok for people to have their drinking water polluted each and every year?

Where does the responsibility lie for ensuring that the Mill pulls the weirs and who is responsible for the Sweeps?? We need those Sweeps attended to, to help mitigate the level of the lake and ensure that everything possible is being done to protect those of us who live around the lake and have done for 40+ years or more without the fear of floods like this.

Please take my concerns to any and all who have any say in these matters, as the property values around the Lake are going to decrease substantially if this type of flooding continues!

I appreciate your allowing me to vent with you today, but what those of us around the lake want to know is what is being done and who is in charge of what. From where I sit this is now very much an emergency situation.

Sincerely,

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