



The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

July 11, 2017

File No. 0400-60/17

Chair and Board of Directors
Capital Regional District
625 Fisgard Street, PO Box 1000
Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

Dear Sirs:

Re: Island View Beach Park Management Plan

At their July 10, 2017 meeting, District of Central Saanich Council heard a delegation from Friends of Island View Beach and Capital Region Dog Owners, and Rocky Point Bird Observatory and Victoria Natural History Society speak about their concerns with regard to the Capital Regional District's (CRD's) proposed management plan for Island View Beach.

The delegations expressed concern about the increase in mosquitoes at the beach due to overgrown and impenetrable growth in the ditches, ownership of the beach itself and the important environmental values in the park.

Following the presentations, Council resolved that the CRD be requested to undertake a shoreline survey to determine both ownership and the boundary line prior to proceeding further with the draft Island View Beach park plan, and that the CRD be requested to mow one side of the ditches once annually to reduce the number of mosquitoes in the park.

Council also acknowledged and supports in principle that the three most important environmental values of the park are rare plants growing in sandy habitats, habitat for Brant and migrating shorebirds, and ground nesting birds.

Please consider the above noted concerns when considering approval of the draft Island View Park Management at your upcoming Board meetings. We look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Liz Cornwell, CMC
Corporate Officer
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