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November 12, 2007

District of Sechelt
Attention: Mr. Bill Brown, Administrator
2nd Floor 5797 Cowrie St.
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Dear Sir,

Re: Sandy Hook 2007 Capital Works Budget Suggestions

In reference to your email of November 5th, we are attaching our 2007 suggestions. We can find no record of ever being advised to send in 2008 suggestions so no letter was done. Please accept the following items lifted from the unofficial minutes of our board meeting of November 5th, 2007 (with enhanced descriptions) as our 2008 suggestions:

- i) Beach access on Coracle Drive – this is the first one up from the Shrimp Drive intersection. Since it is not sandy it might be designated as the access for taking dogs.
- ii) Three post gate for SH Park replacing current large metal one – this fully in accordance with the legal agreement for the park and called for by the association and residents who are non-members as well. See correspondence.
- iii) Walk up from beach off of boat launch driveway – to enhance safety so that children are not using ramp when boat launching going on
- iv) Swim float for north Porpoise drive beach with 4 ladder rungs – this is a well used beach for Sandyhookers. Four rungs thought to be better for those who have difficulty with the shorter ladder on other floats.
- v) Deerhorn Road repaving and fixing as it is sliding away – serious washing away hidden under asphalt and could result in damage to vehicle that drops through. Part of road has been damaged by heavy truck and is sliding into forest.
- vi) Fixing/repaving of Sandy Hook Road near bottom and top of Shrimp – serious dip and slope as road has given way
- vii) All items not acted upon or revised from our 2007 letter– see attached (but for #6, community hall, which has been dropped by the Association for now). We never heard which, if any, items were accepted so we cannot but send the copy.

Thank you for bringing this matter up for us to comment upon now and we look forward to great things for Sandy Hook.

Yours truly,
Sandy Hook Community Association

Per:

Peter Harvey
President.

(Attachment – SHCA letter of October 24, 2006)

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October 24, 2006

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Mr. Doug Chapman
Director of Finance
District of Sechelt
2nd Floor 5797 Cowrie St.
PO Box 129, Sechelt, BC
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Dear Sir,

Re: 2007 Budget Items
Specific Request of Director of Engineering, Ken Tang

Please find attached documents containing information that we hope will be useful in the District's budget planning process for 2007. Some of these items are, of course, carry-overs from prior years but we understand that repetition is desired until resolution. The subjects covered are:

- Appendix A: Road upgrading, resurfacing and repair
- Appendix B: Parks and Recreation Improvements

Please ensure that these documents are brought to the attention of responsible staff members for consideration and inclusion in appropriate budgeting and action plans. We have not assigned individual priorities because there are too many variables.

We look forward to a response in due course.

Yours truly,
Sandy Hook Community Association

Per:

Bob D'Arcy
Secretary Treasurer
Cc: Ken Tang
Bill Brown
GW/rbd

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APPENDIX A TO SANDY HOOK 2007 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Upgrading, resurfacing, repair or changes for the road network.

1. Specific locations that require work are as follows:
 - a. Deerhorn between Sandy Hook Road and Skookumchuk. Breaking down on downhill side with dangerous hole growing larger and forcing traffic to wrong side. Overall this road in poor condition.
 - b. Sandy Hook Road at Klahanie: Three way stop sign installation AND cutting back of vegetation. Approved by Council already.
 - c. Completion of "walking signs" on roadway on Sandy Hook Road
2. A sign at the top of the road to the Fishtail — between Lot 6 and Lot 12—to indicate that it is not to be used for vehicles.
3. Sandy Hook Road at the curve prior to Seaview and the hill: This is well known to engineering and while new lines have been set up it is still a very dangerous curve. Funds need to be allocated to widen the road into the allowance uphill and thereby straighten out the road considerably.
4. The stretch of Sandy Hook Road between Seaview and the bottom of the hill going down to "lower" Sandy Hook is the most controversial and has the longest history. We understand that there is an engineering opinion out there (somewhere) that suggests the road is destined to collapse down the cliff due to inherent instability of the terrain. We would like very much to fix the situation. Should the road collapse the only access to "lower" Sandy Hook would be by water. (There have been unconfirmed reports that substantial provincial monies may be available as a result of the land slide in North Vancouver.)

We appreciate that some the above conditions are more maintenance than capital works but we have to rely on staff to sort this out.

APPENDIX B TO SANDY HOOK 2005 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Parks and Recreation Improvements

1) Sandy Hook Park

- a) Presents a "Private – No Trespassing" face to the world. We have approached and heard from Administrator Brown (letter September 12/06) that the gate at the entrance 'might' be replaced following negotiations with the property owner who owns the adjacent property. Mr. Brown suggested that the cost of the replacement barrier be placed in the 2007 budget as he will be contacting the property owner in question.
- b) A modest picnic shelter, handicapped accessible
- c) Signage that indicates this is a public park and encourages the public to make use of the park
- d) A view corridor to the Inlet opened up and cleaned up.
- e) Clear up and improvement to the steps, path at the beach side
- f) A path along side the boat ramp to enhance safety while boats are being launched or pulled up.
- g) Installation of 'turf block' or similar to disguise the road tracks.

Our board would welcome assisting staff in any way thought useful including volunteer workers with District approval/supervision and can also see us taking on an advisory role to further the development of the park.

2) Deerhorn Park (Deerhorn and Skookumchuk and Mt. Richardson) – DoS park staff have been most supportive of our volunteer crews who have developed this park by carting of cuttings and the installation of a park bench and 'bird post.' We are currently prepared to continue our volunteer work and maintenance on this park but a couple of items may need DoS assistance:

- a) Two large trees are marked for removal (Parks approved) and one of these is also marked as a danger tree by BC Hydro. While we have asked Hydro to include removal of the second tree as a public service we have had no confirmation. We would appreciate some assurance that the DoS will pay for the removal of the one tree if Hydro does not do it.
- b) A load of crusher dust and the rental of a 'compactor' are needed to properly finish the path and the sitting area.

3) Beach Access –

- a) Beach Access on Coracle Drive

The problems with the beach access are:

- i) We request confirmation that the road from Coracle Drive to the Beach Access does not cross private property. (If it does cross private property then we would request stairs be built from Coracle Drive to provide access to the Beach Access.)
- ii) The stairs to the beach are presently in need of repair. Could you determine if they are safe to use, and if not, could you make repairs.
- iii) If/when the stairs are safe, could you reinstall a Beach Access sign on Coracle Drive.
- iv) A cement pad has recently been installed directly in front of the stairs to the beach. Could you investigate and advise us regarding the purpose of this apparent parking spot. If it is, in fact, a parking spot, could you install a sign restricting parking

to 1 or 2 hours to eliminate the possibility of people parking longer and therefore restricting public access to the beach?

- b) Porpoise Drive Access – north end – needs stairs (short spans back and forth) to make access safe for all.

- 4) **Hidden Grove** – while not yet a park within the District, it is now part of the Community Forest. Negotiations are underway this area to be designated as a recreational area within the forest and subsequent development in accordance with the Hidden Grove Plan adopted by the District in 2002 as well as the Official Community Plan designating it as a park area.. At this time no funds are firmly committed for the work and the first item targeted is the upgrading of the trails including some suitable for handicapped access (wheel chair). Using a large volunteer component, our best estimate of the funds required for this portion of the plan is \$25,000. We would like some funds set aside for 2007 so that if we get the go ahead then we can proceed in 2007 rather than waiting until 2008 or later. Any amount would be helpful. If \$25,000 is not immediately available \$10,000 would be a good start.

It is important to note that this is not a project for the benefit of Sandy Hook alone but rather one accepted as beneficial to the entire District, the whole Sunshine Coast and beyond.

- 5) **A swim raft/float** for the beach at the north end of Porpoise Drive like the one now installed and appreciated by all at Sandy Hook Park. Please note that such floats should have 4 steps instead of 3 as the less agile are having trouble coping with the three step configuration.
- 6) **Community Hall** – We wish to move forward with the establishment of a community hall facility in Sandy Hook (maybe jointly with Tuwanek) and would like \$10,000 in 2007 to start detailed planning, planning drawings and other necessary preliminary preparations.