

November 3rd, 2022

David Douglas, Director of Finance
Beverly Smith, Manager of Finance
Andrew Allen, Director of Planning and Development
Kirn Dhillon, Director of Engineering and Operations

RE: Sandy Hook Budget Funding Request

Dear David Douglas, Beverly Smith, Kirn Dhillon, and Andrew Allen,

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the needs of the residents of Sandy Hook. The Sandy Hook Community Association has identified the following areas for consideration in the 2023 budget.

1. Roadwork and drainage issues. There are multiple areas in Sandy Hook where the roads are beginning to fail and where drainage is poor. These are longstanding issues that have been identified to the district in the past but continue to worsen. With the increasing extreme weather events, there is the likelihood of increased property damage from flooding and, in some areas, possible road collapse that will leave residents stranded. Please see the comprehensive report attached as Addendum A Sandy Hook Road Report identifying the critical areas that need attention, and a 2011 Budget Development letter attached as Addendum B.
2. Tot Park Picnic Structure – Skookum Hut. Currently, there is no sheltered area to gather in Sandy Hook. This need has been identified in previous requests for funding to the District and this specific project is supported by the District (Addendum C: 2022-06-28 Letter of Support - Sandy Hook Community Association - Tot Park Picnic Shelter). Extensive work and planning have been undertaken to design a sheltered picnic area, called the Skookum Hut, that will be located in Tot Park. An application to the Sunshine Coast Community Forests Legacy Fund was turned down because the project was not considered shovel ready. Tot Park is located on District of Sechelt land. Therefore, the costs of a needed geotechnical report, and some architectural and structural design to get the project permit-ready should be covered by the district. Please see the attached details of the project for more information, Addendum D - Tot Park Picnic Structure DoS Budget Meeting Nov 2022.
3. Boat launch area cleanup. The boat launch area at Sandy Hook Beach has many abandoned and derelict boats that have been there for years, some of them overgrown with vegetation. This leaves little space for residents to store boats there for easy access and enjoyment. It is also an eyesore for both residents and visitors to the area. It has been suggested that a notice be sent to residents and posted on the various notice

boards giving people ample time to identify their boats. Any unclaimed boats by the deadline would then be removed and disposed of. Assistance with the removal and disposal of unclaimed boats is requested.

4. The signage at the entrance to Sandy Hook identifying the neighbourhood is on its last legs and will likely follow over in the not-too-distant future. This sign was created by a loved community member and many people are attached to the existing sign for this reason. It has been discussed at previous AGMs that a possible solution would be to preserve the existing sign as a commemorative piece at Tot Park with a description of the history of the area and the artist of the original sign. A new sign would also be needed to replace the original. Funding to address the signage at the entrance to Sandy Hook is requested.

Thank you for the opportunity for us to put forward and discuss the areas of need in the community of Sandy Hook. We appreciate the consideration for funding and are happy to provide further details if needed.

Kelly Kitchen

President, Sandy Hook Community Association