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Subject: Missing Report - Bear Mountain Speculation Tax
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Sent on behalf of Dan Matthews, Principal and CEO – Ecoasis Developments

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Dear Mr. Gillezeau,

I am writing to you today about a missing report related to the proposed Speculation Tax that is causing me concern given the government's mandate to work for the interest of all its constituents. My understanding is that the subject report, forwarded to you by Richard Purnell, Executive Director - Tax Policy at the BC Ministry of Finance, contained information to support the Bear Mountain Resort Community being exempt from the proposed Speculation Tax. Based on information extracted from meetings, letters and a simple review of fact, we were told, that a legitimate claim existed for Bear Mountain Resort Community to be treated similar to other resort communities in the province.

As a principal of Ecoasis, the owner of Bear Mountain Resort, and as a voice for the interests of the 3000 residents of our Community, it is important for me to point out the significance of this matter.

Based on assurances from Mr. Purnell, to representatives of my corporation and the City of Langford, that the report had been forwarded to the Ministry of Finance, I advised both Premier Horgan and Dr. Weaver accordingly. I also discussed this matter with the Premier on two different occasions and he advised that he looked forward to receiving the subject report. I was

bewildered when I most recently met with the Premier and he told me he had been informed that no such report existed.

After our two unanswered emails and an unreturned phone call from my office to Mr. Purnell, it further underpinned my concern. Therefore, I am asking you directly, before I take further action, to please confirm the existence of this report and to provide a copy to the Premier.

You should be aware that based on the information we understood to be contained in the report, steps were taken this past summer, at the suggestion of the Premier and Mr. Purnell, to assure Bear Mountain zoning was distinct. The City of Langford received a legal opinion supporting this position and worked expeditiously to create a unique Bear Mountain Resort Community zone, with expectations of achieving exempt status and to prevent further loss of event revenue, jobs and economic opportunity for the region.

I am sure you can understand my concern with respect to the handling of this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely


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Hi Rob- sending you some notes on budget- minister asked me to send these in and happy to meet with her and you to discuss if you like

thanks

tom

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