

From: [Smith, Curtis PSSG:EX](#)  
To: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)  
Cc: [Xia, Eveline ENV:EX](#)  
Subject: FW: RESPONSE: Proposed industrial park in Marysville, Kimberley  
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:49:03 AM

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Reamick,

Response points on this one.

- Decisions regarding siting and approval of industrial park developments are matters within the local authority's powers and not the Ministry of Environment's.
- If the sites in question are contaminated sites, then development plans will need to comply with the Contaminated Sites Regulations.
- We will work with the municipality if we receive a proposal related to the site.

Curtis Smith

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From: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX  
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 12:28 PM  
To: Smith, Curtis ENV:EX  
Cc: Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX; Xia, Eveline ENV:EX  
Subject: FW: Proposed industrial park in Marysville, Kimberley  
Hi Curtis,

I spoke with s.22

. She's

concerned about the proposed industrial park and according to her, many local residents are upset. She expressed her concern and local residents are in the process of organizing themselves. They will likely have petitions on this issue so this is FYI for you.

Reamick Lo

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From: Xia, Eveline ENV:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 10:21 AM  
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX; Smith, Curtis ENV:EX  
Cc: Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX  
Subject: RE: Proposed industrial park in Marysville, Kimberley  
What's her question? Please work with Curtis to get details on the brownfield sites – we have seen these inquiries before.

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From: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 8:11 AM  
To: Smith, Curtis ENV:EX  
Cc: Xia, Eveline ENV:EX; Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX  
Subject: Proposed industrial park in Marysville, Kimberley  
Hi Caelie,

We have an inquiry from a local resident in Kimberly and I'm forwarding the information she gave us. Anything info you can please provide?

- Marysville has a population of 2,500 and is part of Kimberley. There are two contaminated sites that are known as brown fields. One of them is less contaminated and people can still walk on it. This site has the best view over the top of a mountain and it's frequently used by

seniors, disabled people, families and local people.

- There's a proposal to decontaminate this site and turn it into an industrial park. It's said that local people do not support this idea because sound and noise would carry in a small community like theirs and they would not be able to access this beautiful area anymore.
- The Mayor is in support of the proposal and has expressed to the media that they will try to push it through before rules change on October 31. It's not clear what "rules" are being referred to.
- However, the local community would have no problem if the industry park could be built on the other side of the road which is the second contaminated site but it's more contaminated.

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**From:** [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Sperl, Aldous LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Reay Creek Property Issue  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 4:57:00 PM

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Hi Aldous,

Here's a status update:

- A site profile release letter was provided to the land owner on October 19, 2017 that will allow local government approval for subdivision of the property.
- With the provision of this information, LRS staff have determined that the site is now eligible for a site profile release supporting subdivision of the site. Once the developable lands are subdivided from the creek, the extended schedule from Transport Canada and Victoria Airport Authority for Reay Creek remediation would not continue to hold up redevelopment of the subdivided developable portion of the property.

Thanks so much again for your inquiry.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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**From:** Xia, Eveline ENV:EX <[Eveline.Xia@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Eveline.Xia@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 10:33 AM

**To:** Sperl, Aldous

**Cc:** Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

**Subject:** RE: Reay Creek Property Issue

Hi Aldous,

We have a new Executive Assistant to the Minister who's responsibilities include working with MLA offices on all case work. Her name is Reamick Lo and she will be your main contact for Ministry of Environment issues from now on. If you could direct all inquiries to her first, that would be much appreciated.

And to answer your question, we are working on getting information on the planned Bakerview and Lochside developments. Reamick will send it to you when it's ready.

Cheers,

Eveline

Eveline Xia

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**From:** Sperl, Aldous [<mailto:Aldous.Sperl@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 5:25 PM

**To:** Larson, Carrie A ENV:EX

**Subject:** Reay Creek Property Issue

Hi Carrie,

Last week we had a constituent come in and talk to us about an issue with the Ministry of the

Environment refusing to issue a development permit for their planned development on Bakerview and Lochside. Some of it would be for affordable housing from what I understand. My MLA is keen on getting more information on why this is happening and I was hoping you could assist because your name came up in the meeting. Please let me know when a convenient time to chat is.

Thanks

Aldous Sperl  
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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)  
To: [Shypitka.MLA, Tom LASS:EX](#)  
Subject: RE: BC Parks - Group Site Conversions  
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017 5:04:00 PM

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Dear CAs,

Thanks so much for your inquiry. Here's an update from our Ministry staff:

- BC Parks has many projects underway to expand camping opportunities in many high use parks such as Syringa and Kokanee Creek parks.
- These projects involve both reconfiguring and enhancing existing facilities and building new facilities to better meet visitor demands.
- Providing quality group camping opportunities is a continued objective for BC Parks and in several parks in the region area additional group campsites have been constructed or are being planned including Blanket Creek Park, Kettle River Recreation area, Davis Creek Park, and Martha Creek Park.
- Specific to Syringa Park visitors and the local community had identified the need for additional camping opportunities. Through detailed site planning it was determined the most effective design was to repurpose the existing group campsite that lent itself well to individual campsites and replace the group site in a location better suited to this purpose and with a more standard BC Park group site layout.
- At Kokanee Creek Park demand for individual campsites (for RVs and tents) often exceeds supply while the existing group sites are underutilized. To better meet user demands new campsites are being planned as well as repurposing one of the two lower use group sites for tent use. These converted sites will continue to be available for groups site bookings in low use periods.

Thanks again.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Shypitka.MLA, Tom [mailto:Tom.Shypitka.MLA@leg.bc.ca]

Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 9:33 AM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: FW: BC Parks - Group Site Conversions

Would you please advise if anything can be done to change what is happening at the park?

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From: s.22

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 12:43 PM

To: Shypitka.MLA, Tom <Tom.Shypitka.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: BC Parks - Group Site Conversions

Good afternoon, Mr. Shypitka,

I am writing you to express my concern and displeasure regarding the decisions made by BC Parks to convert long-standing group camping sites to individual camping sites in the interest of profit. New, smaller group sites are being developed in an open, gravelled and largely dusty fashion in less desirable areas of the parks, making it far less appealing for families and groups to enjoy.

I grew up in the West Kootenays near Nelson, and spent many memorable days at the Syringa and Kokanee Creek group camp sites with family and friends over the years. For the past 10 years, I have been living in the East Kootenays near Cranbrook, and we have continued to frequent these sites.

Since 2011, I have been part of a group of nearly 20 people who have reserved group camping sites annually in the West Kootenays. Between 2011 and 2014, we enjoyed the privacy and much-needed shade of the Syringa group site, which was converted to individual sites in 2015. The new group site is located near the boat launch, and features an "open level, gravelled area" plan - not very enticing, to be honest. Pictures of this new site can be found here:

[https://secure.camis.com/DiscoverCamping/Syringa%2fGroupSiteG1%3fMap#SiteDescriptionImageGroup\\_G1-1](https://secure.camis.com/DiscoverCamping/Syringa%2fGroupSiteG1%3fMap#SiteDescriptionImageGroup_G1-1)

[Find a site - Syringa Provincial Park >](#) <sup>s.22</sup>

[secure.camis.com](https://secure.camis.com)

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From 2015 to 2017, we reserved the <sup>s.22</sup> at Kokanee Creek on Kootenay Lake. For pictures, please see <sup>s.22</sup> :

<sup>s.22</sup> This beautiful, well established, shaded and private site, is now being converted to individual sites as well. In speaking with the BC Parks Reservation system staff, it is unclear whether "replacement" group sites will be developed here. If they are, I fear that they will follow the same "open and gravelled area" plan that seems to be the new norm.

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[Find a site - Kokanee Creek Provincial Park > Group Sites ...](#)

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My question to you is: Can anything be done to halt the development of the Kokanee Creek group sites? These are incredibly popular and are a much needed oasis for Kootenay families who enjoy beautiful BC's outdoors all summer long.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration in advance.

Regards,

<sup>s.22</sup>

**From:** [Salkus, Beverley AG:EX](#)  
**To:** [Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX](#); [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Xia, Eveline ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Please follow up  
**Date:** Friday, October 13, 2017 1:26:40 PM

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Yes, I will see what I can get for you.

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**From:** Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 1:19 PM  
**To:** Salkus, Beverley ENV:EX; Lo, Reamick ENV:EX  
**Cc:** Xia, Eveline ENV:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Please follow up

Hi Bev,

I'm wondering if you can help us with this inquiry.

Thanks,

Caelie

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**From:** Lo, Reamick ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Please follow up

Hi Caelie,

MLA D'Eith's office is asking if there's more updated info re Hatzic Lake other than the url <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2016FLNR0266-002047> so they can get back to their constituents.

- Hatzic Lake is actually in MLA Simon Gibson's constituency in Abbotsford-Mission. Many of MLA D'Eith's constituents go there for recreational purpose. MLA D'Eith's office has received 6 inquiries on the issue of provincial initiative in dealing with the invasive weed at the lake.
- They understand that MLA Gibson's office has been dealing with ongoing inquiries in the last four years.
- MLA D'Eith's office is asking if there's more a current review or what's mentioned on the web page is still being carried out. The web page mentions phased removal in 2017.

Reamick

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**From:** Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 11:07 AM  
**To:** Lo, Reamick ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Please follow up

Hi Reamick,

Alison from Bob D'Eith's office called.

She's looking for info about a previous gov initiative about a lake. Can you call her so we can follow up?

604.476.4530

Thanks,

Caelie

Caelie Frampton

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)  
To: [Trevena.MLA, Claire LASS:EX](#)  
Subject: RE: Port McNeill Shake and Shingle - cedar hog waste  
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 4:12:00 PM

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Dear Fred,

We have been in touch with our program staff. Ministry staff from the Authorizations Team staff from the Regional Operations Branch of the Environmental Protection Division in within the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy are in the best position to assist efforts to find workable solutions at the site.

Your constituent can contact the ministry staff person directly:

Bryan Vroom is an Authorizations Section Head based in Nanaimo who will be able to engage in further discussion about the details and implications of her options for disposal of the cedar wood waste at Linda's site. Bryan can be reached at (250) 751-3188 or by email at [Bryan.Vroom@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Bryan.Vroom@gov.bc.ca).

Thanks again for your inquiry.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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**From:** Trevena.MLA, Claire [<mailto:Claire.Trevena.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:34 AM

**To:** Minister, ENV ENV:EX

**Cc:** Lo, Reamick ENV:EX; s.22

**Subject:** Port McNeill Shake and Shingle - cedar hog waste

Good Morning,

It's Fred Robertson. I am a Constituency Assistant for Claire Trevena, M.L.A., in her Port Hardy office.

We were recently contacted by one of Claire's constituents, s.22. She is with Port McNeill Shake and Shingle. She was outlining the difficulties they experience managing their 'cedar hog waste' at their mill site. They currently have more than a million kilograms on site.

She outlined some possible short term solutions that were within current regulations. However, there does not seem to be a longer term solution. At one time some of the cedar hog waste was used by the mill in Port Alice. As we know, the mill in Port Alice has been closed for a few years, and the future is uncertain. Other mills on the coast, that might use hog fuel are not taking any more as they already have sufficient fuel. There are very limited or no options on the North Island.

The mill provides employment for 20 employees, and many more rely on the business.

I am attaching a document from s.22 where she outlines many of the efforts they have made to deal with the problem over the past number of years.

Her contact information is; s.22

s.22

Any help or advice you might be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Fred Robertson

Constituency Assistant for The Honourable Claire Trevena, M.L.A., North Island



From: [Smith, Curtis PSSG:EX](#)  
To: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)  
Cc: [Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX](#); [Xia, Eveline ENV:EX](#)  
Subject: RE: Proposed closure of crabbing area  
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 1:07:16 PM

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Reamick,

I've consulted with staff who've confirmed ENV does not have a role here, Agriculture would handle the provincial interests if any in this area.

Curtis Smith

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From: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 12:31 PM

To: Smith, Curtis ENV:EX

Cc: Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX; Xia, Eveline ENV:EX

Subject: Proposed closure of crabbing area

Hi Curtis,

Please help investigate. We have been informed that it's actually Port Metro Vancouver's closure.

Here is the summary based on the information from s.22 a week ago:

● s.22

- Over a week ago he found out that the Port of Vancouver has proposed legislation that will close a significant part of the crabbing area. He came across the information but there's no explanation as to why the Port is doing this. He suspects the timing of it has to do with KM and that's the only reason he could think of. If it's the case, he wants compensation and redress.
- The area is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Fisheries, however, under the navigation act the Port can override federal authority.
- Crabbing season ends on November 30. When the season starts again next year in June, he anticipates that the area would have been closed.
- He mentioned that the Port is doing consultation but no one knows about it. I read the PDF and there's no mention of a formal consultation process. It's dated September 8<sup>th</sup>. On the last page it says to send comments to the contact person within 30 days. That's probably s.22 : said there's no time to be part of the consultation process when he only found out about a week ago.
- [https://www.portvancouver.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/09-08-2017-NOTICE-OF-AMENDMENT-\\_-PORT-INFORMATION-GUIDE.pdf](https://www.portvancouver.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/09-08-2017-NOTICE-OF-AMENDMENT-_-PORT-INFORMATION-GUIDE.pdf)

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From: [Sperl, Aldous LASS:EX](#)  
To: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: BC Parks  
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 4:24:59 PM

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Thanks for the reply Reamick.

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**From:** "Lo, Reamick ENV:EX"  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 4:21 PM  
**To:** "Sperl, Aldous"  
**Subject:** BC Parks

Dear Aldous,

I heard from our ministry staff. BC Parks has worked with local communities in the past and assisted with the creation of fire mitigation strategies for BC Parks where park boundaries are adjacent to, or are close proximity to their communities. Our activities have been focussed on areas considered high risk for wildfire activity and where human intervention is required. At this point BC Parks does not have funding in place specific to developing fire mitigation strategies.

Thanks for your inquiry.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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**From:** Sperl, Aldous [mailto:[Aldous.Sperl@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Aldous.Sperl@leg.bc.ca)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 4:04 PM  
**To:** Lo, Reamick ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Reay Creek Property Issue

Hi Reamick,

I have another question for you. Do you know if there is any funding set aside for BC parks to undertake wildfire management within their parks? I ask because I had a meeting today with a residents association on fire prevention issues in our riding. There are two provincial parks in North Saanich that are apparently hotspots for fire hazards (both with a lot of residential properties around them). The residence association is pursuing funding through the firesmart program with FLNRO for educating their community but obviously it would be a much better approach in our area if BC Parks was working simultaneously to reduce the fire risk within the parks (cleaning up dead undergrowth/forest management). If you could direct me appropriately I'd be grateful.

Thanks!

Aldous Sperl

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)  
To: [Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX](#); [Xia, Eveline ENV:EX](#)  
Subject: Summary of casework  
Date: Monday, October 23, 2017 2:34:00 PM

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Hi Caelie and Eveline,

I've updated "out of office" message for both voice and emails. It will say "for urgent assistance to call the MO".

Here's a summary of casework with Curtis now so you can follow up in case you hear from MLA offices asking for status update:

- Fred Robert with MLA Travena's office – Port McNeill Shake and Shingles
- Lori Pilon with MLA Tegar's office – constituent <sup>s.22</sup> dog poisoned in a provincial park
- Aldous Sperl with MLA Olsen's office – development permit for Bakerview and Lochside; funding for fire prevention in provincial parks
- MLA Shypitka – camp sites in BC parks  
<sup>s.22</sup> – Port's closure of crabbing area. This one is with Curtis as well but it might be outside our jurisdiction.

You were both cc'd in all initial inquiries to Curtis.

This one is with Eveline – Tristan Jones, EA to Min. Donaldson asking if their Minister can recommend a candidate for BC Parks Foundation

Reamick Lo

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