

**From:** Olsen, Adam  
**To:** [Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Sperl, Aldous LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Lively Peak Eco Preserve/ commonly known as Lively Peak Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 22, 2017 11:31:30 AM

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Hello Geoff,

Thank you for your email. Obviously our people respective people are working all angles ;-). My Chief of Staff Aldous Sperl has been working all the aspects of this issue. I am happy to connect with you but I would recommend Aldous be with us as he has gone deep into the issue and it appears we are in a situation where the route proposed is simply the easiest and perhaps not the best solution because the land is owned and controlled by the CRD and the other routes are difficult due to a myriad of private ownership and other considerations. I would love to hear your thoughts on how we can resolve this a protect to eco values etc.

All the best,

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**From:** "Olsen.MLA, Adam"

**Date:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 3:52 PM

**To:** "Olsen, Adam"

**Subject:** FW: Lively Peak Eco Preserve/ commonly known as Lively Peak Park

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**From:** "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX"

**Date:** Monday, November 20, 2017 at 6:57 PM

**To:** "Adam Olsen.MLA"

**Subject:** Fwd: Lively Peak Eco Preserve/ commonly known as Lively Peak Park

Adam, this is in your riding - let's discuss. Are you aware of it?

Geoff

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** s.22  
**Date:** November 18, 2017 at 4:18:03 PM PST  
**To:** <[geoff.meggs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:geoff.meggs@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Lively Peak Eco Preserve/ commonly known as Lively Peak Park

Bounced back for some reason.

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** November 18, 2017 2:35 PM  
**To:** [Geoff.meggs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Geoff.meggs@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** Lively Peak Eco Preserve/ commonly known as Lively Peak Park  
Hi Geoff

Further to our discussion about this park, here is the summary of the issues at hand  
The land was transferred from Magic Lake Estate (MLE) developer to the Capital Regional District (CRD) parks almost 50 years ago. The land was placed in the Pender Islands Parks Commission (PIPRC) portfolio and held as per the covenant that accompanied the transfer. The Covenant provided that the land of the Lively Peak Eco Preserve be kept 'in its natural state'. For over 4 decades it was kept that way.

Over 4 decades residents debates the need for a second access to MLE and 5 or 6 options were identified. Not much happened until the local Fire Chief saw the opportunity of money from the Strategic Wildfire Protection Initiative and a route through the steepest part of Lively Peak Eco Preserve.

After the PIPRC initially opposing the project, newly appointed Parks Commissioners reversed that decision. The Fire Department and CRD Director then set about to have the CRD use provincial money to carve a road through the Eco Preserve. The Fire Department's original desire for one lane fire equipment access or resident egress turned into a full two lane road with complete tree removal and other fuel management measures.

No environmental assessment was done other than the forestry consultant hired to look at a potential route for the road. No other work was done as per hydrology and topography impacts and no archeology assessment was done even though a local archeologist walked the area and said there was a likelihood of first nation summer camps that should be preserved or documented.

With no transparency and no public consultation, the CRD in the summer of 2016 amended the original covenant by adding a paragraph that said the park could be used for access or egress in the case of emergencies. The Magic Lake Property Owners Society, the PI Conservancy and individuals that were interested in the issue knew nothing about the added paragraph in the covenant between the CRD and the Crown represented by MOTI.

The logging and excavation of the Eco Preserve will be actively opposed on Pender and the CRD and its local Commissions will blame Victoria as they are paying for the destruction.

Most people think a second road is ok but most oppose the destruction of one of the largest parks on Pender. And there are other alternatives that save the Eco Preserve. These require some negotiations and work but are better than the extreme topography

in the Lively Peak situation. One of the possible alternatives is an existing Ministry of Highways easement that avoids the steep slopes.

People think the LPEP route is being used because the parkland is free and requires no negotiations and the money from the province is a misuse of the intended purpose of the Strategic Wildfire Protection Initiative.

That is it in a nut shell .

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