



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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May 7, 2018

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Minister Doug Donaldson
Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
Hand Delivered

and

Minister Lisa Beare
Tourism, Arts and Culture
Hand Delivered

Dear Ministers Donaldson and Beare:

Re: Tyaughton Lake Green Belt – Request for Meeting with Ministers

There is currently some tension between tourism and forestry uses in the Tyaughton Lake area due to the removal of a protective green belt by Ministry of Forests (MOF). The green belt was established on or about March 12, 1980 by MOF District Manager A. P. Petty (Letters from A.P. Petty January 24, 1980 and March 12, 1980; and from G. Stefanac July 17, 1985) to protect Tyaughton Lake from logging.

In the late 1990s Visual Quality Objectives (VQOs) were approved for the Lillooet Timber Supply Area. MOF has advised that the approval of the VQOs negated any directives, objectives or agreements that existed at that time (Email from Dave Horne February 11, 2011), notwithstanding that there was no consultation nor agreement by Tyaughton Lake businesses or community members. Unbeknownst to the Tyaughton community the green belt designation was removed at that time.

Tyaughton Lake has high tourism values and requires a green belt to protect the trails and visuals that are vital for the tourism industry. Tyax Wilderness Resort and Spa and Tyax Adventures, both on Tyaughton Lake, market internationally generating in excess of \$5 million annually and hiring 60 plus local staff and contractors. Tourism and the success of these two companies is integral to the long-term economic success of the area.

This winter some areas within the area that would have been included in the green belt were logged, with additional logging planned for this summer. As this will have a significant impact on the Tyaughton Lake community I would respectfully request a meeting to include both Ministers,^{s.22} from Tyaughton Wilderness Resort and Spa, and myself as soon as possible to discuss this important issue further. Could we please arrange for a meeting in the next two weeks?

Yours truly,

Jackie Tegart
MLA Jackie Tegart
Fraser Nicola

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s.22

Debbie Demare, SLRD Electoral Area A Director

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January 24, 1980

File: 12365

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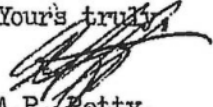
Re: Carpenter Lake Folio

This will confirm receipt of those concerns listed by s.22 and those brought out in discussion at the January 21 meeting with Tyaughton Lake residents. Some of the areas of concern are, in part, dealt with in the folio and/or are part of Forest Service policy, e.g., Any proposal of logging east of the Lake is already indicated as an environmentally sensitive area by E.P.A. designation in the folio, or, lopping and scattering of slash and burning of landings is a requirement contained in the cutting permit document. As to the more specific concerns:

1. Protection of water sources used for domestic purposes, although not specifically licenced, can be identified and noted at the time of viewing of plans.
2. Doubling the size of the primary recreation zone at Tyaughton Lake is feasible thereby placing this area within the logging constraints in the folio.
3. Reserving of Timber for woodlot purposes for local residents is not within the objectives of the Woodlot licence program. Those residents interested should make application for their requirements. A woodlot policy has not yet been finalized, therefore, interested parties should monitor this program so that their application may be submitted at the appropriate time.

The licensee, Evans Products Company Ltd., has been requested to submit a comprehensive development plan for this area. I will contact you again when a plan has been received so that you will be fully informed.

Yours truly,


A.P. Petty,
District Manager.

APP/ja

Attch.

cc: Regional Manager, Kamloops



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Forest Service

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File: 700-6-1-92
Carpenter Lake

Foliot plan

s.22


Dear Mr.

s.22

For your information is attached a map showing the amended primary recreation zone around Tyaughton Lake.

Use of roads in this zone are restricted by inclusion in the folio the wording, "No additional access routes to be created in these areas except under an approved recreation phase. Use of existing access by logging trucks should be minimized during periods of peak recreational use."

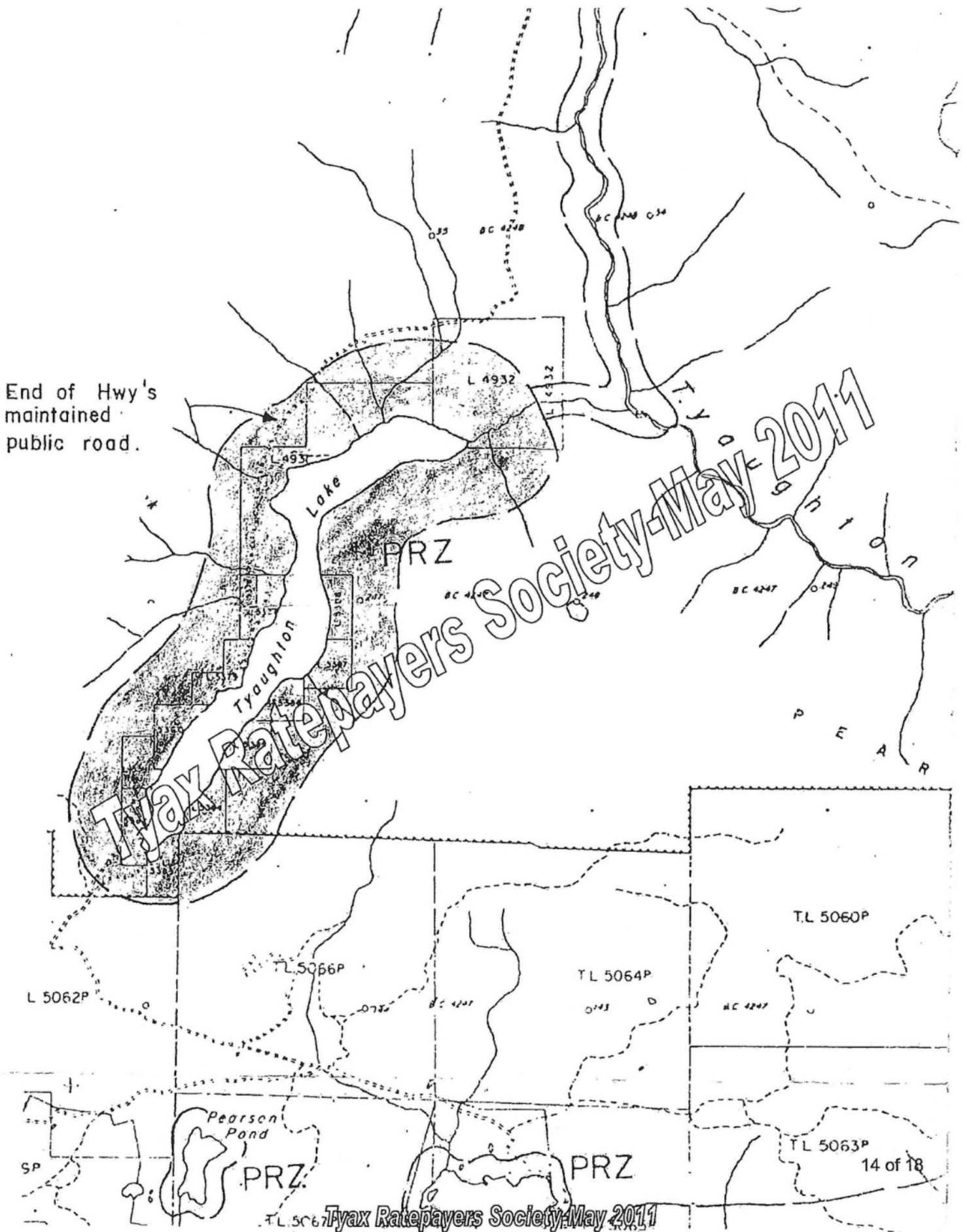
Yours truly,


J. P. Petty,
DISTRICT MANAGER.

APP/ja

Attch.

End of Hwy's
maintained
public road.





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FILE: 700-6-1-92 Carpenter Lake

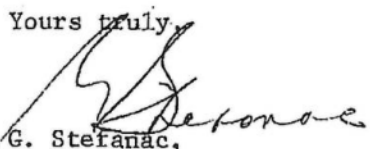
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This is to confirm that the expanded "Green Belt" has now
been plotted on the Carpenter Lake West folio.

Yours truly,


G. Stefanac,
R.O. Recreation

GS/my

Tyax Ratepayers Society-May 2011

From: Horne, Dave FOR:EX [Dave.Horne@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: February 11, 2011 2:16 PM
To: s.22 Ely, Clint FOR:IN
Cc: Bigelow, Cal FOR:EX
Subject: RE: Ministry Directive: Commercial Lumber Company STL5066

Good afternoon, s.22

Thanks for sending me the scan of the old letter. I always find the old documents interesting. Reading the letter, it is not clear to me whether Mr Sabo from Commercial Timber was indicating that there was some sort of directive stating "logging must not be visible from the lake", or whether he was saying "I don't think you will be able to see the logging from the lake".

Regardless, I had our records person to a search for the any kind of documentation of this sort. She was not able to locate any documentation of this type of direction from this era. What I then did was approach our regional expert in visual management and query him, both to see if he had any knowledge of such a directive (he didn't) and secondly, if such a directive was found, what sort of legal weight would it still have. The answer to the second question is that when the Visual Quality Objectives (VQO's) for the Lillooet Timber Supply Area (TSA) were approved in the late 1990's, they would have superseded any existing directives, objectives or agreements. Those VQO's were then specifically referenced and brought forward into the newer Forest and Ranges Practices Act (FRPA) as approved standards.

(comment: What was the process to convert a "no logging" green belt into selective logging based on VQOs?)

So, the short answer is that Interwest is obligated to meet the VQO's that are in place today, regardless of any historical standards.

Thanks again for sending me the letter and the map.

Dave Horne RPF
Resource Manager
Ministry of Natural Resource Operations, Merritt
(250) 378-8401

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2011 7:34 AM
To: Ely, Clint FOR:IN
Cc: Horne, Dave FOR:EX
Subject: FW: Ministry Directive: Commercial Lumber Company STL5066

Good Morning Clint,

Thank you for sending the most recent maps.

I am forwarding to you an email I sent to Dave Horne in regards to a MoF directive that was issued in 1972-1973 period limiting logging on the east side of Tyaughton Lake to behind the south east ridge.

Since I don't have the original MoF directive it is not known what it actually states. Dave Horne is trying to locate it in the archives.

It may be a grandfathered visual objective. (FRPA Sec.180 and 181).

Given its age, it is something that you are undoubtedly not aware of.

Shang, Cindy TAC:EX

From: Crampton, Ray W FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 5:25 PM
To: s.22
Cc: s.22 Minister, TAC TAC:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX
Subject: 32969 Incoming Response letter to prior entry Clear-Cut Logging at Tyaughton Lake (Ref: 233133)

Dear s.22

Your email of October 4, 2017, regarding logging at Tyaughton Lake, has been referred to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. I apologize for the delayed response.

Over the last year, ministry staff have responded to numerous concerns regarding Aspen Planers' (AP) proposed harvesting plans in the vicinity of Tyaughton Lake and the perceived impacts on residential and commercial entities. Within this correspondence, I have received and responded to letters initiated by you and by s.22 as General Manager/Owner of Tyax Wilderness Resort & Spa.

I will not reiterate what was previously stated within my previous responses, but will elaborate on one key point. It is paramount that stakeholders work with local forest companies to better understand each other's concerns, objectives and legal rights in efforts to direct results towards an end result palatable to all parties involved. At times, forest management in close proximity to rural communities and resorts is challenging and agreeing on this balance may not always be achievable.

I note you indicate having corresponded with Aspen Planers and that "now more than ever we are opposed to this poorly conceived plan." As I understand, AP has implemented numerous mitigative measures to the planned development in efforts to accommodate and address concerns being brought forward. These mitigative measures were a result of the correspondence and collaborative approach between AP and stakeholders.

It is my understanding that Aspen Planers has engaged and continues to engage with local stakeholders. One face-to-face meeting was planned for October 13, 2017, and the invitation included Aspen Planers' senior staff, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) director Debbie Demare, MLA Jackie Tegart, Tyax Rate Payers Association members, Tyax Wilderness Resort & Spa Owner s.22 and Valley Wide/Gun Lake Forestry Committee members. Due to a very low response for meeting attendance, the meeting proceeded as a conference call with Aspen Planers senior employees, SLRD director Debbie Demare, MLA Jackie Tegart and six members from the public (three participating on the phone and three in person). Aspen has continued to commit to engaging with stakeholders throughout the planning process.

I encourage you to continue to work with AP. It is important that they have an understanding of your concerns as they plan their forest development.

Thank you for writing and sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Ray Crampton
Acting Regional Executive Director

Thompson-Okanagan
Natural Resource Region

pc: Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture
Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource
Operations and Rural Development
Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Honourable Bruce Ralston, Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology
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Shang, Cindy TAC:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 10:07 PM
To: Minister, TAC TAC:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; TT.Minister@gov.bc.ca
Cc: s.22
Subject: 31342 incoming Clear - Cut Logging at Tyaughton Lake

October 4, 2017

Dear Ministers:

I am writing with the hope I can amplify the message you have heard from Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing regarding the outrageous plan to clear-cut log at Tyaughton Lake this fall. If the logging goes forward there is no doubt Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing, the area's major employer, will need to cut staff to reflect the drop in business they will suffer as the result of the devastation of the wilderness experience and world class mountain biking they market worldwide.

I am aware of a number of letters which were written to the previous Government's Minister of Tourism, Shirley Bond. Unfortunately Minister Bond's office took no interest in the matter and only forwarded the letters on to the Minister of Forests who sent the same generic reply to all - stating we needed to work with the forest company - Aspen Planers.

Well we did that. We met with Aspen Planers and had several chains of correspondence. And now more than ever we are opposed to this poorly conceived plan to log in an area that was once part of a previous government's plan to classify as Green Belt.

Aspen Planers stated that the cut in question was small by their standards and would only generate a total of 6 FTE positions for one year. Compare those 6 FTE's for one year to the millions of dollars invested into Tyax Lodge and the 50 people they hire year round. BC residents and tourists from all over the world visit Tyaughton Lake for the amazing wilderness and world class mountain biking. Those visitors stay at Tyax Lodge and several privately owned rental chalets on the lake. Those visitors simply won't come if the area is clear-cut as the block will be both visible from the lake and it will destroy the mountain biking experience of the trail it cuts through.

Thanks to the inaction of the previous government, this has become an urgent matter for Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing and those who wish to save the jobs of those that Tyax employs.

Aspen Planers has indicated they would be agreeable to exchanging this timber license for a suitable license elsewhere.

It is our hope that BC's new government can see the wisdom is halting this cut.

I encourage you to take a meeting with Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing, General Manager s.22 as per her recent request. This matter is extremely urgent as Aspen Planers plans to start cutting next month.

Respectfully,

s.22