

August 22, 2000
File: Sooke

JJM Maintenance
891 Attree Road
Victoria BC V9B 4V5

Attn: Ritchie Harold
General Manager

Re: Glinz Lake Road

It is my understanding that you have directed the maintenance staff to not provide routine, preventative or annual maintenance beyond the Y.M.C.A. gate on the above road.

I find this interesting given that the Road Registry and RFI clearly show that your company has been compensated to provide the above maintenance activities on this 1.6 lane kilometers of inventory over the last four years.

Please advise your staff that they should be inspecting and maintaining the 800 m +/- of Glinz Lake between the gate and Metchosin municipal boundary.

The chip seal surface is currently broken up in some isolated areas and severely potholed in others. I feel it reasonable to request that these areas be repaired under routine maintenance as soon as possible given the total lack of maintenance on this inventory to date. Mowing and brushing is also required.

Yours truly,

Dan Saari,
Area Manager



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Alexis:

Attached is a plan of Glintz Lake Road. The gate is currently positioned at the northern boundary of SEC 59. The Ministry's jurisdiction / maintenance currently ends at the Metchosin boundary on the SEC 57 / SEC 62 boundary. Please advise if an agreement was struck with the YMCA to relocate this jurisdictional boundary to the southern limit of their property at the gate.

Regards,

Reference: 62643

s.22

Dear s.22

I am writing in response to your letter of April 23 1998, in which you request a public designation for the old logging road off the end of Harbourview Rd.

As previously stated, I do not have the authority to unilaterally declare an historical logging road that traverses multiple private properties as a public facility.

You may wish to pursue the option of working with the other land owners, stakeholders and Ministries that have an interest in the corridor to achieve this goal.

If you require further information regarding my Ministry's role in such a process, Bill Bedford, District Highways Manager, would be pleased to assist you. He can be reached at (250) 952-4515, or at 103-4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia, V8Z 5K8.

Sincerely,

Harry S. Lali
Minister

Copy to:

Reference: 003554/96

Min Log: 56941

s.22

Dear^{s.22}

I am writing in response to your letter of September 4, 1997, in which you once again request a reversal of the Ministry's decision to not pursue the extension of Harbourview Road in Sooke.

As previously stated, the Ministry's position in this regard has not changed and we are not willing to disburse public funds, or use any other methods, of extending the public section of Harbourview Road.

If you require further information, Bill Bedford, District Highways Manager, would be pleased to assist you. He can be reached at (250) 952-4515, or at 103-4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia, V8Z 5K8.

Yours sincerely,

Lois Boone
Minister

Copy to:

Bill, Neville & Corr. Unit: If we offer this individual anything but a flat "NO", I'm sure we will be dealing with yet another request to convert a 4X4 dirt track to a Ministry road in a month or so.

Reference: 002887/97
Min Log: 55934

S.22

Dear S.22

I am writing in response to your letter of July 30, 1997 in which you request a reversal of the Ministry's position of not pursuing the gazetting of an extension of Harbourview Road in Sooke.

The points you have raised were addressed in letters from my office dated January 12 and February 16, 1993 and the aforementioned responses remain in effect.

The Ministry position regarding pioneer roads in the Sooke Mountain area is that, due to fiscal restraint, we are not willing to gazette, survey or reconstruct any of these roads.

If you require further information, Bill Bedford, District Highways Manager, would be pleased to assist you. He can be reached at (250) 952-4515, or at 103-4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia, V8Z 5K8.

Yours sincerely,

Lois Boone
Minister

Reference: 002089 97

Min Log: 54424

s.22

Dear s.22

I am writing further to your letter of June 10, 1997, in which you request that the obsolete portion of Glinz Lake Road beyond the Y.M.C.A camp be restored to pioneer road status.

The Ministry is aware of numerous historical roadbeds that serviced the pioneers of the South Island. They are currently classified as unopened right-of-ways and, therefore, prioritized as least deserving of rehabilitation. The subject roadbed, though not an official right-of-way, falls within this category. Given the duration since any maintenance operations were undertaken on the roadbed, I have no intention of elevating its status.

If you wish to pursue the option of procuring Forest Renewal British Columbia funding and resources to implement your request, please contact the Corporation directly.

Yours sincerely,

Lois Boone
Minister

Copy to:

Reference: 001407/96
Min Log: 52816

s.22

Dear s.22

I am writing further to your letter of April 23, 1997, in which you request that my Ministry restore and maintain the obsolete portion of Glinz Lake Road beyond the Y.M.C.A camp.

Thank you for the historical account of the formation of the early roads in the area. It was very enlightening to be made aware of the pioneering that preceeded the development of the current highway network.

Your research suggests that the road may have been public many years ago, however, given the duration since any maintainance operations were undertaken, the roadbed is currently impassable.

The mandate of our govenment is to protect health care and education by channelling the necessary financial resources to the applicable Ministries. This committment, unfortunately, imposes severe restrictions on the funding levels allocated to the remaining government operations.

As mentioned in my previous coorespondence on the subject, I am not in a position to expend any funds or resources on obsolete roadbeds that have deteriorated to such a point that capital funding would be required to restore their functionality.

Yours sincerely,

Lois Boone
Minister

Copy to:

I am writing further to your letter of February 25, 1997, in which you request that Glinz Lake Road be restored and maintained to a fire road standard beyond Glinz Lake. My staff can not locate any reference to the Settlers Road name in ministry records.

Research of records has confirmed that Glinz Lake Road is classified as a public road from its intersection with Sooke Road to Glinz Lake within the Y.M.C.A. property. As you can appreciate a public road through a piece of property the size and with the wilderness appearance of the Y.M.C.A. property causes the organization considerable concern. The camp has erected a gate, by permission, in an attempt to control vandalism but have ensured the Ministry that public access to the lake, and the obsolete logging roads beyond, will not be denied.

The logging roads beyond the lake have never been under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. Logging companies that worked in the area during the 1930's and 40's were responsible for the construction and maintenance of these roads and since their withdrawal the roadbeds have naturally reverted to what can more realistically be classified as a network of trails. A recent inspection by my staff confirms that sections of the old roadbeds have been severely eroded by water and are currently creek beds. A wooden structure over the creek that flows into Glinz Lake also collapsed many years ago creating a log jam and restricting the flow in the creek.

While I can appreciate your concern over the risk of forest fires in the area, my Ministry is not mandated to re-construct or maintain fire roads on obsolete logging roadbeds.

I wish you success on your telecommunications venture



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Reference: 0739/97
Min Log: 51722

S.22

Dear S.22

I am responding to your letter of February 25, 1997, in which you request that Settlers Road be restored and maintained to a fire road standard beyond Glinz Lake.

Ministry staff cannot locate any reference to a Settlers Road in our records, but research indicates that the road beyond Glinz Lake you refer to may be part of a network of roads constructed by logging companies that worked in the area during the 1930s and 40s. The logging companies were responsible for the construction and maintenance of these roads and, since their withdrawal, the roadbeds have naturally reverted to what can more realistically be classified as a network of trails. As such, they have never been classified as public roads under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

Meanwhile, a recent inspection by my staff confirms that sections of the old roadbeds have been severely eroded by water and are currently creekbeds. Furthermore, a wooden structure over the creek that flows into Glinz Lake collapsed many years ago, creating a logjam and restricting the flow in the creek. Nonetheless, I appreciate your concern over the risk of forest fires in the area. While my Ministry is not mandated to re-construct or maintain fire roads on obsolete logging roadbeds, property owners in the area may wish to consider undertaking the necessary road upgrades. However, prior to proceeding, you would require a permit from the Ministry of Forests. For information about permits, you may wish to contact the Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch, Ministry of Forests, at (250) 356-6218, or at 1450 Government Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 9C3.

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As for your concerns regarding access to the southern portion of Glinz Lake Road, I can confirm that the road is classified as a public road from its intersection with Sooke Road to Glinz Lake within the Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.) property. However, as you may appreciate, this is an isolated area and, as such, the Y.M.C.A. was given permission to erect a gate, in order to control vandalism. Nonetheless, assurance has been given to the Ministry that public access to the lake, and the obsolete logging roads beyond, will not be denied. If you experience anything to the contrary, I encourage you to contact my Ministry's District Highways office and they will take the necessary steps to remedy the situation.

If you require further information, Bill Bedford, District Highways Manager, would be pleased to assist you. He can be reached at (250) 952-4515, or at 103-4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia, V8Z 5K8.

I regret my response could not be more favorable and I wish you success on your telecommunications venture.

Yours sincerely,



Lois Boone
Minister

Copy to: Honourable David Zirnhelt
Minister of Forests
M.L.A., Cariboo South