OMINECA ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Establishing Right-of-way for Sowchea Road No. 110

NOTICE is given, pursuant to section 8 of the Highway Act, that all those portions of the North-west Quarter of District Lot 1665 and the North-east and North-west Quarters of District oLt 1664, all of Range 5. Coast District, as shown within the red outline on a plan recorded on File 3750 in the Provincial Department of Highways, Victoria, B.C., are hereby established as a public highway.

P. A. GAGLARDI, Minister of Highways.

Department of Highways,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C., December 14, 1964.
File 3750/1552171. de31—4466

OMINECA ELECTORAL DISTRICT

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Establishing Right of Way for

Sowchea Road 110

NOTICE is given, pursuant to section 6 of the *Highway Act*, that all those portions of Block A, Plan 1894, District Lot 1624; the southwest quarter of the fractional northwest quarter of District Lot 1643; District Lot 1643a; the northwest quarter of District Lot 1665; the northeast quarter of District Lot 1665 (except Plan 8917); District Lot 552; all Range 5, Coast District, as shown outlined in red on a plan of survey recorded in the Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Victoria, B.C., under "Road Surveys 8587" (being a copy of Plan deposited in the Prince Rupert Land Title Office as Plan 10375), are hereby established as public highway.

ALEX. V. FRASER Minister of Transportation and Highways

OMINECA ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Establishing Right-of-way for Sowchea Road

NOTICE is given, pursuant to section 8 of the Highway Act, that all those portions of the fractional north half of District Lot 1643 (except the southwest quarter of the fractional northwest quarter, and except Plans 3833, 4547, 6123, 6870 7375, and 7387); the southwest quarter of the fractional northwest quarter of District Lot 1643; and District Lot 1643A, all Range 5, Coast District, as shown outlined in red on a plan recorded in the Department of Highways, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., under "Road Surveys 4568" (being a copy of Highway District Plan 161), are hereby established as public highway.

GRAHAM LEA
Minister of Highways

Department of Highways,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C., June 5, 1975.
File 3750/313925 je12—7857

OMINECA ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Establishing Right-of-way for Sowchea Road Extension

NOTICE is given, pursuant to section 8 of the Highway Act, that all that part of Block C, District Lot 651, Range 5, Coast District, as shown outlined in red on a plan recorded in the Provincial Ministry of Highways and Public Works, Victoria, B.C., under "Road Surveys 5770" (being a copy of Highway District Plan 160), is hereby established as public highway.

ALEX. V. FRASER Minister of Highways and Public Works

Ministry of Highways and
Public Works,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C., November 2, 1978.
File 3750/334216 no2-2064

OMINECA ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Discontinuing and Closing a Portion of Sowchea Road

NOTICE is given, pursuant to section 11 of the Highway Act, that all that part of old road allowance within District Lot 552. Range 5, Coast District, as shown outlined in green on a plan recorded in the Provincial Department of Highways and Public Works, Victoria, B.C., on File 2070-4, is hereby discontinued and closed.

ALEX. V. FRASER Minister of Highways and Public Works

Department of Highways and
Public Works,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C., March 25, 1976.
File 2070-4/323250 ap8—8776

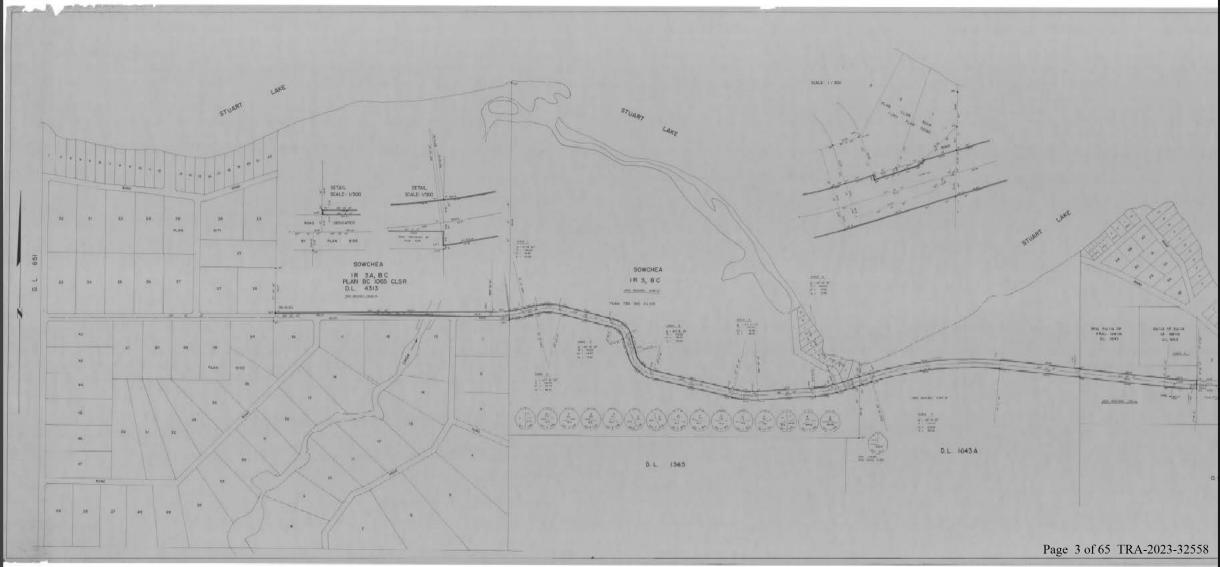
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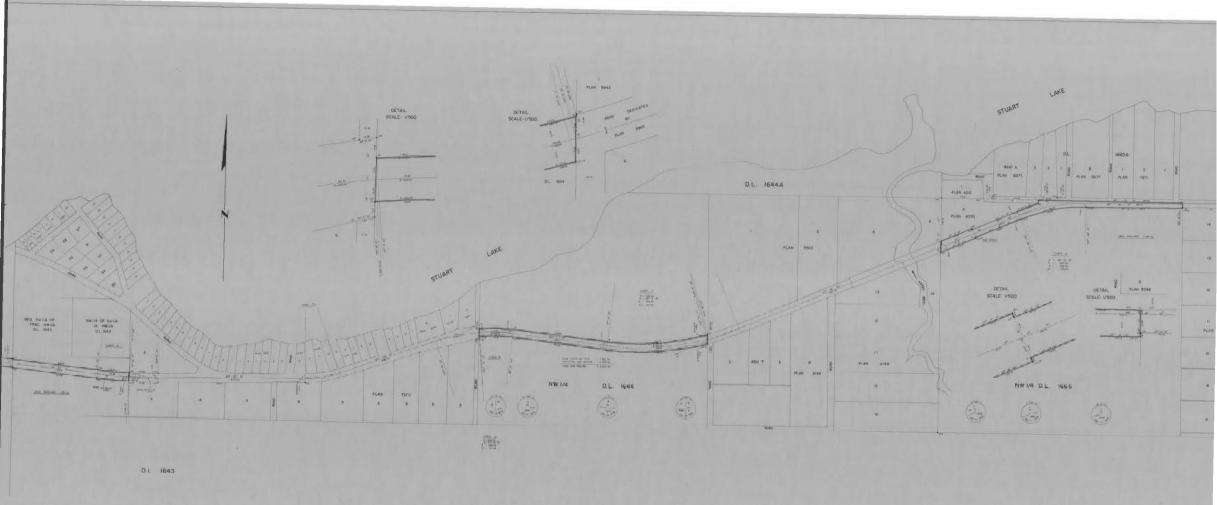
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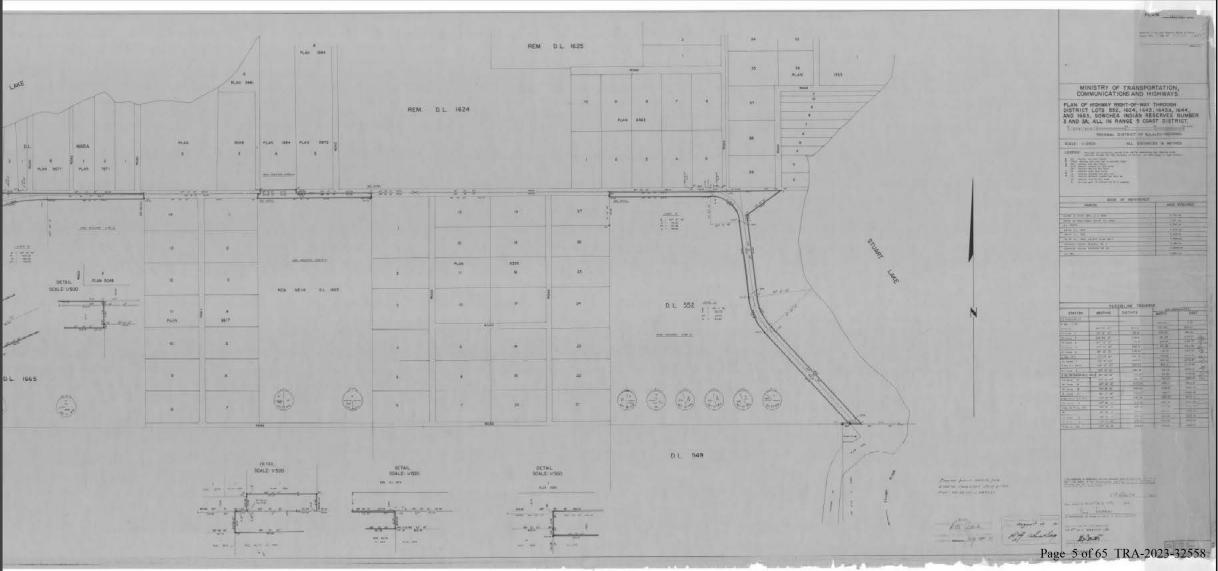
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P. A. GAGLARDI. Minister .: Highways.

Department of Highways, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., January 25, 1965, File 3750/1556185.







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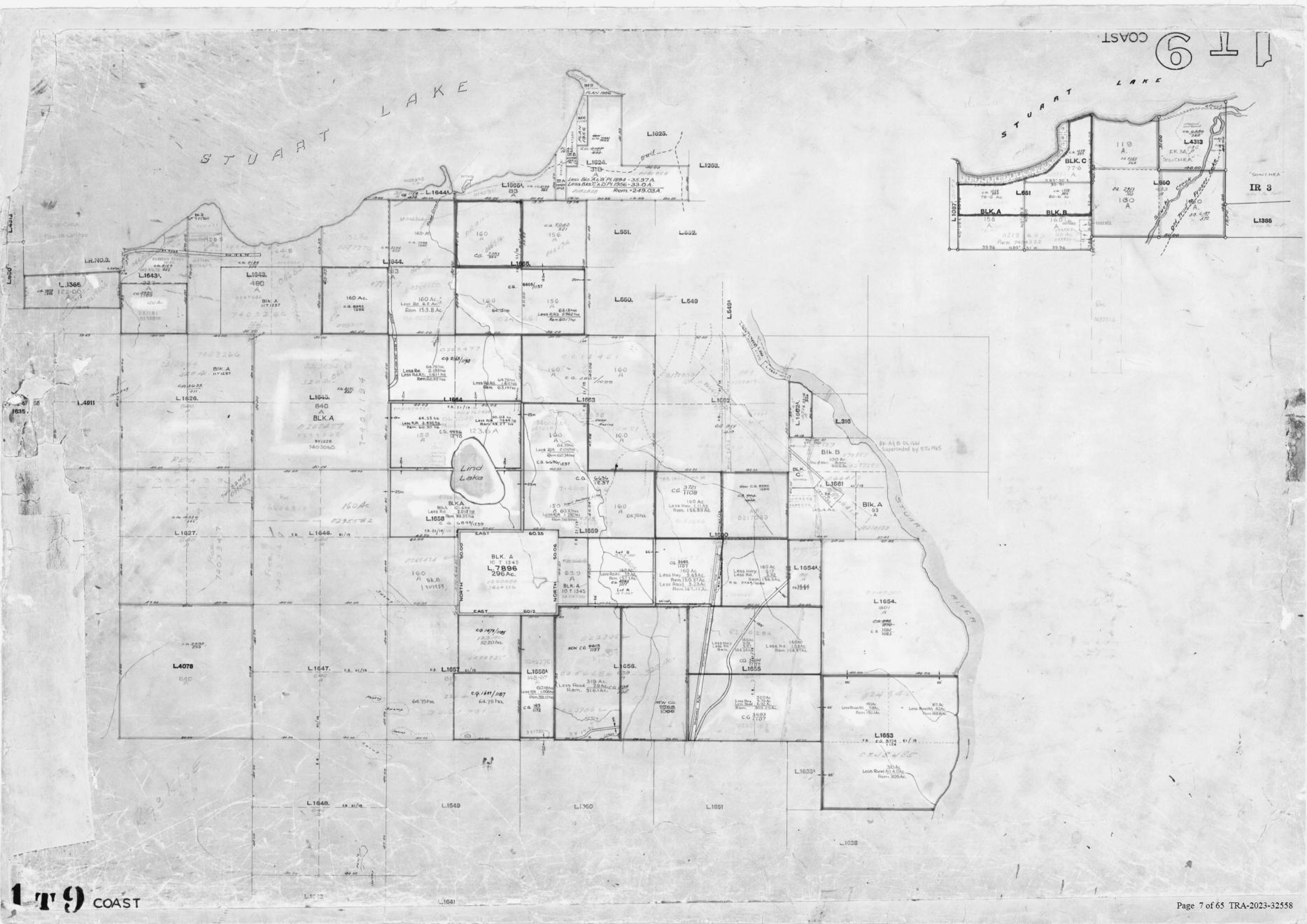
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SOWCHEA BAY PARK

All those parcels or tracts of Crown land, together with all that foreshore or land covered by water, situated in Range 5, Coast District and contained within the following described boundaries:

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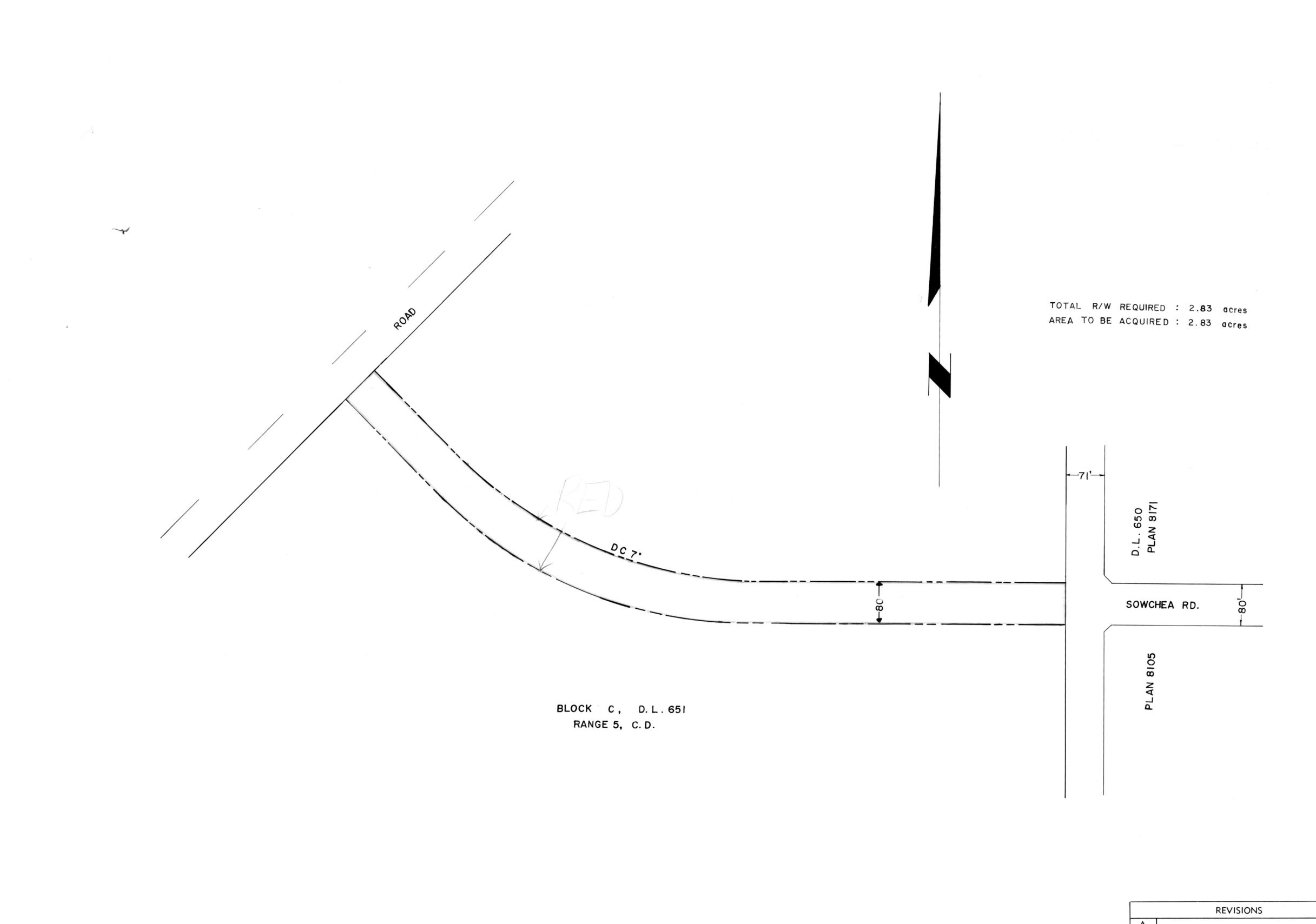
Secondly: the unsurveyed foreshore of Stuart Lake described as commencing at the point of intersection of the northeast corner of Lot 8 of District Lot 651, Plan 1394 and the natural boundary of Stuart Lake;

thence due North 100 metres;

thence westerly in a straight line to the point of intersection of the northwest corner of Lot 1 of District Lot 651, Plan 1394 and the natural boundary of Stuart Lake;

thence in a general easterly direction along the natural boundary of Stuart Lake to the point of commencement.

The whole park containing approximately 13 hectares (4 hectares of upland and 9 hectares of foreshore).



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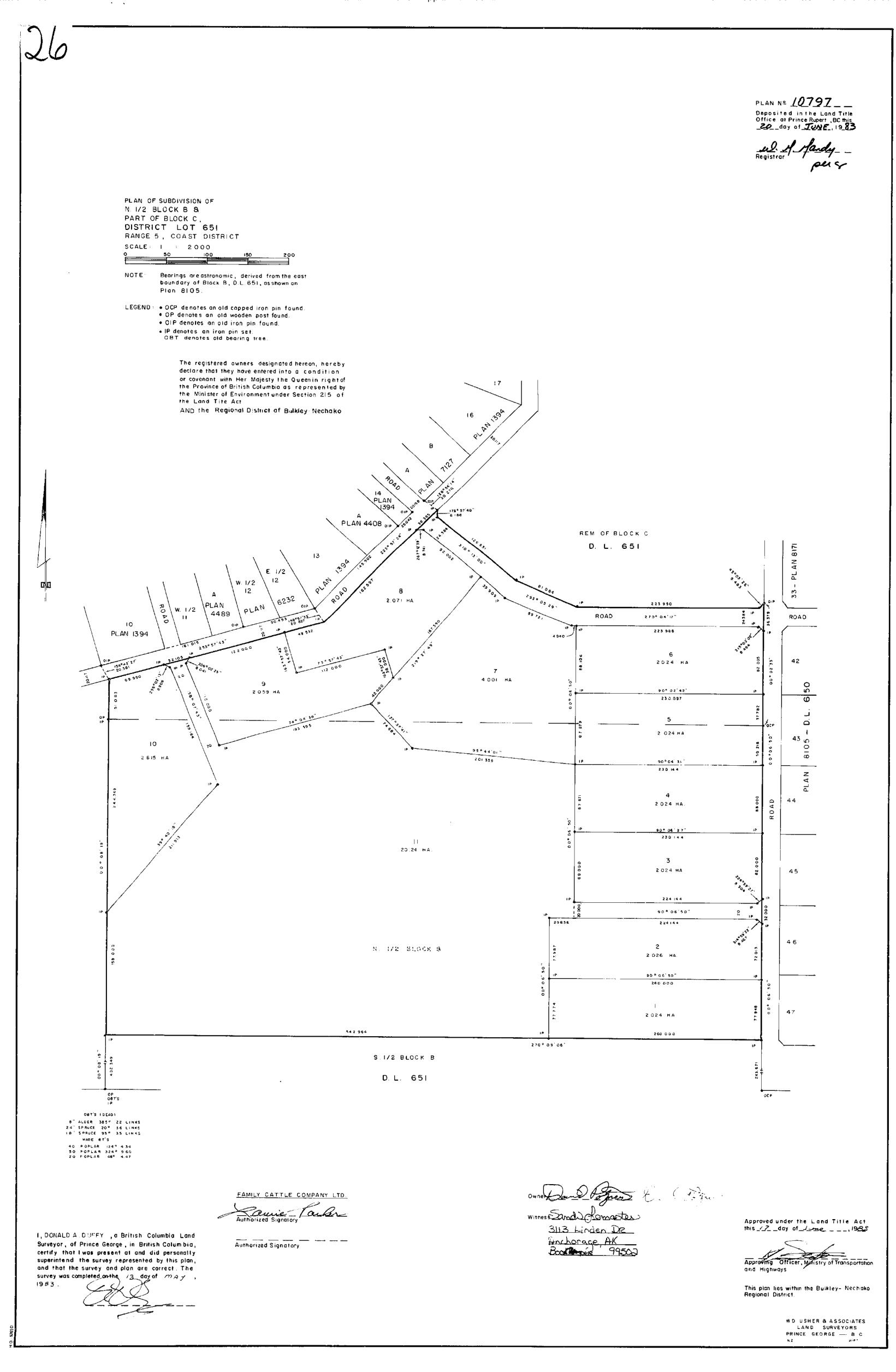
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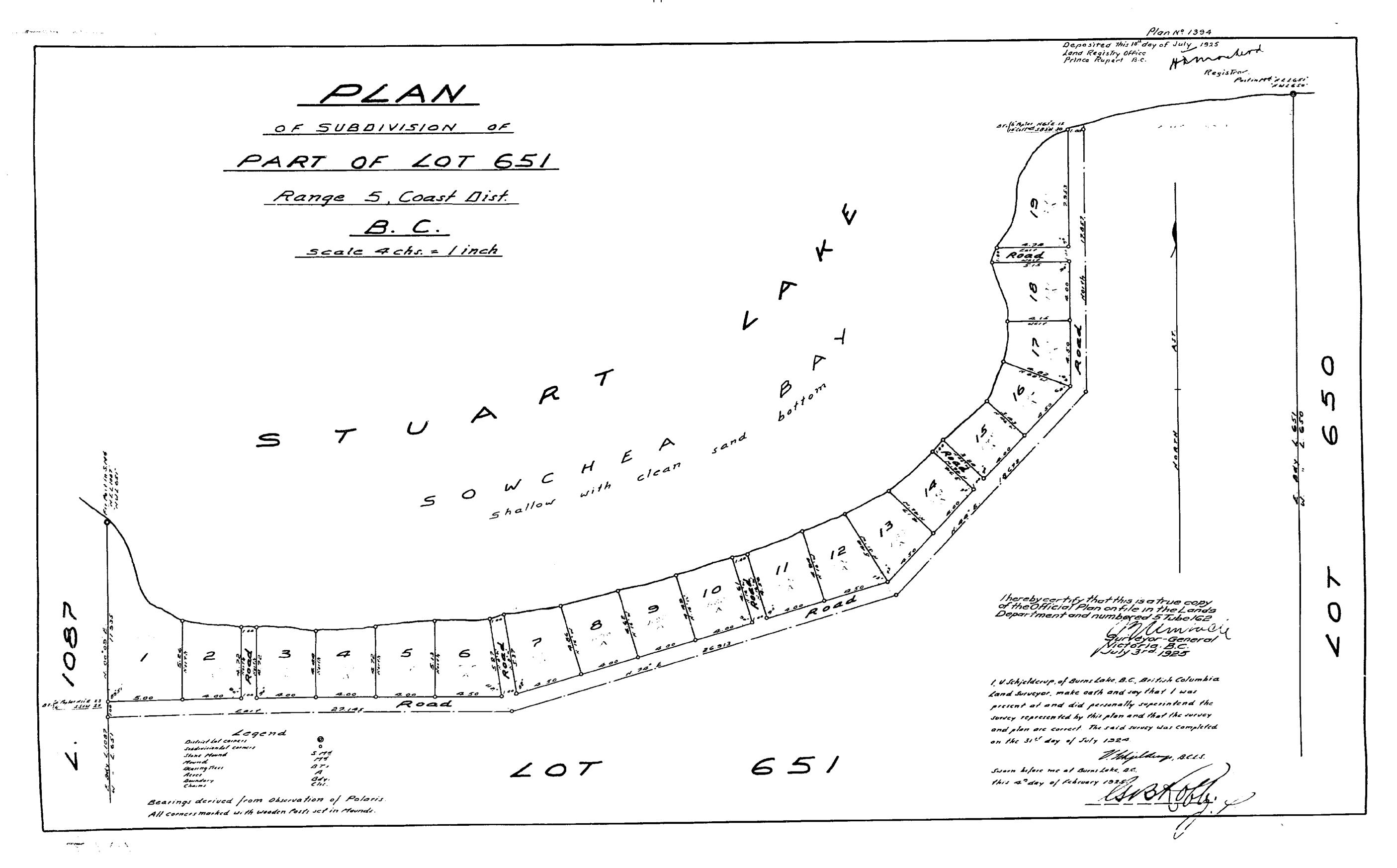
PLAN OF PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY SOWCHEA ROAD EXTENTION

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From: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX (Andrea.Somerville@gov.bc.ca)

To: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX (Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca); Balan, Terrell MOTI:EX (Terrell.Balan@gov.bc.ca);

Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX (Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca)

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX (Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca); Hoffman, Edward A ENV:EX

(Edward.Hoffman@gov.bc.ca)

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Access to Water Inquiry

Sent: 06/20/2023 22:48:30

Message Body:

Thanks for the heads up Peter. Will have to think this one through once the owner figures out where they want their power to come in (and how quick they want it). Their purchase of the property is probably very well timed. At least we know to consider a powerline as we move through the park boundary amendment process.

Andrea

From: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX <Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 3:12 PM

To: Balan, Terrell MOTI:EX <Terrell.Balan@gov.bc.ca>; Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX <Andrea.Somerville@gov.bc.ca>; Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX <Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca> **Cc:** Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX <Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Hoffman, Edward A ENV:EX

<Edward.Hoffman@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Access to Water Inquiry

Hi All

Kinda funny how timing works. It looks like the lot just to the west of the boat launch is being bought. The new own wants a cabin and is contacting Hydro about running power.

Guess we should get this figured out sooner than later or else we are going to have to get BC Hydro a park use permit for running a powerline along side the existing road since it is not in the MOTI right of way.

Peter Goetz

Park and Protected Area Section Head, Omineca Section,

Omineca Peace Region, BC Parks

----Original Message----

From: s.22

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 2:17 PM

To: Merritt, Dave EMCR:EX < Dave.Merritt@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX

<<u>Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca</u>> Subject: RE: Sowchea bay road

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I will be working with a B.C Hydro planner to figure out the costs for power to be brought in.

I will reach out to you once I have all the details on costs so you can have it as a future option for the park.

Thanks,

s.22

----Original Message----

From: Merritt, Dave EMCR:EX < <u>Dave.Merritt@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 8:49 AM

To: s.22

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca >; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX < Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: Re: Sowchea bay road

Power for us is not on the radar right now. Water is a well around 80ft deep. The park is very busy most of the summer.

I am doing a ta for the next 7 months so Peter and Carey will help you.

Thanks for the info that we are getting a new neighbour.

Dave Merritt

Dave.merritt@gov.bc.ca

250-645-9339

From: s.22

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 8:25:48 AM

To: Merritt, Dave ENV:EX < Dave.Merritt@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sowchea bay road

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Good morning,

Thanks for the follow up.

It looks like the purchase of the land will go through this week. We purchased the 26 acres that is next to the boat launch, and we are hoping to set it up with a cabin for our family.

Is there any chance that you would want to have hydro brought into the park? We will be looking at running hydro to the property as soon as possible. I will be contacting a B.C Hydro planner this week to discuss the best options.

Do you have any other information that might be useful to us like where you get water from?

Does the campground stay full in the summer? Where do the campers get their firewood? We will have a stockpile once we put the roads in.

Thanks!

s.22

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From: Merritt, Dave ENV:EX < Dave.Merritt@gov.bc.ca >

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2023 4:22 PM

To: s.22

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Sowchea bay road

Thanks for reaching out. The only road that gets a gate is the access to the campground. If the property you are looking at is past the park and not launch off the forest service road you are good to go anytime of the year. Any questions let me know.

Dave Merritt

BC Parks

Dave.merritt@gov.bc.ca

250-645-9339

From: Lutz, Kevin TRAN:EX (Kevin.Lutz@gov.bc.ca)

To: Development Approvals, Fort George TRAN:EX (DA.FortGeorge@gov.bc.ca)

Subject: FW: Sowchea Bay Park - Land Transfer Request

Sent: 01/03/2023 21:32:09

Attachments: image001.png, Sowchea Bay Park - Land Admin Issues.png, 1952 Parks and Rec Map.JPG,

PRP1394.pdf Message Body:

From: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX < Andrea. Somerville@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: December 14, 2022 9:57 AM

To: Solmonson, Darlene A TRAN:EX < Darlene.Solmonson@gov.bc.ca>; Lutz, Kevin TRAN:EX

<Kevin.Lutz@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Sowchea Bay Park - Land Transfer Request

Hi Darlene and Kevin,

I am looking for someone at MOTI that can help me on cleaning up a land administration issue at Sowchea Bay Park by Fort St James. We are looking to confirm whether MOTI has authority over 2 unbuilt access roads and then transfer administration to BC Parks. The intent is to add these 2 parcels to the Park as was initially intended when the park was established.

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Thank you,

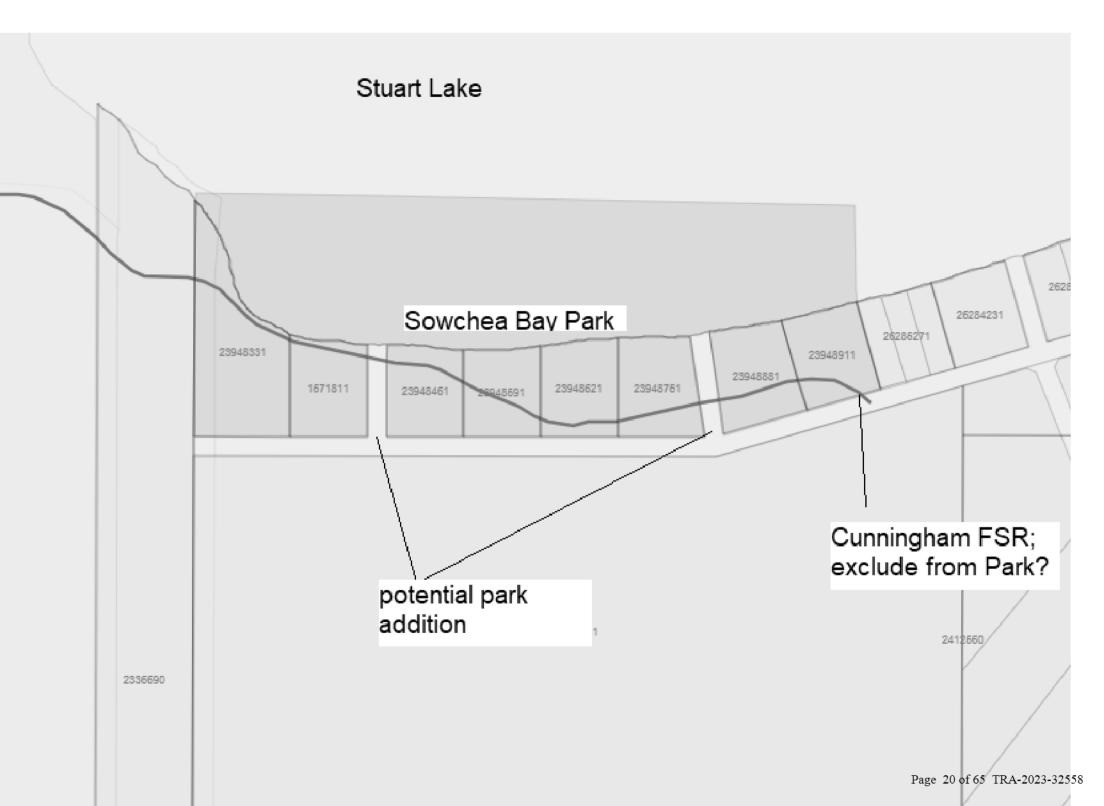
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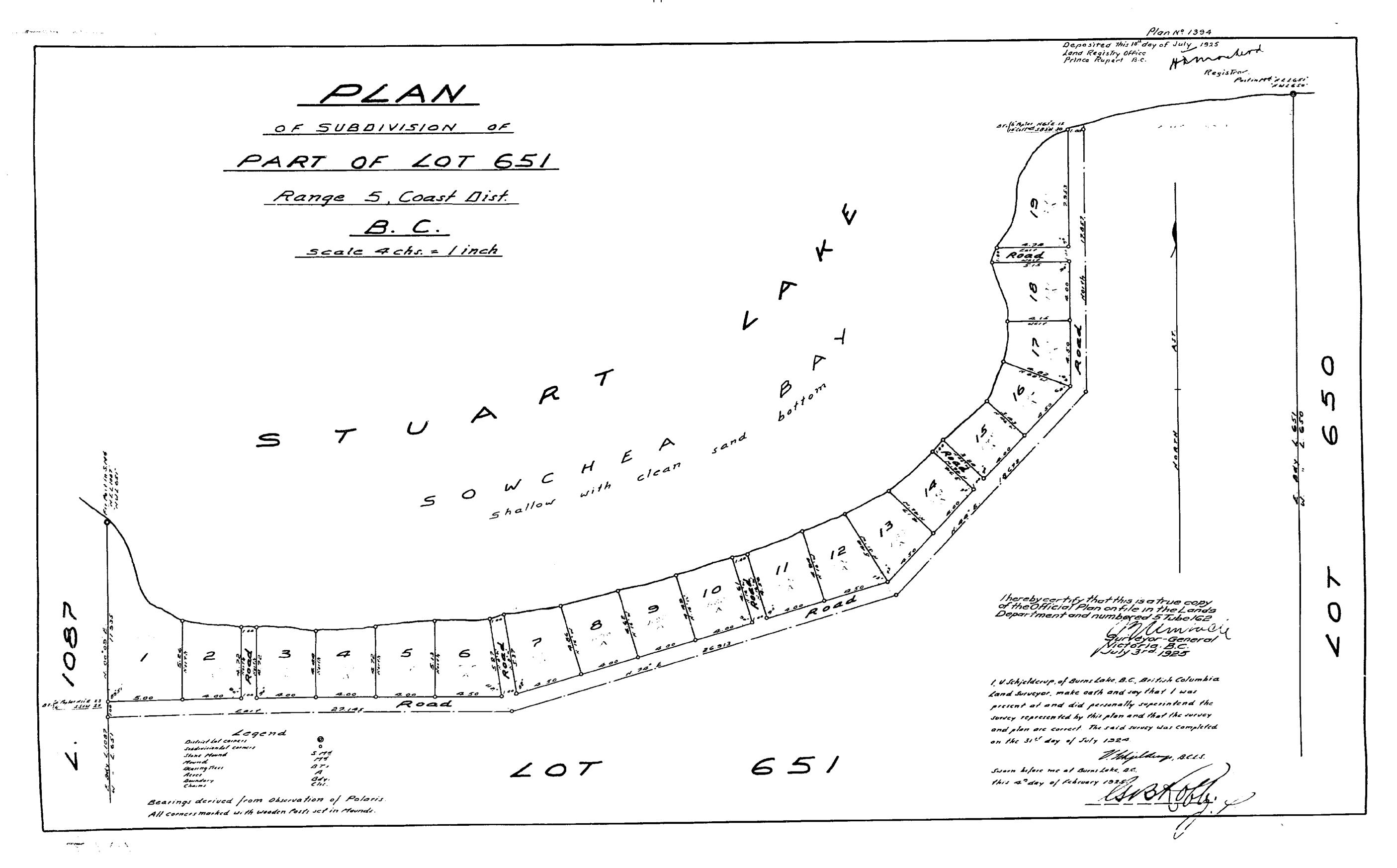
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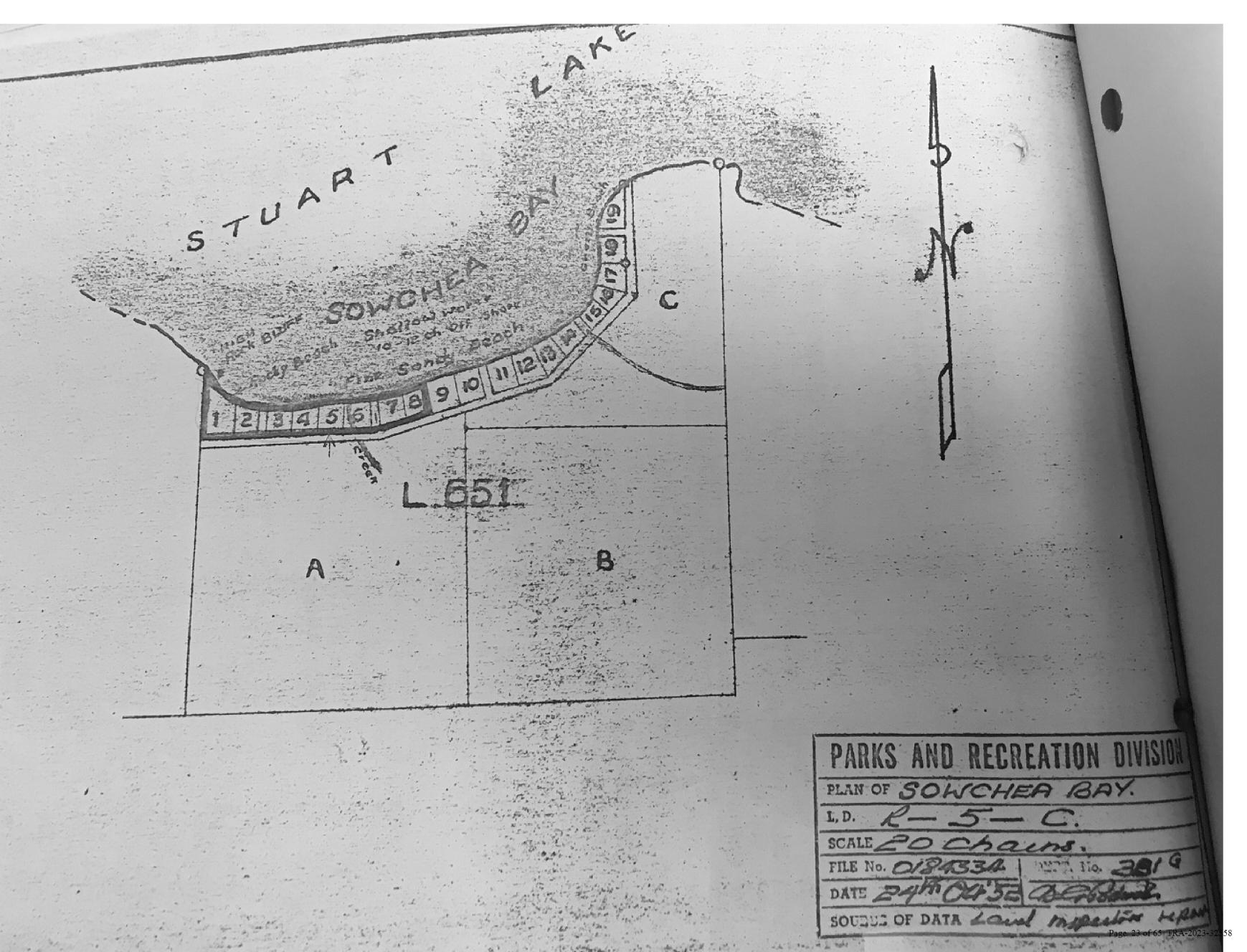
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From: Development Approvals, Fort George TRAN:EX (DA.FortGeorge@gov.bc.ca)

To: Seel, Catherine TRAN:EX (Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca)

Cc: Olson, Rae-Lynn TRAN:EX (RaeLynn.Olson@gov.bc.ca); Chavez, Solangel TRAN:EX

(Solangel.Chavez@gov.bc.ca)

Subject: FW: Sowchea Bay Park - Land Transfer Request

Sent: 01/03/2023 21:50:20

Attachments: image001.png, image002.jpg, image003.jpg, image004.jpg, image005.jpg, image006.jpg, image007.png, Sowchea Bay Park - Land Admin Issues.png, 1952 Parks and Rec Map.JPG, PRP1394.pdf

Message Body:

Hi Catherine,

Please see the email string below.

We received a request from Parks inquiring about the unconstructed access to water roads and whether or not they can be consolidated in to the Sowchea Bay Park.

Our question to you, is whether or not the Road Closure Process is different when it is Ministry to Ministry, or would they follow our same process to close and consolidate these roads into the parcels that make up their park?

Sorry if this is not clear, please reach out if you need more information.

Thanks for your time.

Terrell

Terrell Balan

District Development Technician - Development Services

Suite 360 - 1011 4th Avenue | Prince George, BC V2L 3H9

Tel: (250) 645-9606

Email: terrell.balan@gov.bc.ca

I am grateful to live, work and play as a guest on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh From: Lutz, Kevin TRAN:EX < Kevin.Lutz@gov.bc.ca >

Sent: January 3, 2023 11:26 AM

To: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX < Andrea. Somerville@gov.bc.ca >; Chavez, Solangel TRAN:EX

<Solangel.Chavez@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Solmonson, Darlene A TRAN:EX < Darlene.Solmonson@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Land Transfer Request

Happy New Year Andrea,

It was a busy holiday season for highways, so I hope you can appreciate the delayed response.

As part of the approval of a subdivision development process a certain amount of water frontage is required by law to be dedicated as public access to water under s.75(1)(d) of the Land Title Act. This public access to water is dedicated as road. We are required to continue providing that same amount of public access to water and as such, if these unbuilt roads are to be transferred to the administration of BC Parks, MoTI would require equal amounts of lake frontage to be dedicated within the same plan area, which would require lot line adjustments.

For example, if the right of way locations are within the park area, but the park desires to gate or fence these accesses for certain times of the day or year, that would require an agreement from MoTI.

Otherwise, I am aware that BC Parks has parks that are longer than 400m in other areas and these do not have public access to water dedicated as road. This is complicated by the old subdivision plan still in effect.

You may **apply** to conduct 2 Road Closures at these right of way locations. With the intent that these become BC Park's I am sure the LTA s.75(1)(d) can be waived as part of the road closure process, particularly if the lots are simultaneously consolidated.

For further discussion about the location and the road closure process, please contact our local Senior Development Officer, Solangel Chavez – cc'd. She will assist you on your next steps.

Best Regards,

Kevin Lutz

Fort George District Program Manager

Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure

Office: 250-645-9669 | Mobile: 250-961-0732

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Thank you,

Andrea Somerville

Planning Section Head, Omineca Peace Region

BC Parks | Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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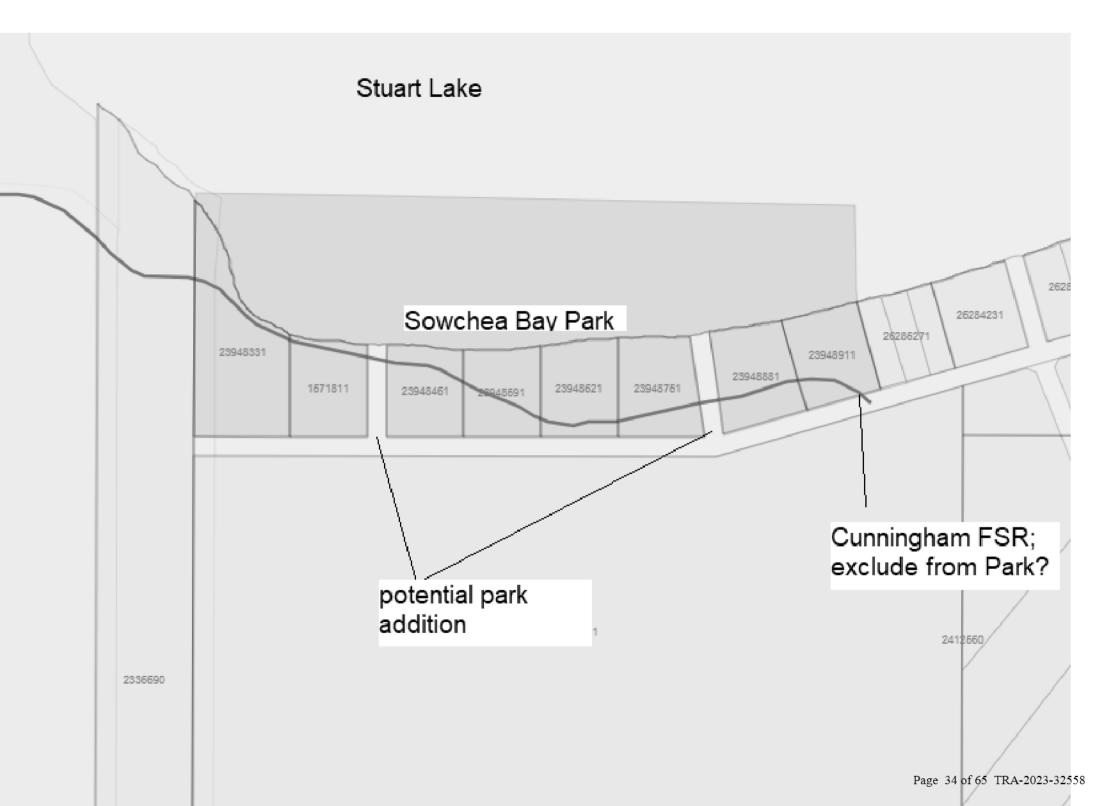


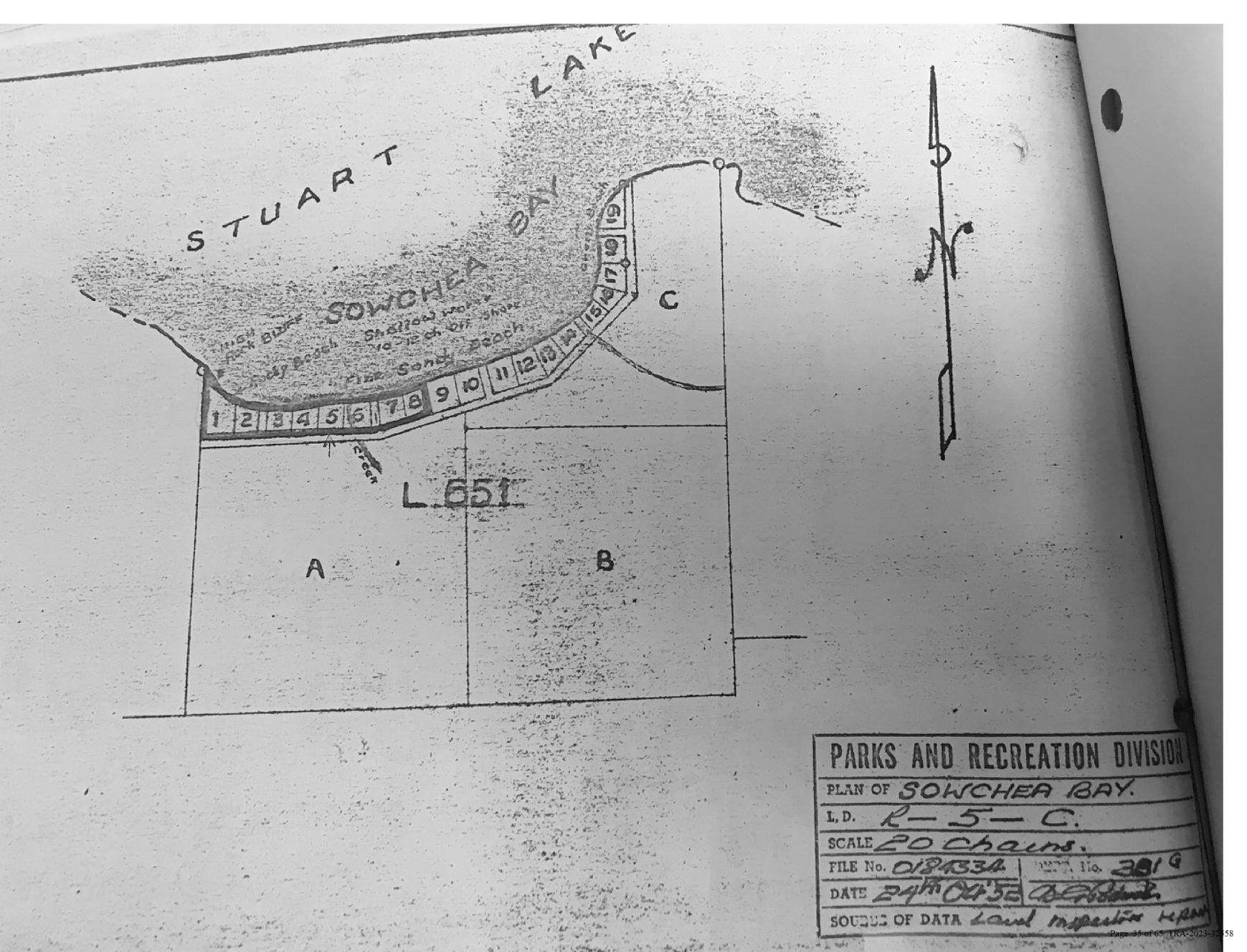


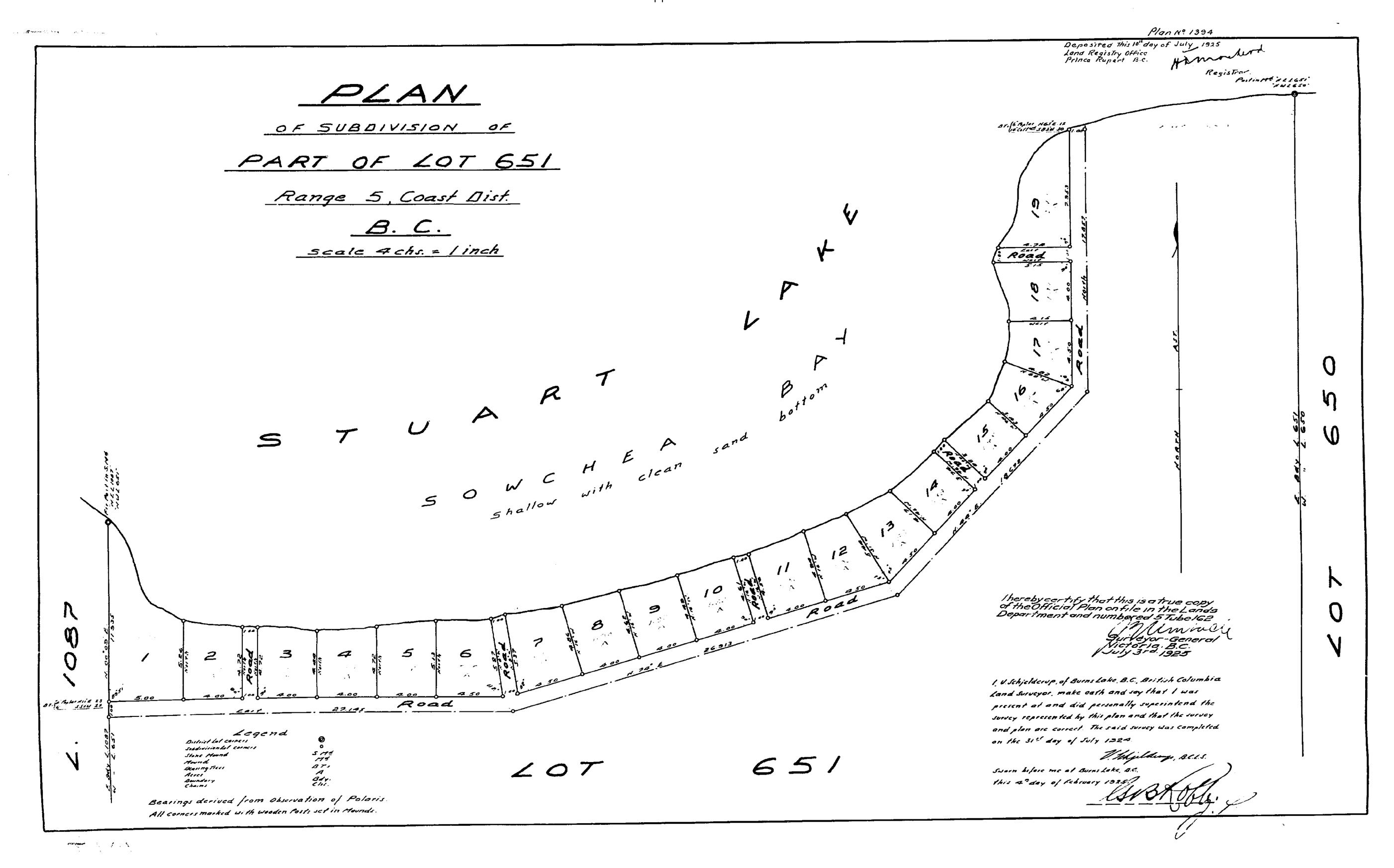
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To: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX (Andrea.Somerville@gov.bc.ca)

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX (Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca); Goetz, Peter ENV:EX

(Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca); Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX (Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca); Erickson, Grant MOTI:EX (Grant.Erickson@gov.bc.ca); Nevidon, Steve FOR:EX (Steve.Nevidon@gov.bc.ca)

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Road Closure inquiry

Sent: 09/28/2023 14:34:12

Attachments: PRP1394.pdf, image011.jpg, image012.jpg, image013.jpg, image014.jpg, image015.jpg,

image016.jpg, image001.png, image002.png, image003.png, image004.png

Message Body:

Hi Andrea,

MOTI has jurisdiction over the unconstructed/dedicated road (blue line from the image below) as per the attached survey plan. We are the only ones that can close these roads through a road closure application.

Development Services receives and process the Road Closure application and I am the contact person for this item. Grant Erickson is the Operations Manager for Fort St James, and he is the contact person for things that are affecting our roads and do not need a permit. (like the sign blocking access, even though is not within our dedicated road). Catherine Seel is our Properties Manager and she is the one who will approve/sign a road closure application.

I thought that explaining our responsibilities would provide a little bit of clarity about this enquiry. Please let me know if you have any more questions. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Sol Chavez (She/Her)

Senior Development Officer Suite 360 ? 1011 4th Avenue Prince George, BC V2L 3H9 778-693-3201

Development Services Phone: 250-649-4340

From: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX < Andrea. Somerville@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:53 PM

To: Chavez, Solangel MOTI:EX <Solangel.Chavez@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX <Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX <Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca>; Seel,

Catherine MOTI:EX <Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca>; Erickson, Grant MOTI:EX <Grant.Erickson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Road Closure inquiry

Thanks Sol. Part of the conversation I had with Terrell previously was around which agency has jurisdiction over the road. It shows up as an FSR to the west of the paved portion on my map in a previous email, below.

Andrea

From: Chavez, Solangel MOTI:EX < Solangel.Chavez@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:19 PM

To: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX < Andrea. Somerville@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX <Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX <Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca>; Seel,

Catherine MOTI:EX <Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca>; Erickson, Grant MOTI:EX <Grant.Erickson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Road Closure inquiry

Hi Andrea,

I have forwarded this sign to our Operations Manager for this area, cc?d on this email Grant Erickson.

Kind regards,

Sol Chavez (She/Her)

Senior Development Officer Suite 360 ? 1011 4th Avenue Prince George, BC V2L 3H9 778-693-3201

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From: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX < Andrea. Somerville@gov.bc.ca >

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 2:38 PM

To: Chavez, Solangel MOTI:EX < Solangel. Chavez@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca >; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX < Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca >; Seel,

Catherine MOTI:EX < Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca > Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Road Closure inquiry

FYI? here is the sign that has been installed at the western boundary of the park.

Andrea

From: Chavez, Solangel MOTI:EX < Solangel.Chavez@gov.bc.ca >

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 2:35 PM

To: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX < Andrea. Somerville@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX <Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX <Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca>; Seel,

Catherine MOTI:EX < <u>Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca</u>> **Subject:** RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Road Closure inquiry

Hi Andrea.

Thank you for your email. I have cc?d Catherine Seel as she is the Manager for our Properties group. Catherine are you aware of the legal issue with the public road that goes through the private parcel?

Kind regards,

Sol Chavez (She/Her)

Senior Development Officer Suite 360 ? 1011 4th Avenue Prince George, BC V2L 3H9 778-693-3201

Development Services Phone: 250-649-4340

From: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX < Andrea. Somerville@gov.bc.ca >

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 2:31 PM

To: Chavez, Solangel MOTI:EX <Solangel.Chavez@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX <Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX <Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Road Closure inquiry

Hi Sol.

To clarify, there are 2 things happening here:

- 1. The private landowner is planning to close the road west of the park. It looks like there is a legal issue with the public road that goes through his property.
- 2. BC Parks boundary amendment (closing of unbuilt road, adding it to the park, excluding road through park)

I don?t plan to submit an application to have the unbuilt road closed until the private landowner issue is resolved as it affects how our park boundary amendment proceeds.

Are you free for a call tomorrow? I?m free at 1 or 4. Or Friday am.

Thanks,

Andrea

From: Chavez, Solangel MOTI:EX < Solangel. Chavez@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 1:52 PM

To: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX < Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca >; Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX < Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca >;

Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX <<u>Andrea.Somerville@gov.bc.ca</u>>
Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX <<u>Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Road Closure inquiry

Hello Andrea,

If the road needs to be closed, a Road Closure application needs to be submitted and we have not received any application from BC Parks yet. Do you know when BC Parks is planning to apply? If you need information about our application process please let me know.

Please note that a road closure application is a long process that requires referrals, consultation, advertising, etc. and it can take between one to two years to be completed.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Sol Chavez (She/Her)

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From: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX <Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca> Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 11:00 AM

To: Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX < Catherine. Seel@gov.bc.ca>; Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX

<Andrea.Somerville@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey. Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Chavez, Solangel MOTI:EX

<Solangel.Chavez@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Access to Water Inquiry

The person you will want to loop into this conversation is Steve Nevidon from the Ministry formerly known as MOF. He is the Operations Manager

From: Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX < Catherine. Seel@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 10:20 AM

To: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX < Andrea. Somerville@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey. Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX < Peter. Goetz@gov.bc.ca>;

Chavez, Solangel MOTI:EX <Solangel.Chavez@gov.bc.ca> Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Access to Water Inquiry

Hi Andrea.

Sol Chavez will be looking after this file in Terrell?s absence, I?ve copied Sol on this email.

Thanks

Catherine

From: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX < Andrea. Somerville@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 3:32 PM

To: Balan, Terrell MOTI:EX <Terrell.Balan@gov.bc.ca>; Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX <Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca> **Cc:** Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX <Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX <Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Access to Water Inquiry

Hi Catherine,

It looks like Terrell is out of the office for a while. Do you have any info on the road issue to the west of Sowchea Bay Park? BC Parks spoke to the private property owner a few weeks ago regarding access and installing power to their property. It is our understanding that the owner is preparing to install a gate on the public road at the park boundary (that may have already been done).

When we had our meeting in May with Terrell and yourself we tentatively agreed on (1) MOTI closing the unbuild roads and adding them to the park, and (2) excluding the road through the park (orange dashed line). We will have to see how this road access gets resolved through the private lot before we move ahead with a park boundary adjustment.

Please let me know who at MOTI or FOR is dealing with the road closure so that I can discuss the issue with them from a Parks perspective.

Thank you,

Andrea

From: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 3:09 PM

To: Balan, Terrell MOTI:EX <Terrell.Balan@gov.bc.ca>; Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX <Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca> **Cc:** Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX <Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX <Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Access to Water Inquiry

Hi Terrell,

Has MOTI heard from the property owner to the west of Sowchea Bay Park? Apparently they are planning to close the road where it heads west out of the park. Closing the road doesn?t really affect BC Parks but I would like to have a chat so everyone is on the same page.

It sounds like the property owners are still planning to install a powerline to their property this fall. I am wondering if MOTI has authorized that on the unbuilt road south of the park. We will be reaching out to the property owners soon regarding their plans, but I would like to hear from you first.

I also wonder if MOTI and FOR have determined where each of your jurisdiction starts/ends on the public road.

Thanks,

Andrea

From: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX < Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 3:12 PM

To: Balan, Terrell MOTI:EX <Terrell.Balan@gov.bc.ca>; Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX <Andrea.Somerville@gov.bc.ca>; Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX <Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca> **Cc:** Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX <Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Hoffman, Edward A ENV:EX

<Edward.Hoffman@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park - Access to Water Inquiry

Hi All

Kinda funny how timing works. It looks like the lot just to the west of the boat launch is being bought. The new own wants a cabin and is contacting Hydro about running power.

Guess we should get this figured out sooner than later or else we are going to have to get BC Hydro a park use permit for running a powerline along side the existing road since it is not in the MOTI right of way.

Peter Goetz Park and Protected Area Section Head, Omineca Section,

Omineca Peace Region, BC Parks

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----Original Message----

From: s.22

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 2:17 PM

To: Merritt, Dave EMCR:EX < Dave. Merritt@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX < Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sowchea bay road

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I will be working with a B.C Hydro planner to figure out the costs for power to be brought in.

I will reach out to you once I have all the details on costs so you can have it as a future option for the park.

Thanks,

s.22

----Original Message-----

From: Merritt, Dave EMCR:EX < Dave. Merritt@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 8:49 AM

To: s.22

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX < Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Sowchea bay road

s.22

Thanks for the info that we are getting a new neighbour.

Power for us is not on the radar right now. Water is a well around 80ft deep. The park is very busy most of the summer.

I am doing a ta for the next 7 months so Peter and Carey will help you.

Dave Merritt
Dave.merritt@gov.bc.ca
250-645-9339

From:s.22

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 8:25:48 AM

To: Merritt, Dave ENV:EX < Dave. Merritt@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey. Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sowchea bay road

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Good morning,

Thanks for the follow up.

It looks like the purchase of the land will go through this week. We purchased the 26 acres that is next to the boat launch, and we are hoping to set it up with a cabin for our family.

Is there any chance that you would want to have hydro brought into the park? We will be looking at running hydro to the property as soon as possible. I will be contacting a B.C Hydro planner this week to discuss the best options.

Do you have any other information that might be useful to us like where you get water from?

Does the campground stay full in the summer? Where do the campers get their firewood? We will have a stockpile once we put the roads in.

Thanks!

s.22

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From: Merritt, Dave ENV:EX < Dave. Merritt@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2023 4:22 PM

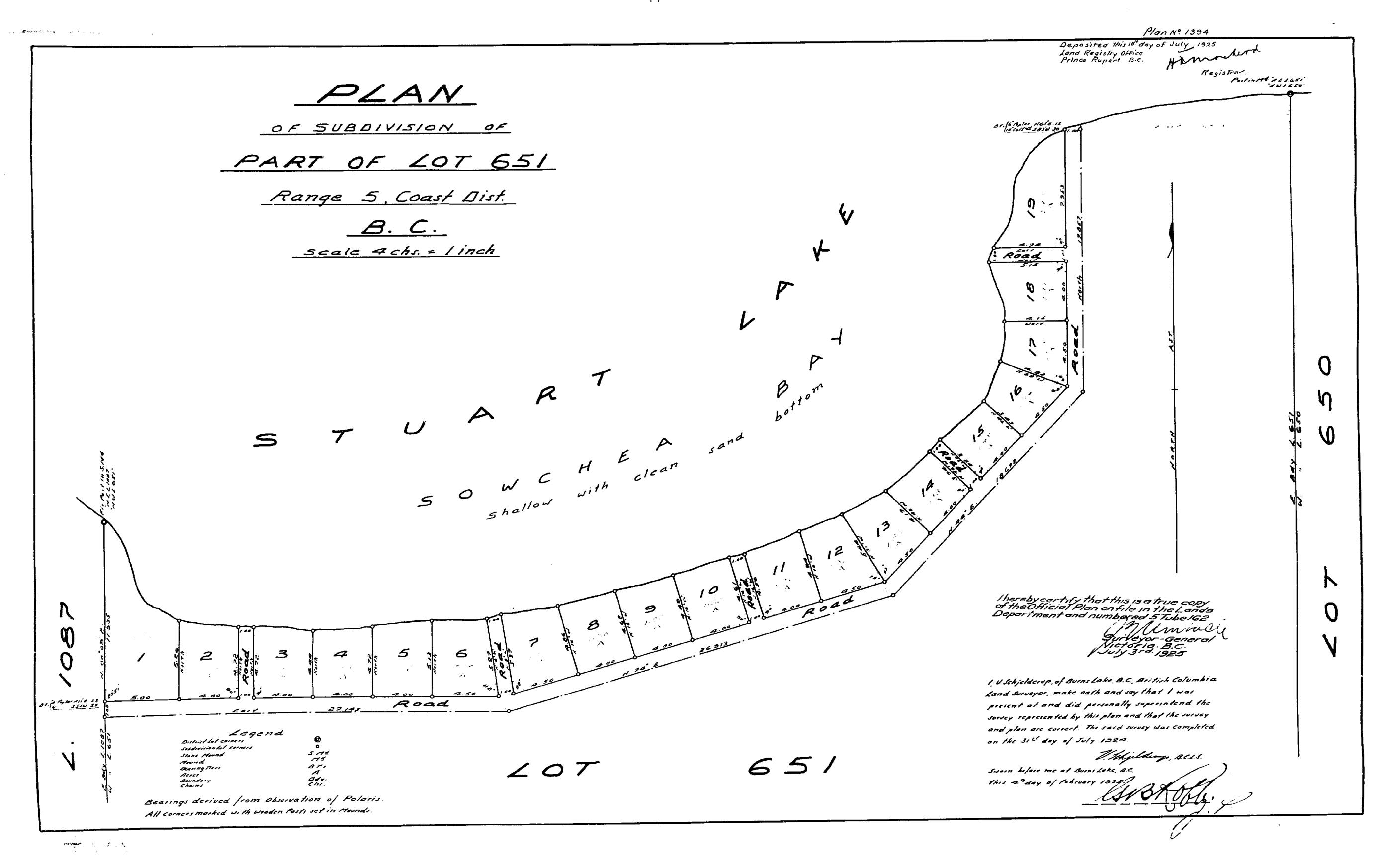
To: s.22

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey. Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>

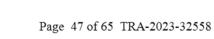
Subject: Sowchea bay road

Thanks for reaching out. The only road that gets a gate is the access to the campground. If the property you are looking at is past the park and not launch off the forest service road you are good to go anytime of the year. Any questions let me know.

Dave Merritt BC Parks Dave.merritt@gov.bc.ca 250-645-9339





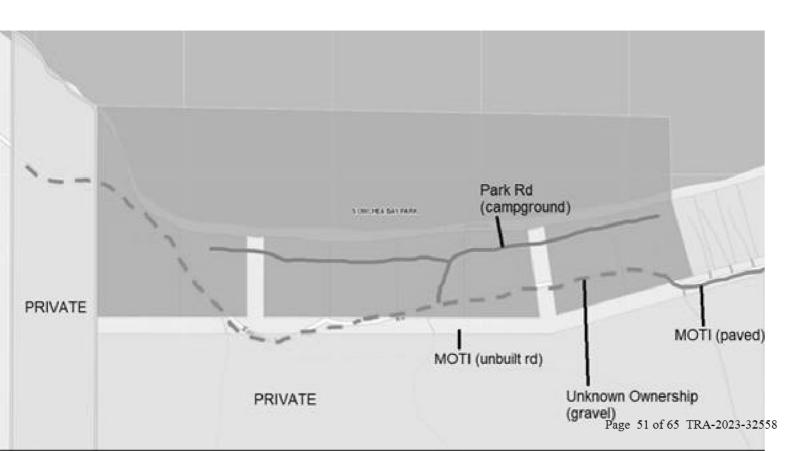


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Pa ge of 65 R 20 23 32 55 From: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX (Andrea.Somerville@gov.bc.ca)

To: Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX (Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca) **Cc:** Chavez, Solangel MOTI:EX (Solangel.Chavez@gov.bc.ca)

Subject: FW: Sowchea Bay Park **Sent:** 10/11/2023 17:41:54

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Message Body:

Hi Catherine,

We had a good chat this morning with BC Parks/MOTI/FOR staff? I?II follow up with an email on the groups? discussion.

Andrew Contumelias, the private property owner, has asked for the province to help with their survey costs for their property development. They are planning to survey the southern property line between the MOTI road allowance and the private land to the south. They are purchasing a 30m strip of land adjacent to the unbuilt road allowance (see email below).

I don?t think it is reasonable for the province to pay for the entire survey but I wondered if we are able to provide some funds to survey the trespass area in purple. BC Parks has a small survey budget but it is completely allocated this fiscal already. Let me know if MOTI is able to support.

Andrea

From: s.22

Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2023 10:11 AM

To: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX <Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>; Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX

<Andrea.Somerville@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Sowchea Bay <sowcheabay@outlook.com>

Subject: Re: Sowchea Bay Park

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Hi Andrea & Carey.

Since bringing power through the park didn't appear to be an option, we signed a contract with the neighbour to purchase around 6 acres that borders the park. We have hired a surveyor to mark it out.

From our initial review it appears that part of the park road is on the property we purchased. We will be running hydro, gas, fencing, and a new road in the coming months. The road may or may not interfere with our development, but it will eventually need to be addressed.

We will be paying to survey the park boundary line, but we feel that this cost should be covered by the park since we already paid to establish the other property line that borders the other side of the park property.

We should discuss a plan and a timeline.

Thanks,

s.22

From: s.22

Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 8:58 AM

To: sowcheabay@outlook.com <sowcheabay@outlook.com>

Subject: RE: Sowchea Bay Park

Hi Andrea and Carey,

Yes, we are available this morning. I have teams set up at work but I?m not sure if s.22 will be able to join. We can discuss everything and then I can relay the information to her.

Does 9:30am work?

Thanks,

s.22

From: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX < Andrea. Somerville@gov.bc.ca >

Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 1:53 PM

To: sowcheabay@outlook.com

Cc: Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX < Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Sowchea Bay Park

Hi s.22

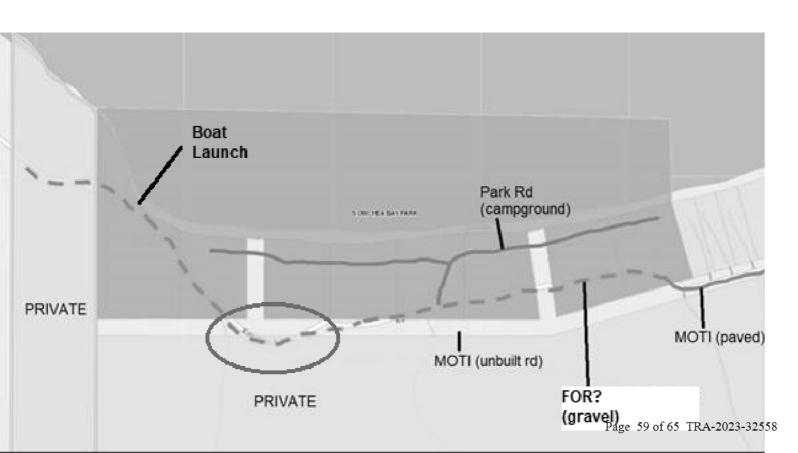
I am the regional Planner for BC Parks and I hear you have purchased the property west of Sowchea Bay Park. Do you have a few minutes to chat with our Area Supervisor and myself tomorrow (Friday) or someday next week? I?m curious about your plans for running power and what your plans for access are.

Let me know what works for you. I can set up a Teams call or if it?s easier we can just have a phone call.

Thanks,

Andrea Somerville
Planning Section Head, Omineca Peace Region
BC Parks | Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
250-645-9299 |Andrea.Somerville@gov.bc.ca
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From: Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX (Andrea.Somerville@gov.bc.ca)

To: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX (Peter.Goetz@gov.bc.ca); Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX

(Carey.Lamarche@gov.bc.ca); Baumann, Sean J FOR:EX (Sean.Baumann@gov.bc.ca); Chavez, Solangel MOTI:EX (Solangel.Chavez@gov.bc.ca); Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX (Catherine.Seel@gov.bc.ca); Nevidon,

Steve FOR:EX (Steve.Nevidon@gov.bc.ca); Erickson, Grant MOTI:EX (Grant.Erickson@gov.bc.ca)

Subject: Sowchea Rd - Cross-agency meeting follow-up

Sent: 10/11/2023 18:49:41

Attachments: image001.png, image004.jpg

Message Body:

Hi there,

Thanks to everyone for meeting this morning? good to get us all on the same page. I didn?t take detailed notes so I?m going to summarize the 2 most favourable options. Please respond if you do not agree with my summary.

Key points:

- FOR intends to un-status Sowchea Rd; property owners west further west will need to work with DL1087 property owner and Crown lands for access route
- Owner of DL1087 is purchasing strip of land on DL651, south of MOTI road dedication/ROW
- Sowchea Rd trespasses on DL651
- Sowchea Rd should be re-dedicated in its current location, not rebuilt in road dedication/ROW
- The MOTI unbuilt road dedication/ROW should be closed and designated as park (western portion to-be-determined)? MOTI/BC Parks to discuss more

Two Options:

- Maintain Sowchea Rd to boat launch
 - Southern trespass will need to be realigned into MOTI ROW (approx. 85m)
 - Jurisdiction of road TBD
 - Property owners to west may develop access on MOTI ROW, west of the road trespass
- 2. Decommission Sowchea Rd from Park Gate to the west
 - BC Parks will re-open access to boat launch via campground
 - Eliminates need to realign southern trespass
 - Property owners to west will need to find a completely new access route

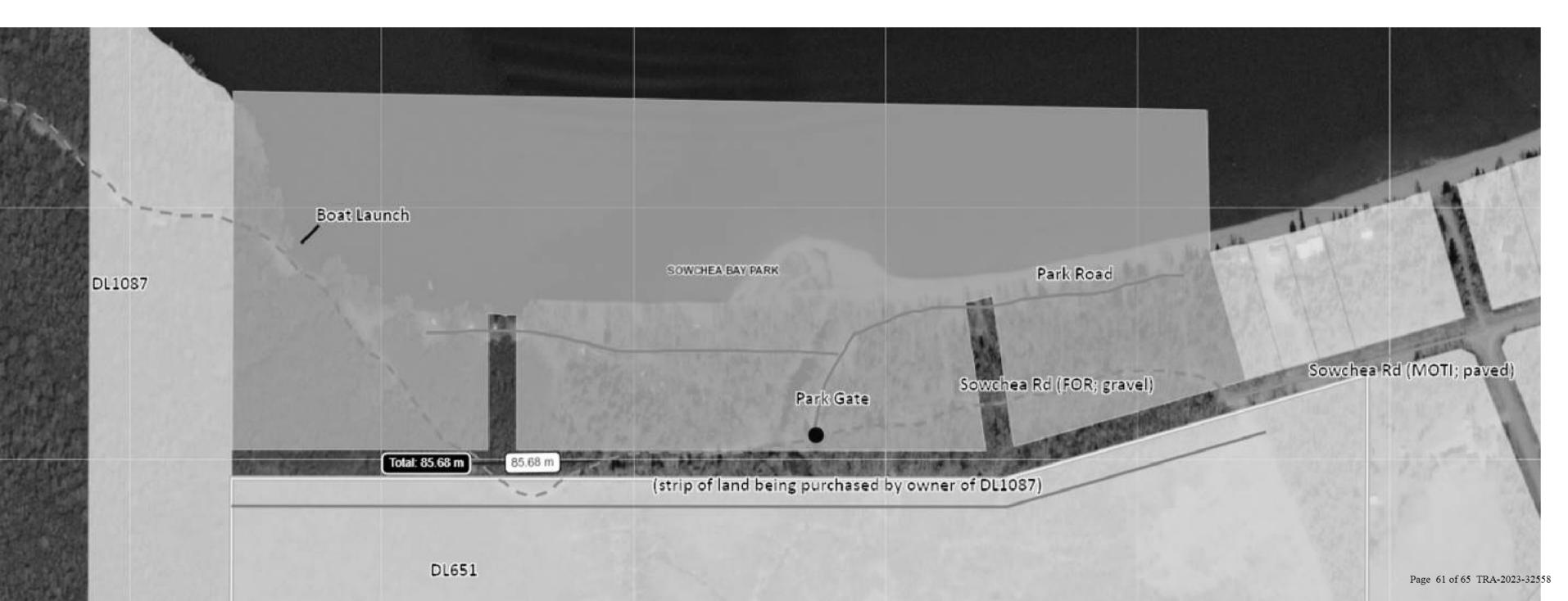
I think regardless of which option we end up going with, there are 2 big unknowns that need to be sorted out before we can take next steps:

- Will owner of DL1087 cut off Sowchea Rd trespass in near future?
- Where will property owners to west develop access?

Please continue to update the group as more info comes in. I see Option 1 being the better short-term fix.

Thanks again!

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Erickson, Grant MOTI:EX

Subject: Sowchea Bay Site meeting

Location: Sowchea Bay

Start: Tue 2023-10-24 1:00 PM **End:** Tue 2023-10-24 3:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Erickson, Grant MOTI:EX

Required AttendeesSomerville, Andrea M ENV:EX; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX; Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX; Baumann, Sean J

FOR:EX; Chavez, Solangel MOTI:EX; Seel, Catherine MOTI:EX; Nevidon, Steve FOR:EX

On site meeting to review location of road.

I realize that everyone does not need to attend but to those who wish to, an invite for your calendars.

Grant Erickson
Operations Manager, Service Areas 20 and 23
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Fort George District Office 360-1011 4th Ave
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Office- 250-645-9660
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Erickson, Grant MOTI:EX

Subject: End of the Road Issues. **Location:** Sowchea Park, Main gate.

Start: Tue 2023-10-24 1:00 PM **End:** Tue 2023-10-24 4:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX

Required Attendees Erickson, Grant MOTI:EX; Lamarche, Carey W ENV:EX; Somerville, Andrea M ENV:EX

Optional Attendees: Nevidon, Steve FOR: EX

Just to meet on site and walk the area to cover the issues, the possibilities and the steps/timing

There may also be a quick side trip to stones bay road to look at some similar but simpler issues there.



I put til 2:30 but end time is optional

If there is someone else in your office that should be involved...feel free to drag them along or forward the invite to them

