



City of Campbell River  
From the Office of the Mayor

July 3, 2018

The Honourable Doug Donaldson  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
P.O. Box 9049, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Donaldson:

**Re: Snowden Demonstration Forest**

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Further to my letter dated May 14 regarding the proposed harvesting in the Snowden Demonstration Forest, Campbell River City Council received presentations from BC Timber Sales (BCTS), Recreation Sites and Trails BC, and Mr. Gary Ullstrom regarding management considerations for Snowden at its June 12 Committee of the Whole meeting. An emerging theme in the discussion was that Snowden does not have a long-term management plan that outlines the next blocks for harvest following those identified for 2019/2020 and that shows how BCTS' modelled allowable cut for Snowden of 13,400 m<sup>3</sup> per year will be completed. Currently, harvesting in Snowden is guided by the Sayward Landscape Unit Plan, which considers impacts to biodiversity, water, wildlife, recreation and timber values. This plan however, does not appear sufficient to safeguard Snowden's recreational values.

Mr. Ullstrom has been gathering public feedback, including circulating a petition throughout the community to lobby the Province, the City and Strathcona Regional District to advocate for the protection of the inner core of Snowden from logging. As of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, there were 5,209 signatures on the petition.

Snowden is an important recreational asset utilized by many residents and visitors. Under its current designation as a demonstration forest, BCTS and Recreation Sites and Trails BC are working to manage Snowden for both recreation and timber values. However, without a long-term management plan for Snowden, its future is uncertain and the overall impacts of future harvesting are unclear.

Following the June 12<sup>th</sup> presentations Council passed the following resolution at its June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting:

**THAT Council write to the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development requesting:**

- ***that the Province put a moratorium on roadbuilding and logging in the Snowden Demonstration Forest until such time that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) develops a long-range management plan for Snowden Demonstration Forest;***
- ***that FLNRORD fund and lead the development of a long-range management plan for Snowden Demonstration Forest that integrates recreation, tourism, ecological, watershed and harvesting considerations within the Snowden Demonstration Forests and thoroughly evaluates the impacts of harvesting in the Snowden Demonstration Forest and conducts a full economic assessment that considers direct and indirect impacts;***
- ***and that FLNRORD consult and engage with the City of Campbell River, Strathcona Regional District, local First Nations, River City Cycle Club, C.R.E.W. and other recreational user groups and stakeholders in the development of the long range management plan.***

On behalf of Council and the Campbell River community, I look forward to working collaboratively with you and your staff in the development of a sustainable long- term plan that achieves the objectives of BCTS, the City of Campbell River, the Strathcona Regional District, Destination Think! (Campbell River's tourism provider) and all of our community partners in sport and recreation.

We look forward to hearing the Ministry's decision on this very important issue. Developing a long-range management plan for Snowden prior to further road building and harvesting will provide the City, Strathcona Regional District and recreational users with the opportunity to help shape Snowden's future.

Yours sincerely,



Andy, Adams  
MAYOR

cc: Jeffery Hamilton, BC Timber Sales  
Paula Mackay, Program Manager, Ministry of FLNRORD  
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Strathcona Regional District Board  
Garry Ullstrom