

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016
7:00 PM**

(RDN Board Chambers)

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Delegation: Cinnamon Russell and Kelly Olson, re TELUS Radiocommunication Antenna Facility 1421 Sunrise Drive, Electoral Area 'G' and ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS Wireless Tower 891 Drew Road, Electoral Area 'G'.

Summary: Please see attached letter to Industry Canada. We are requesting time at your board meeting tomorrow night to speak to this. Please note we have a petition of 172 names to support this letter that we would like to discuss.

Cinnamon Russell
1479 Pacific Crescent
Parksville, B.C. V9P 1X6

June 25, 2016

Mr. Michael Krenz
Director Coastal BC District
Industry Canada Spectrum Management
430 – 1230 Government Street
Victoria, B.C. V3W 3M4

Dear Mr. Krenz

RE: TELUS Radiocommunication Antenna Facility 1421 Sunrise Drive, Electoral Area 'G' and ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS Wireless Tower 891 Drew Road Electoral Area 'G'

I am writing to inform you of the public's concern regarding two proposed wireless communications towers in French Creek, British Columbia. We are asking for your intervention in this matter to ensure an approval of one but not two towers located within the same subdivision, both of which provide coverage to the same area. We are asking that the preferred site for consideration be the ROGERS site at 891 Drew Road and not the TELUS site at 1421 Sunrise Drive for reasons outlined in this letter.

It is my understanding that ROGERS and TELUS have both submitted proposals to the local LUA, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN), for construction of two wireless telecommunication towers; both currently do not have the RDN approval. In the one case involving ROGERS, concurrence has not been provided although they have addressed all of the RDN's requests including securing co-location with other telecommunications providers. In the other case involving TELUS, concurrence has recently been rescinded as a result of strong public support against such tower due the controversial and opaque manner in which the consultation process was approved. It is our understanding that the next step could be impasse for both, which requires Industry Canada intervention. We have been told by the RDN that such power to authorize lies with you. We request that any approval of a wireless tower consider information from both proposals simultaneously, not independently of each other, as they both provide coverage to the French Creek area.

The citizens of French Creek are in favour of receiving improved wireless coverage for personal, and importantly, safety reasons (i.e. timely emergency response); however, we have great concern for the potential of two towers erected in the same subdivision. We are further concerned that the parties involved in the TELUS consultation process have not acted with transparency and do not appear to be adhering to Industry Canada recommended policy (www.ic.gc.ca "Guide to assist Land-use Authorities in Developing Antenna System Siting Protocols" dated August 2014).

The ROGERS tower design permits colocation, is located in a rural area (zoned RU1) at the top of a hill and has obtained agreement from two other carriers to share infrastructure, including the Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications (CREST), which the community desires. The TELUS site is located in the middle of a densely populated residential neighborhood (zoned residential) at the bottom of a hill of the same subdivision. It can only hold a single carrier, TELUS themselves. By itself (this was meant to be part of a two tower model) it does not provide the coverage that the larger ROGERS tower would provide. A single carrier option would deny the community access to other telecommunication carrier services including the essential emergency services that ROGERS has already secured.

It is my understanding that Industry Canada requires telecommunication carriers to share infrastructure when possible in order to minimize the proliferation of towers erected in neighborhoods. ROGERS has proactively approached TELUS multiple times to work together; however, TELUS has declined for reasons unknown. The RDN has made recommendations to TELUS to consider alternate locations including Qualicum Beach Watertower and Wireline Tower, which TELUS continues to reject citing inadequate coverage. Puzzlingly, the ROGERS site, in the same subdivision as the TELUS Sunrise location, has not been an active recommendation nor has TELUS provided formal rationale for not exploring this option; this, itself, raises other questions to be addressed separately. We believe the ROGERS site needs to be fully explored by TELUS.

Given that the TELUS site cannot hold multiple carriers, it would seem inevitable that the ROGERS site will be approved so that additional carriers are able to provide service including CREST, who provides essential emergency services the community needs. Multiple towers do not serve this community, nor does it exemplify responsible community planning, whereby the public, the LUA and the telecommunications carriers work together for a solution that suits all.

Finally, there is great public concern from the immediate neighborhood regarding the manner in which TELUS presented 'evidence of wireless tower support' in their original proposal, which wrongly influenced the RDN. While TELUS did work within industry guidelines (notifying residents within three times the height of the proposed tower) the overwhelming additional support was obtained through letters and petitions generated from distant neighborhoods most of which are not within the same electoral area. TELUS specifically bypassed the immediate neighborhood in order to seek this support. The immediate neighborhood was not advised nor asked to provide input (beyond the industry requirement). This opaque approach undermines public trust in responsible community planning that is intended to exist and serve the needs of all: wireless communications carriers, the LUA and the communities impacted. While TELUS continues to assert they are acting in their right to proceed with their tower construction, the manner in which their proposal was presented was misleading.

The community is respectfully asking for your involvement to resolve this situation. We are in favour of improved cell phone coverage for the community of French Creek. We ask that you consider the facts outlined above to ensure that one and not two wireless communications towers are approved. **We give our support to the ROGERS site at 891 Drew Road as it enables multiple carriers that can provide**

competitive services (including emergency response services) to their clients while minimizing the potential number of cell phone towers erected in a community.

Sincerely,

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Parksville, B.C.

Cc: Joe Stanhope, Director Electoral Area G, Regional District of Nanaimo
Jeremey Holm, Manager, Regional District of Nanaimo
Matt O'Halloran, Regional District of Nanaimo
Jacquie Hill, Regional District of Nanaimo
Kelly Olson

Delegation: Samuel Sugita, Rogers Communications Inc., re Previously proposed telecommunications infrastructure at 821 Drew Road, French Creek.

Summary: Please find attached my correspondence as discussed yesterday. As well I am also requesting to attend as a delegation for tonight's meeting at 7:00pm. I will speak to this letter for our previously discussed site at 891 Drew Road.

June 28, 2016

Mr. Bill Veenhof
Board Chair, Electoral Area H
Regional District of Nanaimo
1025 West Island Highway
Parksville, BC V9P 2E1

Dear Mr. Veenhof,

Subject: Improving Wireless Connectivity in French Creek Area
Rogers Site: W3030 – French Creek (891 Drew Road)

Over the past four years, Rogers has worked diligently on the proposed telecommunications facility at 891 Drew Road. The purpose of our proposal is to provide improved wireless coverage to the French Creek Area. Unfortunately after our consultative efforts, we received motions of ‘no comment’ and ‘non-support for a single carrier option’ (see attached motions from June 23, 2015).

Rogers followed the Board’s recommendations, and invited TELUS, Wind, and CREST for co-location. On November 24, 2015, before the Board, Rogers presented a multi-carrier tower facility at 891 Drew Road. Again, Rogers received a motion of ‘no-comment’.

To demonstrate our continued commitment to this proposed project, Rogers attended a meeting with TELUS, Innovation Science and Economic Development (formerly Industry Canada), and Parksville, City, and District of Nanaimo Staff on May 3, 2016. Rogers is dedicated to continuing its work with the Board, Staff and other carriers. In that regards, Rogers is still very interested in improving wireless coverage to the French Creek area. With the addition of LTE services to the community, that will give residents access to Canada’s fastest wireless technology.

Yours truly,



Samuel Sugita, MCIP, RPP

Municipal Project Manager, Rogers Communications Inc.

Motions from June 23, 2015 – RDN Regular Board Meeting

REPORTS

Proposed Telecommunication Antenna System Application No. PL2013-086 – 891 Drew Road, Electoral Area 'G'.

15-459 MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Young, that Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to advise ROGERS COMMUNICATION Inc. and Industry Canada that the Regional District of Nanaimo does not concur with the proposal submitted by ROGERS COMMUNICATION Inc. to construct a single-provider freestanding telecommunication antenna system at 891 Drew Road at this time.

CARRIED

15-460 MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Houle, that Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to advise ROGERS COMMUNICATION Inc. that it is the Regional District of Nanaimo's expectation that telecommunication industry proponents will work together to maximize co-location opportunities; coordinate the placement of telecommunication infrastructure in the region; and where co-location is not possible, provide detailed information to the Regional District of Nanaimo as to why co-location is not possible.

CARRIED

15-461 MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Young, that Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to advise TM Mobile Inc. (TELUS) that it is the Regional District of Nanaimo's expectation that telecommunication industry proponents will work together to maximize co-location opportunities; coordinate the placement of telecommunication infrastructure in the region; and where co-location is not possible, provide detailed information to the Regional District of Nanaimo as to why co-location is not possible.

CARRIED

15-462 MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Young, that Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to advise TM Mobile Inc. (TELUS) that it is the Regional District of Nanaimo's expectation that TELUS will provide a detailed assessment outlining why neither co-location nor co-build opportunities are possible prior to requesting siting concurrence for the proposed telecommunications facility at 885, 891 and 897 Island Highway West.

CARRIED

15-463 MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that given the complexity of siting of telecommunication antenna systems in the District 69 area, Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to contact Industry Canada, TM Mobile Inc. (TELUS), ROGERS COMMUNICATION Inc. to arrange a meeting between representatives of the Regional District of Nanaimo, City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach to discuss the coordination of siting applications and co-location opportunities in order to address telecommunication gaps that exist in the District 69 area.

CARRIED

15-464 MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Young, that Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to advise Industry Canada and TM Mobile Inc. (TELUS) that based on new information provided by the public, that the Regional District of Nanaimo recommends that Industry Canada withhold approval of the proposal submitted by TM Mobile Inc. (TELUS) to construct a single-provider freestanding telecommunication antenna system at 1421 Sunrise Drive until such time as property owners within 500 metres of the proposed site have been given notice of the proposal and an opportunity to provide input on the proposal.

CARRIED

Motions from November 24, 2015 – RDN Regular Board Meeting

Regional District of Nanaimo Board Motions re 891 Drew Road, Electoral Area 'G' – June 23, 2015.

- 15-820 MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Westbroek, to provide no comment with respect to the proposed request for siting concurrence for a multi-provider freestanding telecommunication antenna system at 891 Drew Road and defer to Industry Canada to exercise its jurisdictional authority over telecommunications infrastructure in relation to this proposal.

CARRIED

From: Doug Dickson
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 2:12 PM
Subject: SUPPORT For DVP PL2016-091 Island Highway West Electoral Area 'H'

I am writing today to provide full support for the subject application.

Previously we has supported 2 of the 3 requests (roof height variance and footbridge) but had not supported the rock retaining wall placement as it was our (mistaken) understanding that the yard setback from the watercourse itself was still subject to discussion and approval when in fact that aspect was previously determined and was not part of or subject under this application.

I had a good conversation with Helen Sims today and made it clear that with this new info in hand we would now fully support this current application related to the retaining wall and copy her on my note. I also expressed to Helen that we appreciate that Jim Deas the property owner kindly took into account the earlier suggestion for the curved wall in the latest application. That is indeed appreciated and is something I've also mentioned to Jim.

Aside from the action today to provide our support for the current application I would also like to state that I wish Jim well in his build. I will also publically own my part in not being as clear in my previous communications and in doing so pressing an aspect here that as of today I now know was already decided. Where I thought I was asking for a compromise related to the watercourse setback I can now see that with the previous approval for the watercourse setback already in place my case would have come across differently and negative. Had I known earlier what I now know to be the case with regards to that important point I would have simply thanked Jim for listening and offering to curve the wall and offered to buy him a beverage at the end of a workday. I can't change my part in the communication gap but do apologize for any hard feels for pressing my point. I am glad that all the facts are on the table to ensure understanding and I hope that things will be better going forward.

Regards, Doug
Doug Dickson
6297 Island Hwy W.
250-240-2858

From: Don and Jackie
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 2:53 PM
Cc: hsims@simssurvey.ca
Subject: DVP PL2016 Island Highway, Electoral Area H

I have been brought up to date on the above matter by Doug Dickson, and with the additional information communicated during my absence we wish to fully concur with the endorsement of Doug's communication re: the above.

We wish to thank you for allowing our concerns to be known, and wish the builder success in the project.

Yours Truly
Jackie Rollans/Don Reiffenstein

From: Al Flag
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 9:55 AM
Subject: Qualicum Bay Property issue

To Whom it may concern :

As concerned neighbours we tried to voice our opinions and concerns regarding the recent subdividing and development of the lot immediately south of our residence which is 6315 Island Hwy West. The communication we read did not make that clear in any way to us or the other neighbours that the setback was moved and a permit issued long ago, making this a big waste of our time and causing a lot of frustration and ill feelings with a new potential neighbour. Unbelievable that nobody took the time to advise us that this was so , it was clear in our letters and by our efforts that we did not realize that fact. The communication has been abysmal to say the least.

Since the setback is no longer on the table, we accept the curvature that the owner is wanting as long as it holds for the property immediately beside us which has yet to sell, we would like what ever is approved for the property of Mr. Deas to be applicable to whom ever buys the lot beside us. We expect the RDN to put it on their maintenance crew's list of things to do to get to the north end of Nash creek and clear it out so we do not have a repeat of the ridiculous flooding we had this winter. There are issues with blockage at both ends of Nash Creek now, the north end where the RDN has been negligent in clearing it on the beach so it can flow back to the ocean and not back up, also now, at our end where the overflow area has been compromised.

Janet Drapeau and Anne Newman
6315 Island Hwy West
Qualicum Beach BC V9K 2E4

778-558-8205 or 604-626-2601

From: Ryan Christie
Date: June 23, 2016 at 7:45:47 PM PDT
To: jstanhope@shaw.ca
Subject: Fwd: 1421 Sunrise drive Parksville cell tower

Mr. Stanhope,

Please see response below from industry canada regarding the cell tower at 1421 Sunrise Drive.

They need guidance from the Rdn regarding the location of this tower.

It is obvious that this area is in need of a cell tower and there is no better location than the Telus owned property on Sunrise Drive.

Please reconsider your recinding of the approval of this tower for the greater good of the community.

Ryan Christie
1406 Pintail Drive
250-927-4623

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Krenz, Michael (IC)"
Date: June 23, 2016 at 4:18:11 PM PDT
To: Ryan Christie
Subject: RE: 1421 Sunrise drive Parksville

Thank you for your enquiry about the proposed Telus tower at 1421 Sunrise Drive in the Regional District of Nanaimo.

It is important that local governments play a central role in identifying potential locations for new antenna towers in their communities by working with the wireless industry and that the wireless industry ensures local concerns are taken into consideration.

With respect to the proposed tower at 1421, Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada has been in contact with Telus and the Regional District of Nanaimo to provide guidance on the antenna tower consultation process. We also understand that an impasse request may be coming to ISED but have not yet received this request.

Thank you for the information provided, ISED will continue to monitor this situation.

Regards.

Michael Krenz

Director, Coastal Offices, Spectrum Management Operations Branch

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

From: Ryan Christie
Sent: June-22-16 7:14 PM
To: Krenz, Michael (IC)
Subject: 1421 Sunrise drive Parksville

Michael,

I understand you may be over seeing the approval of the cell tower at 1421 Sunrise Drive Parksville BC.?

I want to voice my opinion that this tower is desperately needed. Cell coverage in this heavily populated areas is very limited.

I live at 1406 Pintail Drive and I am worried that at my house or just down the street at the beach, i am not able to call 911 in an emergency.

I understand the concerns of the neighbours at 1421 Sunrise my not be in favour of the tower. But that property has been owned by Telus and had telephone infrastructure on it for close to 50 years. It is a extreme case of Not in my back yard.

Please please please approve this cell tower at 1421 Sunrise drive Parksville.

Can you please confirm receipt of my email and that it will be documented in the decision making process for this tower?

Ryan Christie
1406 Pintail Drive
Parksville, B.C.
V9P 2C1

250 927-4623

From: STEVEN WHITE
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2016 12:29 PM
To: JOE STANHOPE
Cc: White Steve
Subject: Rejection of support for Telus cellphone tower

June 23, 2016

RE: Rejection of support for Telus cellphone tower

TO: Joe Stanhope
Electoral Area Director Area "G"
RDN
jstanhope@shaw.ca

I find the decision to rescind support to Telus for construction of a new cell tower bewildering. Having moved here from Alberta 13 months ago, I find it incredulous that I cannot receive a signal on my cell phone where I live.

I certainly was not asked for an opinion on the matter. It seems to me a very small number of vocal, over zealous people have decided that they do not want a tower constructed. Obviously, there is more behind the story with the comment that there has been "unsatisfactory communication" between Telus and RDN staff. Perhaps this is a personality conflict and the result is that myself and a large number of people I know are left without cell reception.

What will it take to get approval for a tower ?
As I am being forced into considering a land line, I have to take all factors into account; including when a tower may be built and other related political factors.

Please advise.

Yours truly,
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The Regional District of Nanaimo formally rescinded support of a proposed Telus communication tower on Sunrise Drive in French Creek.

RDN director for the area, Joe Stanhope, brought forward a motion to send a letter to Industry Canada, rescinding support based on what he called a lack of neighbourhood support and Telus' refusal to

consider other options, including another company's nearby tower and other existing structures like the Qualicum Beach water tower.

While there have been repeated calls for increased cell phone coverage between French Creek and Qualicum Beach, the proposed location at 1421 Sunrise Drive, near the Home Hardware, has been controversial since last summer when a number of residents complained to the RDN board.

Industry Canada requires "proponents to address reasonable and relevant concerns from both the land-use authority, which is us, and the community they represent," Stanhope said, adding, "they should consider carefully the existing antenna systems."

He said there has been unsatisfactory communication between Telus and RDN staff.

Stanhope said that while Telus had claimed neighbourhood support, he presented a map of where the letters of support had come from.

"Most of the support came from the Eaglecrest area and you can see they're very close to the existing tower," he said, meaning not very close to the proposed new site.

He said it has long been the goal of the RDN board to combine antennas when possible. The RDN board declined to support a Rogers communication tower on nearby Drew Road last summer, citing neighbourhood concerns.

Kelly Olson, who lives near the proposed Sunrise location and expressed concerns to the board last summer, said she was thrilled about the board's move, but understands it is just one step.

According to Health Canada "Health concerns are sometimes expressed by people who live or work near cell phone towers... Yet, the consensus of the scientific community is that RF (radio frequency) energy from cell phone towers is too low to cause adverse health effects in humans."

Olson has said many people are not convinced there is enough data and that, "We can't take the chance with our children."

Stanhope has previously said that the location is up to Industry Canada and he's not sure how much RDN support or opposition factors in.

From: "Minister, ENV ENV:EX" <ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Letter of Support for Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages Society
Date: June 27, 2016 at 11:43:13 AM PDT
To: "bill.veenhof@shaw.ca" <bill.veenhof@shaw.ca>
Cc: "CLoudon@rdn.bc.ca" <CLoudon@rdn.bc.ca>

Reference: 301044

June 27, 2016

William Veenhof, Chair
and Directors
Regional District of Nanaimo
Email: bill.veenhof@shaw.ca

Dear Chair Veenhof and Directors:

Thank you for your letter of May 31, 2016, informing me of the recently passed motion of the Regional District of Nanaimo Board regarding freighter activity and anchorage in the Gulf Islands.

I appreciate that you also sent your letter to representatives of the federal government as shipping and navigation on coastal marine waters are under federal jurisdiction. The issue of anchorage is also primarily of federal jurisdiction, as are a number of resulting concerns including invasive species transfer; negative effects on marine species and habitats; and marine pollution, including air, ballast water, garbage dumping, oil and sewage. Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Transport Canada, and Environment and Climate Change Canada may be able to offer more insight on these concerns.

The provincial Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations is responsible for marine tourism, including sport fishing and recreational boating. The Ministry of Environment is working closely with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations on a number of marine resource planning initiatives, and the continuation of marine tourism opportunities is a top priority for both ministries.

With regard to fugitive coal dust emission from the anchored coal freighters, it is anticipated that emissions will be low, given that the hold's hatches are generally closed except during loading. Where issues arise, the Ministry of Environment can carry out air quality monitoring and advocate to Transport Canada for additional mitigation measures.

You may be interested to know the Province is moving forward with plans for a world-leading land-based spill regime, led by the Ministry of Environment. The regime has been designed to complement marine-response capabilities, which are mainly under federal jurisdiction. The goal is to ensure both terrestrial and marine environments are protected in the event of a spill.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Mary Polak
Minister

cc: Carol Loudon, Executive Assistant, Regional District of Nanaimo

From: "Nutton, Byron" <Byron.Nutton@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Subject: Proposed Gabriola anchorages
Date: June 27, 2016 at 3:15:04 PM PDT
To: <bill.veenhof@shaw.ca>

Hello Mr. Veenhof,

I have been asked to respond to your letter of May 31, 2016 (attached) addressed to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) regarding the proposed establishment of 5 new anchorages off the north-east side of Gabriola Island.

In this regard, please see below the recent letter to the editor of the Victoria Times Colonist newspaper, from DFO's Regional Director General on the subject.

Regards,

Byron Nutton, RPBio

Senior Biologist | Biologiste principal
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250-618-4268

I am writing to assure the residents of Gabriola Island and other concerned individuals that Fisheries and Oceans Canada has heard their concerns about the proposed establishment of five new anchorages for large vessels along the northeast coast of Gabriola. I would also like to clarify DFO's role in the review of this project.

The proposal was put forward by the Pacific Pilotage Authority, a Crown corporation under the responsibility of the minister of transport. The PPA is conducting an anchorage review, risk assessment, environmental review and public consultation for the project. As part of this process, the PPA has submitted the project to DFO so the department can assess the potential impacts to marine mammals, fish, fish habitat and aquatic species at risk.

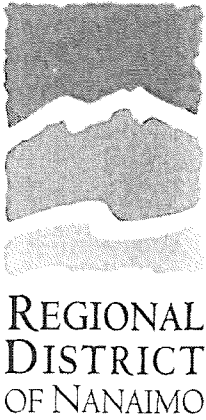
The conservation and protection of Canada's marine resources is DFO's highest priority. We review proposals to ensure proponents avoid, mitigate and offset serious harm to fish, compliant with the Fisheries Act, and provide for the sustainability and ongoing productivity of commercial, recreational and aboriginal fisheries. Fisheries Act authorizations are required for projects that cannot avoid harming fish or fish habitat.

As the proposed anchorages are within the jurisdiction of Transport Canada, general concerns or questions about public consultation opportunities should be directed to Transport Canada through their online comment form tc.gc.ca/eng/contact-us.htm or by calling 1-866-995-9737.

Rebecca Reid, regional director general

Pacific Region

Fisheries and Oceans Canada



May 31, 2016

TO:

Transport Canada
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The Honorable Marc Garneau
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The Honorable Mary Polak
Ministry of Environment
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Re: Regional District of Nanaimo's Support of Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages Society

At the Regional District of Nanaimo Board meeting held March 22, 2016, the Board passed the following motion:

That staff be directed to draft a letter for signature of the Chair to Transport Canada, Marine Safety and Security, and The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, House of Commons, as well as the Ministry of Environment and Department of Fisheries and Oceans, in support of the Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages Society to not support proposed designation of new anchorages for freighters or bulk carriers along the north-east coast of Gabriola Island, and to request time for the Regional District of Nanaimo to provide comment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 778-424-2810 or email bill.veenhof@shaw.ca.

Sincerely,

William Veenhof, Chair
Regional District of Nanaimo

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