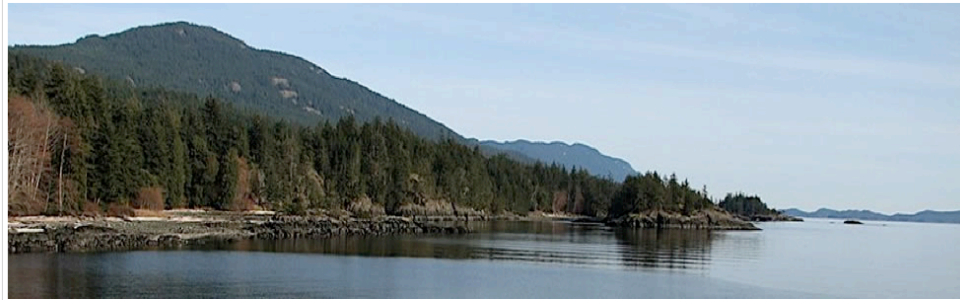


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Dear Sirs

Re: Texada South Quarry. A full karst assessment is essential.

We understand a decision whether or not to authorize a full cave and karst assessment in the Davie Bay area has yet to be taken by the BC government.

Friends of Davie Bay (“Friends”) wrote to you on Nov 23-09 on the importance of a cave and karst assessment in the Davie Bay area. (See “Assessment of the significance of the cave and karst at Davie Bay, Texada. CEAR reference 09-01-49595”—attached). Undertaking a full and proper assessment is supported by the Powell River Regional District, the Texada Action Now Community Association, local politicians, residents, and many interest groups.

Paul Griffiths has written to you (Dec 13-09) reiterating his position that a full and proper karst assessment is essential. He refers to his letter to the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) of Nov 20-09, after he learned of the establishment of a “Section 16 reserve” of just 7.8 hectares covering only the area of the known caves. He points out that the karst potential and value in this area is so much greater than this minimum, and there are possibly subsurface geo-hydrological connections between the proposed quarry site and the known caves, a fact he made quite clear in his telephone and email conversations with the ILMB.

We have before us a wonderful opportunity for BC to broadcast to the world the potential of the Davie Bay site, and to champion the protection of sensitive environments. The karst in the Davie Bay area may prove to be of

Canadian or international significance, only known however if BC is prepared to authorise a full karst study. Anything less and BC could be exposed scientifically in the global community at this sensitive time. This would occur at the same time the Premier is championing BC's green, environmental and sustainability credentials internationally and the need for knowledge-based industry in BC. And we all understand the significance of the events unfolding in Copenhagen and the attention of the world on BC next month.

Needless to say, BC would extract maximum benefit to international investors if terms of reference for the karst assessment are released in the public domain, and such details as; the duration of the assessment, the timing of the assessment report, the qualifications and competency of the professional for karst, and the report itself. These could be exciting times for BC.

Friends have made it perfectly clear in submissions to you and others that as the CAPACITY of the facility is scaled to extract 5m tonnes of limestone a year, you must under BC law declare this a reviewable project, hence a full environmental assessment must follow under the Law. The applicant states quite clearly the capacity of the loading dock and equipment, and is on record as seeking economies of scale in its mining operations.

Friends have identified serious and material shortcomings in this application which must be acted on by BC and Federal authorities, see REQUEST FOR EXPLANATIONS AND INFORMATION November 18, 2009 (attached)—this document is also filed on <http://www.daviebay.com/submissions/submissions.htm>

If Ministers and the bureaucracy fail to act, Friends will require the defense of our environment through the courts as enacted by Federal and BC law and regulation. But meanwhile as a first step, we look forward to you undertaking a full cave and karst assessment, in the protection of the Crown lands as is your duty as steward of the lands.

Yours truly

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Attachments:
Assessment of the significance of the cave and karst at Davie Bay, Texada.
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