

Hello Mayor McGonigle,

My name is Bob Crandall and I am a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) and have been the President of Cowichan Lake Salmonid Enhancement Society & Hatchery (CLSES) for more than ten years. We are planning a project for Beaver Creek which is partly in Town and partly on Mosaic property. We are partnered with Mosaic Forests, Lake Cowichan First Nation (LCFN) and Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) on this and other projects. We are seeking a letter of support from the Town for our Beaver Creek Restoration Project. The creek is a Coho salmon factory and has a trail alongside it. There are several bridges that have fallen into decay and in some cases the old bridges are partially washed downstream. We plan to replace/repair those bridges that are needed and remove the old broken bridge works as they are becoming a barrier to fish passage. We are applying to the Province under the water sustainability act (WSA) section 11 for permission to do the works in and around water during the non-fish window between June 15th and Sept.15th this year. Our partnerships are strong and we believe we can complete the works before the Sept. 15th window closure this year.

The creek is often made use of by Teachers and Students at Lake Cowichan School as an outdoor classroom. The Classroom incubation program at that school release their classroom raised salmon into this stream each year. Many residents use the trail for hiking and there are also four wheel quads using portions of the trail and sadly in some areas enter the stream with their machines which is a threat to the fish. Coho salmon stay in fresh water for a full year before departing for the sea. We intend to install some barriers (fencing) near sensitive spawning platforms in order to deter quad drivers from entering the stream.

I have attached a few of the letters of support that we have on file for reference. The project was planned last year by the Trail Blazers Society however, their funding applications were not successful. We at CLSES have access to funding through LCFN and the Aquatic Habitat Restoration Fund (AHRF) which has been approved and funds are secured. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you, Bob Crandall - Cowichan Laker Salmonid Enhancement Society & Hatchery (CLSES)

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