

June 8, 2020

Town of Lake Cowichan
39 South Shore Road
Lake Cowichan, BC V0R 2G0

To the Mayor and Council

Re: North Shore Road Greenbelt

I am writing with respect to the recent notice to remove chattels, docks and stairs from the North Shore Road Greenbelt.

I want to advise that I do not have nor have I placed any chattels on the Greenbelt.

I do have a dock, but it is located on Lake Cowichan, well below the high watermark and so it is not located on the Greenbelt. As such, I take exception to any demand that my dock be removed and will actively oppose any attempt by the Town to do that. I want to note the dock has been in this location and its existence has been well known to the Town for many years, as documented by prior correspondence between the Town and the previous owners of my home.

With respect to stairs, my husband and I are senior citizens and are starting to have mobility issues. Given the serious lack of any developed park amenities near or along the western stretch of North Shore Road, we installed a small series of stairs (nine in number) so that we can use and enjoy the Greenbelt as public green space. The stairs are modeled on stairs the CVRD has used in various of its parks.

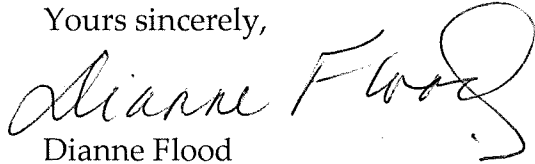
I believe these stairs support the Town's goals and objectives as expressed in its Official Community Plan - to provide active and passive recreational opportunities for people of all ages and capabilities and to increase public access to the lake, especially for those with physical and mobility challenges.

Further, the stairs are consistent with the Town's stated intent to develop a trail within the North Shore Road Greenbelt.

For these reasons, I hope the Town will not remove these stairs, and by that, support the use of the Greenbelt as the OCP provides.

I would be happy to meet directly with Council (with proper physical distancing of course) and discuss how we might work together to further these important recreation goals. Please feel free to contact me directly at the telephone number or email address below.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Flood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Dianne Flood

Town of Lake Cowichan