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To the Town Council, Lake Cowichan, BC.

The improvement in the access to the public beach is a now lot better this year keeping the gate locked except for handicapped people. We are now free from the dust problem that choked our gutters and filled our houses if we had our doors open. Not only is the dust better, and the car noise is better, and the safety of the beach goers is 100 percent better. That narrow and steep road access is going to be the death of someone's child or grandchild if cars are once again given free access as the road down as it is majorly potholed with poor visibility. I walk our dog up that road and last year almost got hit a couple of times. The cars used to stay down there until late at night and you could smell the exhaust from the old trucks at times seeing black smoke waft down to our houses. Also, since the gate is locked, no more parties. Greatly appreciated.

The other issue is the disregard for the environmental concern, oily cars parked so close to the beach front seems like a willful disregard for the riparian zone. A lot of the late-night people appear to be of the younger generation and have older vehicles and do have some exhaust problems.

I know you are getting some complaints from some of residents in town, but I am sure if this were their house, so close to that road they would have a different opinion. For the privilege of purchasing our houses on the water we pay extremely high taxes and should have clean air, no dust, and no obsessive noise after hours. We certainly do not object to the public having access to our wonderful lake as there are few other opportunities to be able to sit on a beach and swim here in Lake Cowichan. It is great hearing all of the kids swimming and playing in the water. This year is a bit of a trial due to Covid 19 and physical distancing measures. Hopefully, the public adhere to this while enjoying our park.

The Town of Lake Cowichan struggles to have enough money to pay workers to monitor that park. With only one person working checking in campers there seems to be no one monitoring the beach areas so keeping the gate locked helps with eliminating a lot of problems for the town.

If you do change your policy, please have that road paved so there is no dust and have someone be in charge of monitoring who is driving down the hill and up the hill, which is worse for people walking down as the visibility is terrible until you crest the hill. Also have the gate locked from 9pm to 8am to prevent those loud parties of the past. This will obviously cost the town a whole lot more money to ensure no more problems.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter,

Deb and Ray Kyle,

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