February 11, 2021

Hon. Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development,

Dear Minister Conroy,

I am writing with regards to the purchase and preservation of Sickle Point in Kaleden. I would like to request support from your ministry to the Save Sickle Point committee and their goal of purchasing the property and maintaining it as a natural ecosystem parkland for the people and wildlife of the community, the province and the planet earth, really!

My family has owned land along Alder Avenue, which is adjacent to the access to Sickle Point since 1955. We of course have seen development happen over the decades, and as landowners have been a part of that development, changing the riparian area and Skaha Lake ecosystem for our benefit and comfort. However, in recent years we are much more cognizant of the systemic effect development and human activity has on the entire ecosystem, usually to the detriment of habitats and wildlife. So now, with this chance to preserve a piece of this undeveloped wetland, we can maybe make amends for our contribution to the loss of Skaha Lakes former natural state.

I encourage you, as Minster of FLNR, to do what you can within the ministries scope of duties and responsibilities to make their goals come to fruition.

Sincerely,

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