

10 February 2021

Mr. Randy Cranston
Chair, Kaleden Community Association
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Dear Chair Cranston

RE: Sickle Point – Future Use

Sickle Point is a 4.8 acre parcel located on the west side of Skaha Lake about 7 km south of Penticton in the unincorporated community of Kaleden in Electoral Area I of the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen. The lot is privately owned, currently zoned Small Holdings (SH) with a principle use as single family residential. It is accessed by a lease approved by the provincial government along the KVR trail.

This is a small crook of riparian and wetland area consisting of extensive growths of water birch and wild rose and supports endangered wildlife and aquatic species such as the yellow-breasted chat, Lewis's woodpecker, Western Rattlesnake and pallid bat, all of which are red-listed by the Province of British Columbia. Sickle Point is also part of a migratory path for both resident and migrant wildlife, including the American white pelican and sandhill crane.

The property has been the subject of subdivision plans in various configurations over the past several years, but is currently listed for sale. Kaleden residents are endeavoring to raise funds for the purchase of Sickle Point. Should the purchase be successful, the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen would be interested in partnering with the Kaleden Community Association and the Penticton Indian Band to determine the future use of Sickle Point and to preserve it as an environmentally sensitive habitat.

The Regional District supports the efforts of the Kaleden Community Association and wishes them good fortune in their fundraising efforts.

Sincerely,



Karla Kozakevich
Chair