

February 11, 2011

Dear Friends of Savary Island,

DL 1375 the “Trillium land” is on the BC Parks acquisition list. While I am told that there is not currently an acquisition budget, acquisitions still occur when key properties become available. Let`s continue to work towards this goal.

Several of you have written to the Minister of Environment about the need to preserve DL 1375 and have received a positive, albeit tentative, response, see below.

``Thank you for your email of November 29, 2010, regarding the Province`s role in protecting District Lot 1375 on Savary Island, British Columbia.

District Lot 1375 is currently the subject of court proceedings between the two owners, who each have a 50 per cent undivided interest in the land. The Ministry of Environment is the owner of some of the lands adjacent to District Lot 1375, and ministry staff will continue to monitor the legal proceedings.

The Ministry of Environment recognizes the high natural, ecological, and recreational values of District Lot 1375. It is one of best examples of the geography of coastal dune ecosystems in Canada. If District Lot 1375 becomes available for sale in the future, the Ministry of Environment will consider the potential acquisition of the property subject to having available financial resources in its land acquisition budget.

Thank you again for your inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Original Signed By

Murray Coell

Minister``



There is still no news from the court appeal.

Despite the pending court decision, the application to subdivide this irreplaceable treasure is underway. **The subdivision application is on the agenda for the Powell River Regional District, Planning Committee on February 22 at 4PM and could go to the Regional Board meeting on February 24.**

Unlike the court case, the subdivision application takes into account environmental and public interest issues. SILT Chair, Lenore Rowntree, Trustee, Christopher Harvey and I met with the MOTI Approving Officer, Jeffrey Moore in January. Mr. Moore explained the process for the subdivision application and we shared our concerns about the ecology, access and public interest with respect to DL 1375. We gave Mr. Moore a copy of the petition signed by 660 people in support of the preservation of DL 1375.

Add your voice in support of the protection of this irreplaceable treasure.

We were told that hearings will not be held on Savary regarding this decision, so concerned citizens need to email Mr. Moore, Jeffrey.Moore@gov.bc.ca and the Powell River Regional District

<mailto:administration@powellriverrd.bc.ca> directly. Let them know how you feel and what you think about the subdivision of DL 1375; the heart of the Island.

❖ **Be sure to contact your political representatives**
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MLA Nicholas Simons: nicholas.simons.mla@leg.bc.ca
PRRD Area A Director Patrick Brabazon brabazon@shaw.ca
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We believe in clean water, wilderness and access to greenspaces. DL 1375 is a part of our natural heritage. Let's keep it that way.

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