

Dear Friends of Savary Island,

February 16, 2011

SILT learned this afternoon that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has again referred the subdivision application on to the Ministry of Environment (MoE). This time the application will go to BC Parks, South Coast Planning Section Head, Vicki Haberl. Just yesterday the MOTI informed me that the Ministry of Environment had no response to the subdivision application, so it is good news to see this turn around. We will continue to communicate with MoE to insure that a complete review is conducted.

Keep in touch by visiting www.silt.ca We will be launching our new website with more information and interactive features very soon.

Despite the pending court decision, the developer owners (the Sahlin family) have applied to subdivide this irreplaceable treasure. **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.** The subdivision application process is required to take environmental and public interest issues into account.

What can you do?

If you have not signed the petition to preserve DL 1375 yet, please sign by Thursday February 17 at 7AM

Click Here to sign or go to: <http://www.silts.ca> to sign. We will deliver it to the PRRD by 8AM.

Add your voice in support of the protection of DL 1375 an irreplaceable treasure.

- **Email** the River Regional District <mailto:administration@powellriverrd.bc.ca> or planning@powellriverrd.bc.ca
- **Email** Approving Officer, Jeffrey.Moore@gov.bc.ca and the Powell
- Let them know how you feel and what you think about the subdivision of DL 1375; the heart of the Island.

- Ask that the PRRD to request that the MOTI seek referrals from the appropriate experts in the Ministry of Environment as part of the subdivision application process.
- Ask that the PRRD request that any review of the property for subdivision, include a review of the entire parcel by a Qualified Professional as set out in the Guidelines. (See letter sent to the PRRD from SILT attached.)
- Ask them to protect the ancient dunes and the Island from the destructive impacts of more subdivision

Messages received at the PRRD after February 17 at 8AM will not make it into the PRRD Planning agenda package.

Fell free to COPY SILT on your message silts@telus.net . SILT will be sending a delegation to the meeting and will hand deliver any messages received after Feb 17 at 8AM.

- **Be sure to copy your political representatives listed below**

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