



COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

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The Honourable Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations & Rural Development
VICTORIA, BC

Dear Minister Donaldson:

Re: Crown Land Tenure – Recreation Tenures & Need for Recreation Planning – Revelstoke/Area B, CSRD

Over the past several years the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) has received many referrals for recreation tenures in the Revelstoke Area. You are probably well aware that Revelstoke is well known world wide for the incredible skiing due to Revelstoke Mountain Resort. The area has also become renowned for hiking, mountain biking, dirt biking, and climbing venues. As more requests for Crown Land tenures to accommodate these activities in a commercial fashion come forward, there are conflicts being experienced in the community. This is especially concerning when requests for tenures that are overlapping are being requested. The most recent request by Wandering Wheels for tenure on Mt. Cartier is an example that has created controversy in the community.

This matter was a topic of discussion at the May 17 2018 CSRD Board meeting which led to the Board adopting the following resolution: ***“THAT: the CSRD Board send a letter to the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations requesting that the Minister's office take the lead on the recreation plan(s)/planning process for the Revelstoke (Electoral Area B) Area.”***

We have the sense that land use planning has been overlooked in recent years and it is our suggestion that a Back Country Recreation Plan be designed that looks at the cumulative effect of the current tenures and plans for the future as the destination of Revelstoke/Area B of the CSRD continues to grow as a world class recreation destination.

We appreciate your consideration of this letter and our request for the Province to undertake a Back Country Recreation Plan for the City of Revelstoke/Electoral Area B area. Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Yours truly,

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

Per:

Rhona Martin
Chair