

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ADDENDUM

Monday, June 17, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Gabriola Arts Centre

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6. CORRESPONDENCE

*6.6 L. Young, Gabriola Resident, re: Bell's Landing

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June 4, 2019

Regional Director Vanessa Craig
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2

Dear Vanessa,

We love living on this island and looking out at the water to see the pleasure craft, fishing boats, ferries, and others enjoying the water. In spite of the beautiful scenery, it is producing a considerable amount of frustration. Unfortunately, for us living along the East side of Gabriola there is no way to put our boat in the water and get out there to enjoy it as well. For years Bell's Landing was a useable and useful boat launch, but its care has been sadly neglected. A couple of years ago, there was gravel put down and a ditch was dug to help with the run off, but as you can see from the following photo, the bottom of the landing is not useable. In fact it is rather difficult to even walk down this part.



As you look at the photo there is significant area that remains in the RDN responsibility due to the natural vegetation.

As we are looking at a warm and very dry summer, our thoughts go to how to deal with a fire situation. As part of the emergency preparedness it would seem most important to get this boat launch useable in case of fires. The Strand and Whalebone areas have one, and only one, way in or out and in the case of fire we will really be left on our own. Having the ability to launch boats and get out on to the water seems like a very good idea. I know that Bell's Landing has been on the books for work for quite a few years. With the looming weather situation I hope it will become a task that will get done this year.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lynne

Lynne Young