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From: Trew hitt, John ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 10:09 AM
To: Trew hitt, John ENV:EX
Subject: FW: URGENT MO Request: Demers - EC Manning Issue

Importance: High

From: Kevin Demers [<mailto:kevin@holidaytrailsresorts.com>]

Sent: July 13, 2016 7:43 AM

To: Pilon, Lori R <Lori.Pilon@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Fw: Information

Hi Lori, I have tried twice to sent this to the Minister's Chief of Staff and it bounces back, could you forward it to her please.....thank you...Kevin...

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From: Kevin Demers

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 7:33 AM

To: marypolak@leg.bc.ca

Cc: martinakapacdefrias@goc.bc.ca

Subject: Fw: Information

Good morning Minister Polak, I need your help to deal with an extremely dangerous situation in E.C. Manning Park just west of the Manning Park Resort. I will not go into a lot of detail as all of that is contained in the e-mails I sent to B.C. Parks and to my M.L.A. Jackie Tegart. If there was a forest fire in the Park just west of the Resort, with the wind from the west that is common there, the entire Resort would be in grave danger. I fear that my Insurance Company is going to deny me Fire Insurance next year because of this extreme risk. B.C. Parks can provide your office with a study that was done on that exact area some 8 years and the risk was identified then. I am asking that somehow money be found to go into that area and remove the dead pine trees. Thank you for your time and consideration.....Kevin...

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From: Tegart.MLA, Jackie

Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 2:57 PM

To: Kevin Demers

Cc: Kapac de Frias, Martina E ENV:EX

Subject: RE: Information

Hi Kevin,

I am just back from a week away so sorry we didn't respond sooner. You can contact Minister Polak at mary.polak@leg.bc.ca with a copy to her Chief of Staff Martina Kapac de Frias at Martina.KapacdeFrias@gov.bc.ca. Jackie is back on Friday and I will discuss with her to see if she has any additional comment/advice.

Thanks for the kind words regarding the event in Hope...and hope that you are having a great summer at Manning!

Cheers,

Lori

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Connect with MLA Jackie Tegart

From: Kevin Demers [<mailto:kevin@holidaytrailsresorts.com>]

Sent: July 5, 2016 7:24 AM

To: Tegart.MLA, Jackie <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Fw: Information

Good morning Jackie and Lori. Jackie, it was nice seeing you recently in Hope and I have heard kind words from some people since that meeting. You and I both got our picture in the local Hope Paper, they were taking the picture of you, I just happened to be sitting beside you when you were talking. Below is what I sent to BC Parks regarding my Insurance Companies and my concerns. I had indicated in the e-mail that I had someone who was prepared to get in there and remove all the dead fuel. He has since advised me that the job is way too big for him with the limited manpower and equipment he has. I have advised John Trehwitt of this. Last night on the news, they showed a fire smarting process being done in the Whistler area for the exact same reason I need it done to protect Manning Park Resort. John T. tells me that funding is only available for communities unless some new money is now available. Although Manning may not be considered a community, we have 150 staff living there and another 150-200 staying there during this time of the year. I would like to think that whoever approves this type of funding would see the importance of protecting that beautiful Resort with the historic history that the Resort has. You had indicated that I could or should send Minister Polak an e-mail to ensure that she is aware of the very serious situation and ask for her help. I am quite prepared to do that. If that is the process that you would like me to take, pls. give me an e-mail address for the Minister, one that will hopefully get to her....cheers...Kevin...

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From: Kevin Demers

Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2016 6:32 AM

To: Trewitt, John ENV:EX

Subject: Re: Information

Good morning John, thank you for the detail on the process for the project we would like to undertake. As I indicated when we talked last week, we recently renewed our Insurance with "Mountainguard" for another year. They have raised the Red Flag a few notches higher because of the increasing risk of a forest fire West of the Resort. They are aware that Manning Park has the highest risk rating for a forest fire in the entire province. I have confirmed that this is the case. The reason being that over the years all the dead trees in Manning have stayed there increasing the amount of fuel in the event of a fire. Some of the major fires in the past year including the Fort Mac. fire, because of the amount of fuel in the forest, resulted in a much hotter fire making it, I'm told, making it more difficult to gain control of the fire. I read numerous reports on some of these fires and the experts are strongly pointing to the extra fuel as the cause of the increased difficulty in dealing with the fire. Having said that, the only area that I am concerned about is immediately West of the Resort near the Cabins. Any wind that we get comes from the West and a fire just West of the Resort would head right for the Cabins and possibly the rest of the Resort. I am aware that even though this area was made subject of a Site Plan back in 2007 (called Unit 9), there is no money available to remove all the extra fuel (dead pine trees) in that area. I have made arrangements with a very experienced faller in Hope (Leo Lemair) who is prepared to take his equipment into that area and remove "only" the dead pine trees without harming the remaining healthy trees. He is in the Firewood Business and we would be splitting the logs that come out turning them into Firewood which we would sell at the Campgrounds at Manning. He would be removing his share to sell as Firewood. He is aware of what he would have to do to obtain an appropriate licence from the Ministry of Forests. This work would be done away from the Highway and the 2 areas where the logs would be taken cannot be seen from Hwy. #3. One is behind the Cabins and the other is a large cleared area up the hill just west of there. There is already a road to that upper cleared area which I believe Highways used to dump stuff years ago. He would like to start in Sept. as I think it may take that long to complete the steps needed for this project. Pls. advise if there is any further detail needed.....Kevin....

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From: Trewitt, John ENV:EX

Sent: Friday, May 27, 2016 8:00 AM

To: 'Kevin Demers'

Subject: FW: Information

Kevin, this is the Site Plan (harvesting prescription) including layout map that I had developed for the area west of the Resort (we called it Unit 9 back in 2007). We did not move forward with it due to lack of available funding. The value of the dead trees to be removed was not sufficient to offset the harvesting and restoration/clean-up costs. If you would like to propose and conduct a project in this area to remove dead trees to increase fire smarting and lowering wildfire risk to your facilities you could use this plan as a template and modify it as required to match the work you would like to do.

The steps that we need to work through before a project can be implemented are:

- Approved Tree Removal Site Plan (prescription)
- Completed Impact Assessment
- FN Consultation and archeological assessment

- We would need to issue you or your contractor a Park Use Permit to conduct the tree removal activity outside the Resort Permit Area
- For any trees leaving the park you or your contractor would also need an appropriate license from the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

I believe a good first step for you would be to provide us detail on what, where, how and when for the work you would like to do and we can provide some guidance on development of an appropriate prescription and further assessment that would need to be conducted.

Note- there are appendixes to the Site plan document with many photos that made the full document size too large to email you. We can make the full document available to you but need to find a way to transfer a large file size.

John Trehitt

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