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The Mayor and Council
District of Sechelt
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Dear Mayor Reid and Councillors,

Re: SilverBack Development

We have been baffled for the past three years by the consistent refusal of the SilverBack developer and his consultants to respond to the offers by community groups in neighbouring areas to provide constructive input. This attitude by the developer could have been countered by leadership within Council, working with the planning department. That leadership never materialized, and potential supporters in our community associations have become critics on that score alone. A lot of goodwill has been frittered away.

Without any adequate communication Council and staff have proceeded with this, the largest development by far in the District. This approval process has been a steady succession of communication failures. The planner's report to Council for the Feb. 27 meeting is symptomatic: one sentence about a (spurious) history of consultation, no communications strategy aimed at the future; contradictions on important issues; and apparent acceptance of incomplete conditions of approval.

It is in Council's hands to do something about all these things, and to withhold 4th reading until the process and the project are fixed.

We are especially disappointed by the absence of meaningful opportunity for the public to scrutinize or even read the development agreements prior to Council's considering 4th reading let alone contribute to them for the well being of Sechelt. How can we know if the agreements address the weaknesses cited in the public hearings? We can't.

We urgently request that you defer the scheduled vote for 4th reading of the SilverBack bylaws until the questions outstanding on content and process can be resolved in a public forum, such as the workshop promised by you in July, 2007.

Thank you.
Yours very,

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Per:

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For the Board