

Sechelt Village Residents Association

April 2, 2007

DELIVERED – Municipal Hall

Mayor and Council
District of Sechelt
Sechelt, British Columbia

Dear Sirs:

Re: Public Hearing relating to the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 435-11, 2007 (Downtown Village Plan) and Bylaw No. 25-199, 2006 (CD-14) (Pacific Spirit Development)

The District of Sechelt announced by advertisement in last Friday's Coast Reporter the date and choice of hall for the public hearing relating to the above cited OCP and bylaw amendments. The hall is on the second floor of a building with no elevator, so the hall is not accessible to handicapped people.

The location is also outside the central core of Sechelt, making it difficult for those without vehicles to attend the public hearing. As you well know, there are many older residents in the Village core of Sechelt. All other hearings are held in accessible halls located in the Village core.

We believe that government has an obligation to make events such as public hearings accessible to the public. Haste should not take precedence over the right of the public to participate in a public hearing. We ask you to move this public hearing to one of the many large accessible halls in the Village core.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Smith, President
Sechelt Village Residents Association

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SCAF members and Davis Bay Community Association