REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

REGULAR BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014 7:00 PM

(RDN Board Chambers)

ADDENDUM

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- **2. LATE DELEGATIONS** (requires motion All Directors One Vote)
- **Craig Evans,** re Value of community-based recycling programs within the Regional District.
 - 5. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

(All Directors – One Vote)

3-5 **David Graham, Chair, Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee,** re Duke Point as a potential waste incineration site.

----Original Message-----

From: Craig Evans [mailto:Craig.Evans@viu.ca] Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 4:20 PM

To: Hill, Jacquie

Subject: Late Delegation Request January 28, 2014 RDN Board Meeting

Hi Jackie,

Thanks for following up on my phone call. I would like to request the opportunity to speak to the RDN board on Tuesday January 28 as a late delegation. I will speak on the value of community based recycling programs within the Regional District, and the willingness of a many individuals and organizations to work with the RDN to promote Zero Waste initiatives.

Thank you

Craig Evans 46 Robarts Street Nanaimo BC V9R 2S4



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January 17, 2014

City of Nanaimo Mayor and Council 455 Wallace Street Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

Dear City of Nanaimo Mayor and Council:

File Number: 3030-03

Re: <u>Duke Point as potential waste incineration site</u>

Given the recent City of Nanaimo Council discussions regarding using Duke Point as a waste incineration site, the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee would like to remind Council of the attached letter giving our position on this proposal. Our position still stands, and we appreciate City of Nanaimo Mayor and Council taking our concerns as outlined in the attachment into consideration.

Sincerely,

David Graham, Chair

Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee

dgraham@islandstrust.bc.ca

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Attachment: Letter of August 7, 2013

Islands Trust Council Executive Committee

cc: V Regional District of Nanaimo Board of Directors
British Columbia Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
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August 7, 2013

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Dear City of Nanaimo Mayor and Council:

Re: <u>Duke Point as potential waste incineration site</u>

Recognizing that Metro Vancouver's investigation of Duke Point as a waste incineration site is preliminary, and acknowledging that the City of Nanaimo is not the proponent of any such plan, I nonetheless wish to convey the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee's opposition to any proposal that results in burning garbage at this location. Duke Point is within one kilometre of Mudge Island and the Gabriola Island Local Trust Area, and failing to oppose a waste incineration site there would violate several fundamental principles and policies of our guiding documents and local plans. Policies that underpin our opposition include:

- "Trust Council encourages actions and programs of other government agencies which: place priority on the side of protection for Trust Area ecosystems when judgement must be exercised, protect the diversity of native species and habitats in the Trust Area, and prevent pollution of the air, land and fresh marine waters of the Trust Area." (Islands Trust Policy Statement section 3.1.9)
- "It is Trust Council's policy that there should be a reduction in the burning of solid waste in the Trust Area." (Islands Trust Policy Statement section 5.4.3)
- Gabriola Island Solid Waste Management Objectives (Gabriola Island Official Community Plan Bylaw 166 section 7.6)
 - "To ensure that there is no degradation of air, water, or soil quality on Gabriola Island as a result of waste recycling and disposal;
 - To promote co-operation among citizens and all levels of government to improve the ecology on Gabriola Island and the wise use of the earth's finite resources; and
 - To encourage recycling."
- Mudge Island Solid Waste Management and Utility Policies (Mudge Island Official Community Plan Bylaw 227 section 3.4)
 - "Advocacy Policy 14: Residents and visitors must take individual responsibility for appropriate waste disposal and recycling; the burning of toxic plastics is a health hazard and not an acceptable or responsible method of disposal."

 Advocacy Policy 19: The community is opposed to any fossil fuel power plant and any other venture that increases acute and chronic air pollution within the Plan Area."

The Gabriola Local Trust Committee is concerned about the negative effects of toxic fly ash, odour, and diminished air quality on the ecology and residents of the Gabriola Island Trust Area. We appreciate City of Nanaimo Mayor and Council taking our concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,

David Graham, Chair Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee dgraham@islandstrust.bc.ca

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