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Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 2:52 PM
To: Lynn Wilson
Subject: Re: Island View Beach

Hi Lynn

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There is another matter that I'll raise now in this spirit of open dialogue (!). As you know, we feel strongly that it is a waste of time and money to proceed with the public meeting in November while the Step 1 environmental assessment is incomplete. It is incomplete because it did not give factual evidence of what species at risk are in the park; where they are; what protection (if any) they may require; and when they may need protection. We have been saying for years that the environment should drive the development of a new park plan, and that trying to create a plan without an accurate environmental assessment is like building a house without foundations. I requested that information several times from the CRD and it was refused, and when I made an FOI request for it, a reply was given to me saying it would cost me \$1,165 which I interpreted as trying to thwart my FOI request. I filed a complaint with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and they have written back asking me to "negotiate" with the CRD, and if that is not successful then they will investigate. I had planned to write to Ms. Bains today (the CRD Manager, Information Services) but it occurs to me as I am replying to your email now it might be worthwhile to try this informally with you first. This was what I requested on July 16, 2015:

Hello Angila

At <https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/parks-pdf/sarfactsheetivb.pdf?sfvrsn=2> the CRD identifies 9 species that it says are "confirmed resident species" in Island View Beach Regional Park. These include the Common Nighthawk, the Fleshy Jaumea, the American Glehnia, and the Sand-Verbena moth.

I would like:

- copies of the records that led to this determination for each of these 4 species
- copies of the emails, both internal and external, that discuss these
- copies of working papers and drafts that refer to these

Thank you.

Jason

In reply, Ms. Bains said they estimated 1,600 pages and umpteen hours to photocopy them for a cost of \$1,165.

- First, we both know there are not 1,600 pages. Matt Fairbarn's detailed July 2014 report, for example, was only 12 pages. I did not ask for a treatise on these species - the first part of my request was for the records that led the CRD to make the statement that those species named are "confirmed resident" in Island View Beach Regional Park. Todd Columbia admitted to me that he had no personal knowledge of them, and the CRD has never claimed before that these species are in the park; so Todd must have been replying on external sources to make the claim they are there. It is that evidence of their existence in Island View Beach Regional Park I am seeking.

- Second, I would prefer to have the records, emails and working papers in electronic format, so regardless of how many there are there is no time needed to photo copy them.

Will you raise this with senior staff today please and see if they will agree to provide that information now, or whether I will need to pursue this formally with Ms. Bains.

Thanks

Jason