

Subject: Island View Beach Regional Park

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The Board of Directors

Capital Regional District

For 5 years now the CRD is looking to make a new park management plan at Island View Beach Regional Park and the process has been marred by misleading information by CRD Parks to the public. You can see some of the history here: <http://www.friendsofislandviewbeach.com/lurching-towards-a-new-park-plan.html>

In this latest round, public meetings were held where the CRD made presentations that began in January 2015. But those presentations too were seriously flawed and throughout the year we warned the CRD Board and CRD staff repeatedly that **the CRD presentations were "...incomplete, misleading and plain wrong, and that no reasonable person will be able to come to an informed opinion from it..."**. We asked – we begged – the CRD to check the presentation before proceeding but every time the CRD refused. You can see our letters here <http://www.friendsofislandviewbeach.com/letters-to-the-crd-in-2015.html>

The CRD staff will be going to the CRD parks Committee tomorrow, Wednesday, January 20, 2016, to ask for consent to draft a new plan based on what they say is the input from the public.

By this letter we say again to the CRD Board, that the public was misled throughout this whole process during 2015 and also crucial information was withheld. Our review is ongoing, but you can see our analysis of the CRD presentation here: <http://www.friendsofislandviewbeach.com/examining-the-crd-2015-environmental-assessment.html>

You must make reasonable inquiry before proceeding further. Look to your duty here: <http://www.friendsofislandviewbeach.com/bc-court-of-appeal.html>

We have heard it said that the process can't be paused because it has taken so long already. With respect, that is really weak. The CRD Board was told of the problem one year ago, in January 2015, and should have acted then – you cannot point to your failure to act a year ago as reason for not acting now.

The CRD has a Statement of Values:

We commit to embody these values every day in our governance and administration:

- *Visionary leadership*
- *Mutual respect and collaboration among ourselves and with our partners, stakeholders and customers*
- *Open, innovative and transparent governance*
- *Efficient, effective and outcome-driven operations*
- *Accountable, productive and fiscally responsible administration*

It is time for the CRD to place these values over expediency, and make reasonable inquiry before proceeding further. Our review again is at <http://www.friendsofislandviewbeach.com/examining-the-crd-2015-environmental-assessment.html>

The Friends of Island View Beach