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Hornby Island Open House
Residents of Hornby Island
Comox Valley, BC

Galakas'la Hornby Island Residents,

I would like to thank you for inviting the K'omoks First Nation to participate in this open house.

On behalf of the K'omoks First Nation I would like to welcome you to this event held on the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks & Pentlatch people. In the K'omoks language we call Hornby Island k'á7kjit or ch'átaich , which means outside referring to the other side of Denman Island. The K'omoks people have historically lived on Hornby and Denman Island and harvested their natural resources since time immemorial. In fact my grandfather, the late Chief Andy Frank was born on Tree Island over 113 years ago during clamming season.

K'omoks has always been stewards of these lands and waters and strives to not only continue, but to enhance the efforts to preserve our natural resources. Through partnerships and collaborations with governing bodies, organizations, industry and the citizens of the Comox Valley we believe that we make a difference. We make a collaborative difference in the future of these precious resources and will preserve them for future generations. When our grandchildren look back on our time, my hope is that they will appreciate the efforts we put forth, while breathing clean air, drinking unpolluted water and enjoying the rich bounty that the K'omoks traditional lands provides.

Respectfully,

Chief Robert Everson

1. MOUNT GEOFFREY MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Open House Purpose

BC Parks and CVRD are working together to collect public input on management direction for Mount Geoffrey Nature Park and Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park. The materials presented at this open house build on the outcome from public outreach conducted in August 2014. Based on the input received today, the CVRD will be drafting an update for the regional Mount Geoffrey Nature Park Master Plan, which will include direction for both the park and the Crown land trails. BC Parks will develop a draft management plan for Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park.



Current Phase

Background Information

- I. Various studies and reports compiled.
- II. 2007 Initial Public Outreach.
- III. Identification of park user groups and stakeholders values, opportunities and issues.
- IV. Interagency discussions on wildfire management, groundwater and Crown lands.
- V. Meetings with community groups on key issues.

Mount Geoffrey Planning Committee*

- I. Review of 2007 public input.
- II. Issue identification.
- III. Advise on 2014/15 public engagement approach.
- IV. Review of public questionnaire responses to guide draft strategies.

*Members are representatives from local community groups (member list on table)

Planning Process



Draft Management Plan Development

First Nations

- I. Invitation to participate in the planning process sent to First Nations whose traditional territory includes Mount Geoffrey.
- II. Engagement with First Nations expressing interest in the management planning process.

Public Outreach

- I. Planning Committee meetings.
- II. Public outreach events at the Saturday Market and CO-OP.
- III. Paper questionnaire.
- IV. Online questionnaire.
- V. Compilation of responses available on the CVRD website at:

www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/mountgeoffrey