

Petition to Save West Creek Headwaters Wetland from Industrial Development

Whereas, the entire West Creek watershed is located on unceded Traditional Sto:lo Territory.

Whereas, the 1979 (and 1990) Gloucester OCP designated numerous parcels of land to be non-industrial use (park, golf course, compensatory habitat) and,

Whereas, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Permit #99-HPAC-PA-000-00217₁ and MELP File #A2004880₁ require that Compensatory lands “shall consist of a number of features” (Clause 23 p 7) and are to “function as intended” (Clause 16 p 98) and “left undisturbed in perpetuity” (Clause 17 p 98)

Whereas, these compensatory lands are now under threat of development. There are two proposals before Langley Township Council which are in the headwaters of West Creek:

- 1) project #14-05-0105 Location 5500 Block of 268 street through 276 street
- 2) project #14-08-0055 Location 27500 block of 60 Ave

Whereas, the above noted development would diminish the natural value of the West Creek wetlands, would certainly have a negative impact on the habitat for the Coho salmon and would be a huge loss to the community as a whole, in light of the value of wetlands in mitigating the negative effects of climate change.

Whereas, many communities in BC, Indigenous lead groups (such as the Wild Salmon Defenders Alliance), local, national and global environmental groups are actively involved in creating or re-establishing wetlands because of their critical value in carbon capture and acting as heat sinks.

Therefore, We the Petitioners demand that the West Creek Headwater Wetland remain an undisturbed Compensatory Habitat within the Township of Langley, Metro Vancouver Regional District in perpetuity.

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