

Attention:

From: A very concerned Cowichan Bay area resident

Regarding: Excessive land filling taking place in a sensitive location in the Cowichan Valley

Included with this letter is a brief drone video clip shot from the southern base of Mt. Tzouhalem, near shore of Cowichan Bay, then sweeping up the estuary in the direction of Providence Farm. This, in order to highlight extensive land filling that is occurring on a property fronting Tzouhalem Road. Address number 1731 to be specific.

Some might argue that nothing can be done to stop the industrial level dumping since it is taking place on reserve land. However, as the video reveals, it is also overfilling a marine sensitive corner of the Cowichan Estuary, an area with a high water table and several active creeks that, within a few hundred metres, empty into Cowichan Bay, a non-reserve area replete with all manner of marine and wildfowl life.

Over the past year or so, the variety of material indiscriminately dumped and subsequently buried, has included concrete block remains of demolished structures, as well as a variety of other debris that will, over time seep into the ground water and eventually end up in Cowichan Bay.

It is difficult to imagine that any permitting has been issued for something of this scale, and if so, by whom? Multiple trucking contractors are involved in the hauling and dumping that continues non-stop five days a week. Given the hazardous potential of this landfilling, not only should it be terminated post haste, but those responsible should be required to remove and clean up the many hundreds of truckloads of materials that have, and continue to be added daily to the encroachment of this environmentally sensitive area.

There is an urgency in this matter being brought to the attention of those in a position to make decisions to deal directly with this situation.