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February 26 Board Meeting Package; March 18 Speaker Night

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Jill,

Thanks as always for the invitation and allow me to submit the following as public input.

I wish to remind the Board that the dumping of fill over wetlands in Tzouhalem Creek continues without justification. Since raising the issue last June, the Watershed Board has yet to respond in a meaningful and respectful way to my original specific questions about environmental assessment.

The last time the Board was pressed on this issue was in September. I draw your attention to Board minutes:

Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting Minutes

25 September 2023

Announcements & Correspondence

Jill Thompson: asked Board members to refer to the list at the bottom of their agenda and the online Board Package, flagging the following:

Roger Wiles correspondence RE dumping in the estuary. Jill asked for help from anyone who can support this. Emphasized the need to make sure that we have capacity to support Public Input and this one fell through the cracks over the summer.

Chief Hwitsum: responded that she spoke with the Governance and Land Manager, Larry George. Cowichan Tribes Governance Dept went through a permitting process for moving that gravel. The proper process is being followed on the side of Cowichan Tribes.

Chair Stone asked for clarity regarding where this is located (ie. on whose land?). Answer: It's within reserve land.

Chair Stone: suggested follow up after this meeting to find out more about the concerns.

As a longtime "friend of the Cowichan watershed" and a concerned citizen, I request that you honestly examine this problem. It baffles me that the Board is seemingly ignoring the destruction of functioning riparian wetlands at the edge of the Cowichan estuary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roger Wiles

Nutsamat kws yaay'us tu qa': We come together as a whole to work together to be stronger as partners for the watershed. This is one of the Cowichan Watershed Board's core principles.

Area in question from satellite imagery. (Before.)



Pic taken 19 November 2023

