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Justine Batten, Director Archeology Branch
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Dear Justine;

Re: Consultations with Saanich Nation on Bear Mountain Development, SPAET Mtn.

We would like clarification from your office regarding instructions that the archeologists working on the Bear Mountain Development sites, are not required to consult with the Saanich Nations, Tsartlip, Tsawout Tseycum, Pauquachin and Malahat.

We are at a loss as to where you get your information because the Saanich Tribes jointly own a federally registered Indian Reserve; know as the Goldstream Indian Reserve. The title rests with Tsawout, Tsartlip, Pauquachin Tseycum and Malahat First Nations, no others.

There is a Specific Claim filed by the Saanich Tribes, with the Specific Claims Branch, for lands that were mistakenly cut off from that reserve, which looks to be encroached on by the Bear Mountain Development Expansion.

We are perturbed regarding the exclusion of the Saanich Nation regarding the development plans and the findings on SPAET Mountain and in the Bear Mountain Development area.

Attached is an illustration of this development in relation to our reserve lands.

Sincerely

Eric Pelkey
Coordinator,

Cc; Chief Allan Claxton, Tsawout
Chief Wayne Morris Tsartlip
Chief Bruce Underwood Tsartlip
Chief Vern Jacks, Tseycum
Chief Randy Daniels, Malahat
Wendy Edwards, Tsartlip Lands
Ken Cossey, Gwen Underwood for Tsawout Lands Committee.
Mayor Stu Young, Langford Municipality