

Letter to Residents

From SGI Director Dave Howe

Capital Regional District | July 5, 2019

Dear Residents,

I understand there have been a number of questions regarding the work at Gardom Pond on North Pender Island. I would like to provide some important information and context.

I personally, and with staff, have been working to resolve issues related to dam safety with all stakeholders and the Province for the last 7 1/2 years. I know prior CRD Directors and Trustees were dealing with it before that and it has taken many years to determine the most effective and cost efficient way to prevent a failure of the dam was to decommission it.

An information meeting was held at the Community Hall followed by a CRD Board meeting in June. While I was unable to attend due to my daughter's graduation in California, I did provide a letter that was read aloud at the community meeting and the General Manager provided a summary to the Board. A copy of my letter and additional documents and details including an FAQ are available online at www.crd.bc.ca/gardom. If you do not have access, my office can also share printed copies.

I hope you will take the time to read through these resources, and encourage you to reach out to me if you should have any questions or concerns. I would like to thank Ben McConchie for highlighting the issues surrounding water on the Southern Gulf Islands and in this case, Pender. I became Director fully supportive of the mandate to preserve and protect and am open to working with both the Trustees & our MLA Olsen on an ongoing basis regarding this topic.

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Sincerely, David

Dave Howe
SGI EA Director