

**JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE**

Notice of Meeting on Tuesday, **November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building, #3 – 7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC

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**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

1. Additional information received for the following agenda item:
  - a) Agenda Item 6 a) AG000081 - Section 81, Sooke District (East Sooke Regional Park)
    - Robin Graham, East Sooke

## jdf info

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** jdf info; JUNE GRAHAM; Wendy Miller  
**Subject:** NON-FARM USE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE APPLICATION

Juan de Fuca Community Planning  
3-7450 Butler Road  
Sooke B.C. V9Z1N1

To whom it may concern:  
Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee

Re: NON-FARM USE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE APPLICATION.  
Section 81, Sooke District - East Sooke Regional Park  
File: AG000081

Re: Non-farm use and soil deposit within the ALR application AG000081  
For expansion of a parking lot and construction of a picnic shelter on Section 81, Sooke District.

A little history. Section 81 belonged to my family. Essentially when you drive onto Beecher Bay Road, You are using my Families drive, into their Pasture Lands, what is now Aylards Farm. Many acres acquired for a three hundred dollar delinquent property tax. Beecher Bay Road, then my families, was requisitioned By the Army, as they were accessing Beechy Head. The property was had for a two hundred dollar Cattle rustling fine. Smart lawyers. The Public access, by the Marina, my Great Grandmother, Mary Jane McKenzie Brown, gave up when she subdivided her land for her children, is being used for seasonal Boat trailer storage, and has a truck blocking access. History.

In the larger picture, as soon as you enter Beecher Bay Road, you become a Steward of the Land, As it is one long Animal Corridor. The Road needs signage to this effect, as it is important people are Aware, and Respectful of the Wildlife, Flora and Fauna.

At this time, many cars converge on Beecher Bay Road, blocking private driveways, dumping fast food Wrappers, lining both sides of the road, and driving fast. Essentially, being a threat to wildlife.

Grasslands are important. They are teeming with life. Everyday is a life or death drama. The small creatures Use it to hide, going from one place to another. The predator uses it to hunt. When that protective cover is removed, The small animals fall prey to the predator. Wide open places, or flat concrete, is not conducive to a long life.

There is a Pond, with lilly pads, skunk cabbage, frogs and salamanders, seasonal, yet good for breeding. My hope is that will not be interfered with. There is a heritage orchard, pruned in recent years, also to be protected.

There are burial cairns on all the way to Beechy Head needing protection. In late summer the Buzzards can be seen

Circling, catching the wind, eventually going south. Wildlife abounds.

Bringing in material from another site,could harbour contaminates or an invasive species.  
Making asphalt is very invasive. Large trucks are hell on roads,they will need repairs,too.

People are trekking from the cities,to experience the Forests,Flora,Fauna and wildlife,we do not do any favor,  
paving paradise, yet we will. Seeing the bigger picture,they will continue coming,that said,the question arises,  
The door is open,how big will you allow this urban sprawl of concrete to crepe? Set your limits now.  
Remember why you are protecting this treasure and why it is people enjoy it so intensely.  
We have a relationship we must honor and protect here, one with nature,and her fine,fine balance.

Accountability. Remember that rush for the last roll of toilet roll? People hoarding? I say,  
Let the forests stand,let the grass grow and the frogs croak into the night.Let the eagle fly,  
And the waves crash on clean beaches. Let the people walk in wonder,their garbage safely carried out.  
Leave only footprints,those will wash away,nothing is permanent,but let us not hurry the demise.

Sincerely,  
Robin Graham  
Daughter of Louise Paterson.