



An association of individuals and groups committed to engaging with community, government, and industry to advocate for the conservation and expansion of parks and protected areas within the Mount Arrowsmith watersheds.

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Mr. Derek Pannell
Chairman of the Board,
Brookfield Infrastructure Partners LP
c/o Brookfield Infrastructure Group Corporation
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Dear Mr. Pannell,

Re: Recent Logging by Island Timberlands LP near Cathedral Grove

On August 4, 2009 we, the Arrowsmith Parks and Land-Use Council, received your letter from the Board of Directors of Brookfield Infrastructure Partners LP regarding our concern about the preservation of the old growth forest in Cathedral Grove. In your letter you assured us that "... the Board of the General Partner of Brookfield Infrastructure Partners LP has every confidence in the management team at Island Timberlands."

In a letter from Island Timberlands LP dated March 26, 2009 (of which you were a recipient) President Darshan Sihota stated: "To allay your concerns, I can assure you that we have no near term harvesting plans on our lands adjacent to MacMillan Park." Unfortunately this is not the case.

On October 26 we were shocked to discover that logging was in progress on a cliff face within the Cameron River basin and overlooking MacMillan Provincial Park and the distinctive ecosystem we know as Cathedral Grove.

Starting last February, when we first wrote to you about our concerns, we proposed a moratorium on all logging in the Cameron basin until a 'best practices' plan -- focused on the unique sensitivity of the area -- could be prepared. We are adamantly opposed to any logging in the Cameron basin until such a plan is in place. The community expects us to keep them informed and we intend to do our utmost to challenge widely the actions of Island Timberlands.

Our hopes for some mutually beneficial outcome that preserves the Grove for future generations seem dashed by the recent actions of Island Timberlands. Please guide Island Timberlands to have regard for the extensive community interests which were evidenced by the 25 signatory endorser groups which accompanied our initial letter to you in February, 2009. A total and immediate moratorium on logging in the small, virtually logged-out valley which encloses the most widely-known and revered forest in Canada is not too much to ask.

Please ensure that the entire Brookfield Board of Directors and other relevant parties receive a copy of this letter. A formal response directly from you and the Board would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

On behalf of the Arrowsmith Parks and Land-Use Council

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Attachment: Letter from Darshan Sihota, President of Island Timberlands LP, March 26, 2009

Cc: The Board of Directors, Brookfield Asset Management, c/o Robert J. Harding, Chairman
Hon. Barry Penner, Minister of the Environment
Hon. Steve Thomson, Minister of Agriculture and Lands
Hon. Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and Range
Scott Fraser, MLA Alberni-Qualicum
Ron Cantelon, MLA Nanaimo- Parksville
Joe Stanhope, Director and Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo
Lou Biggeman, Director, Area F, Regional District of Nanaimo
Stuart MacPherson, Executive Director, Private Managed Forest Land Council
Chris Kissinger and Andy Macdonald, BC Parks, Vancouver Island Region
Andrew Brown, Chair, Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Foundation/Reserve
Gary Child, President, Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce
Po Wan, President, Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce
Georgette Parsons, President, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
Jennifer Campagnolo, Chair, Western Canada Wilderness Committee
Town of Qualicum Beach, Mayor Teunis Westbroek

Cc: Community Endorsers:

Mid-Island Chapter, Council of Canadians, Bob Hansen
Port Alberni Chapter, Council of Canadians, Colin Frazer
Dave Clough, Fisheries Biologist
Friends of French Creek Conservation Society & Hamilton Marsh, Ceri Peacey
Pacific Rainforest Adventure Tours, Gary and Ronda Murdock
Gilles Wendling, Hydrogeologist
Parksville Qualicum KAIROS, Hans Kratz
Friends of Cathedral Grove, Ingmar Lee
Western Canada Wilderness Committee, Joe Foy
Vancouver Island Water Watch Coalition, June Ross
Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC, Peter Rothermel
Karen Wonders, Institute for the History of Science, Georg-August-Universitat Gottingen, Germany
Richard Boyce, Environmental Researcher, Filmmaker and Journalist
Tla Kwa Gila Clan Chief R. Mark Recalma, Kim Recalma Clutesi
Morison Creek Park Campaign, Lorhainne Ekelund
North Qualicum Beach Homeowners' Association, Paul Kyba
Qualicum Beach Residents Association, Nestor Gayowsky
Alberni Environmental Coalition, Maureen Sager
Arrowsmith Watersheds Coalition Society, Michael Jessen
Qualicum Institute, Roy Ostling
Oceanside Coalition for Strong Communities, Rick Sullivan
Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society, Peter Drummond
Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Island Section, Peter Rothermel for Cedric Zala, Chair
Phil Carson, Screenweavers, New Media/Film and Video
Save our Valley Alliance, Public Education Committee, Reid Robinson
The Arrowsmith Naturalists, Roger Simms
Qualicum Beach Environmental Committee Society, Yvonne A. Zarowny