

Attachment #1



January 19, 2010

Hornby Island Resorts
3520 Island Highway South
Courtenay, B.C.
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Attn: **John Ross**

Re: **AIA of Hornby Island Resorts**

This letter summarizes the results of the Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) of the Hornby Island Resorts property located off Shingle Spit Road, Hornby Island. The assessment was conducted on January 13 and 15, 2010 by Chris Engisch, Aaron Bible (Baseline) and Margate Mitchell (Komox First Nation) under the authority of the Heritage Inspection Permit 2010-0007 issued the BC Archaeology Branch, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts.

The AIA involved the hand excavation of 33 shovel tests and one evaluate unit. The study demonstrated that archaeological materials from site DjSe-4 are present throughout the entire property, including intact and previously disturbed deposits. The deposits range in depth from relatively shallow to in excess of 2m. The site is a shell midden, which is comprised of a variety of clam shell, fire altered rock, faunal remains and artifacts.


The presence of archaeological material does not preclude development of the property; however archaeological sites are protected under the authority of the *Heritage Conservation Act (HCA)* and may not be altered, damaged, moved, excavated in or desecrated in any way without a permit issued under Section 12 or 14 of the *Heritage Conservation Act*.

Due to the presence of the archaeological site on the property, future developments will require additional archeological mitigative work. Minimizing impacts to archaeological material is generally the preference of the BC Archaeology Branch. The Hornby Island Resorts proposal to construct buildings on slabs as opposed to major excavation of archaeological deposits would be a favorable plan.

Final recommendations for development will be presented in the AIA Report and in consultation with the BC Archaeology Branch. The further archaeological work will also be dependent on the proposed developments and may include archaeological excavations under a Section 14, Heritage Investigation Permit should significant, intact deposits be impacted. As well, any development on the property will require the developer to obtain a Section 12, Site Alteration Permit which will include a condition of having a professional archaeologist present to monitor mechanical excavations.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,



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Archaeologist