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To: "Bernie Broda"
Cc: [McCulloch, Elaine](#); [Cramer, Kelsey](#)
Subject: RE: RDN Parks Work Plan - Area E - Beach Access Inventory- E29
Date: Friday, June 21, 2019 1:38:33 PM

Hi,

Thank you for your email. The Beach Access Inventory and Priority List was created by members of the Nanoose Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee who visited each site and discussed identification signs and any potential improvements such as benches, trails or stairs. As a group, they then prioritized the sites. The approved action plan for 2019 was to develop a signage plan which would involve selecting 3 to 5 sites for signs and engaging with the neighbours. However, due to the Park staff workload, the signage plan has been put on hold until the fall of 2019. Once the signs are installed, the committee will determine the next priorities for 2020.

The Nanoose Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meets again in October and I will forward your email for their consideration.

Regards,

Wendy

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From: Bernie Broda [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Marshall, Wendy; RecParks
Subject: RDN Parks Work Plan - Area E - Beach Access Inventory- E29

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Ms. Marshall,

We are RDN residents residing at 1610 Stewart Road, Nanoose Bay. Our property is adjacent to the subject E29 proposed water access. As long term residents, we feel we can offer some input to this proposed water access.

The public access to the proposed ocean access point would be via an undeveloped road allowance from Stewart Road. This road allowance has been developed by the adjoining residents- ourselves and residents of 1574 Stewart Road. This is a gravel road that requires regular maintenance - last year \$5000 was spent to condition it - the grading and spreading of road chips and then wet compaction to build a stable road. We have inquired in the past to BC Ministry of Highways for them to upgrade and maintain the road and we were advised they were not open to this. So we are left to maintain the road. Vehicles will drive down this road either for checking for beach access or just to see where it goes. This creates dust problems and ongoing maintenance as there is a considerable slope to the road. The comments in the plan mention that parking for this access point would be on Stewart Road - it would then be a quarter of mile walk to the access point. It will be hard to convince users to use Stewart Road parking when a road exists that they can drive down to check out the access. The Moorecroft parking lot is just a short distance down Stewart Road.

The access trail would require significant drainage construction and boardwalks as the majority of it is under water that drains from higher elevations during the winter rains. A major water course forms from this drainage and runs to the ocean. I have seen over 12" of water on this course where the access trail would have to be located.

Additional comments in the plan speak of this access point in providing a double loop walk between Moorecroft and Oak Leaf Parks. The terrain (steep rocky bluffs) on my neighbour's property at 1574 Stewart Road does not permit beach access to Moorecroft at any tide. To gain access to Moorecroft people would have to scale these rock bluffs

then walk on private property. We have witnessed injuries because of this. As to access to Oak Leaf Park the shore line does connect at lower tides - but there is one bluff that allows access only at lower tides - another place to sustain an injury in trying to get past the bluff. It is easier to judge the crossing of this bluff from the Oak Leaf Park side.

With the recent development at Oak Leaf Estates, a pair of eagles have abandoned their nest there and have built a nest in close proximity to the proposed E29 access. It would certainly be nice to not disturb this nesting pair.

Based on the above, we do not feel that a priority 1 status for this access point, E29 is appropriate. We welcome your response.

Sincerely,
Bernie and Rae Broda