## **Subject Property: 1055 Island Highway West**

<u>Proposal Description:</u> The applicant proposes to subdivide the subject property into 13 parcels between 701 m² and 1278 m² in area – see attached proposed plan of subdivision. The applicant is proposing to provide 5% cash-in-lieu of park land. The subject property is a waterfront parcel located in French Creek near the French Creek Marina and is immediately south of the Lee Road Community Park and Trail. The Electoral Area G Official Community Plan (OCP) contains policies that support the protection of existing beach accesses and identify a need for additional beach access, access to water and linear walking trails. Section 6 Enhancing and Maintaining Park Land, Green Space, and Natural Areas of the OCP notes that the RDN may consider accepting park land at the time of subdivision where there is an opportunity to meet preferred park criteria outlined in that section. In addition, Section 6.4 contains policies regarding the acquisition of park land where there is an opportunity for park dedication to meet one or more of a list of preferred park criteria including the land improves access to water – see attached OCP excerpt for additional policies.

In addition, to the policies noted in the paragraph above, the OCP also identifies the following policies, which are consistent with the requirements for the provision of park land or payment outlined in the Local Government Act (LGA).

## 6.4 Acquisition of Park land, Green Space, and Natural Areas Policies:

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, at the time of subdivision, the Regional District shall determine whether the owner of land being subdivided shall:

- a. Provide, without compensation, useable park land equivalent to 5% of the parcel size and in a location acceptable to the RDN; or
- b. Pay to the Regional District an amount that equals 5% of the market value of all of the land being subdivided; or
- c. Provide a combination of land and cash to the satisfaction of the Regional Board.

## Section 510 of the LGA reads as follows:

## Requirement for provision of park land or payment for parks purposes

- **510** (1) Subject to this section and section 516 (3) (h) and (4) *[phased development agreement rules]*, an owner of land being subdivided must, at the owner's option,
  - (a) provide, without compensation, park land of an amount and in a location acceptable to the local government, or
  - (b) pay to the municipality or regional district an amount that equals the market value of the land that may be required for park land purposes under this section as determined under subsection (6) of this section.
- (2) Despite subsection (1),
  - (a) if a regional district does not provide a community parks service, the option under subsection (1) (b) does not apply and the owner must provide land in accordance with subsection (1) (a), and
  - (b) subject to paragraph (a), if an official community plan contains policies and designations respecting the location and type of future parks, the local government may determine whether the owner must provide land under subsection (1) (a) or money under subsection (1) (b).



