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Subject: Camping in Regional Park 707 on Gabriola

To the Chair of the RDN:

Re: Camping in Regional Park 707 on Gabriola

I understand that there will be a motion made at the upcoming RDN Board meeting, to immediately prohibit camping in the 707 Park on Gabriola, at least until fire risk assessments can be made. I urge the Board to support this motion.

I would prefer to see a permanent ban on camping (homeless or otherwise) in all of our Regional Parks, mainly because of the difficulty of access for firefighting. I also feel uncomfortable walking in areas of the parks where people have staked out a personal space for the storage of belongings, the keeping of pets, and sleeping. I feel compelled to pick up their garbage, but reluctant to 'trespass' on their space, even though the parks are supposed to be for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your attention to my request, and your consideration of this difficult situation.

Sincerely,

Susan Yates  
, Gabriola