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**To:** [inquires@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:inquires@rdn.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** Re: camping in 707 Gabriola

Attention: Claire Thorpe

Please accept this email as my strong opposition to allowing people to camp in the 707 park on Gabriola, My husband and I ride the trails almost daily and we cannot imagine what would happen if a fire accidentally started in the dense underbrush.

We saw a person packing up their tent the other day and there is no way he looked homeless. His bike was extremely high end and his gear as well.

My guess would be tourist out exploring.

I don't believe that we have the homeless population here on Gabriola that would need to have an area this large to camp in.

Much better to have them near the Commons where they have resources available to them.

This park is huge with limited access on many of the trails and it would be so difficult for our first responders to get to many of the areas.

Please consider all of our residents who live on the rural properties surrounding the 707 and take advantage of the beautiful forest trails on a daily basis. We love and respect our island environment and want it to be here for our children and grandchildren to enjoy for years to come.

With regards,

Val Sware

Gabriola Island resident.

Sent from my iPad