

Sent by email June 4, 2012

Dear Minister Lake and Cairinne Macdonald, Deputy Minister,

Attached is a letter sent recently to the Proponent of the above project. This letter responds to the comments of the Proponent in a letter addressed to our organisation, the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC (FMCBC). Our organisation has been intimately involved in the Squamish area for decades, particularly in land use planning to establish parks and other areas for non-motorized backcountry recreation. We have much experience in trying to protect back country access and climbing areas, and as an example of our commitment to this cause, for decades the FMCBC has owned land "in trust" within the "to be established" Smoke Bluff Park to ensure access for climbers to one of the most popular rock climbing areas in Canada.

As you will see from our attached letter, we have many concerns about the above project, in particular in the manner in which the application for this proposal appears to have been "approved" by government without following the correct procedure to adjust boundary lines of Class A parks. This apparent "procedural mismanagement" should be rectified immediately by backtracking this application so that the correct procedure is followed. BC Parks will then be able to establish well-advertised formal public meetings, at least one of which must be in the Metro Vancouver area so that a larger portion of the public can be more informed about this project than the present small local population.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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FMCBC Past President, and co-Chair of the Recreation and Conservation Committee.