**Sickle Point Letters of Support**

If you are interested in writing a letter of support for the conservation of Sickle Point, the following information may be helpful.

The letters the Save Sickle Point Committee have written were addressed to the following Cabinet Ministers of BC:

Hon. Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

\*\* FLNR is the most important ministry to write to

Hon. George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Hon. Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Insfrastructure,

Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca

With copies sent to:

Hon. John Horgan, Premier, Premier@gov.bc.ca

Hon. Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Karla Kozakevich, Chair, RDOS, kkozakevich@rdos.bc.ca

Roly Russell, MLA, roly.russell.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Please also send a copy of any letter to chair@kaledencommunity.com

\*If you are wondering why the Minister of Health was copied on our letters, it is because he had visited Sickle Point before he was Minister of Health. We figured since he had seen it, we would ensure he is aware of our concerns.

You may also consider copying your letter to:

Subrina Monteith, Area I Director, smonteith@rdos.bc.ca

**Thank you for any support you can provide.**

Below are some points you may wish to consider including in your letter:

* Community has long been opposed to development on Sickle Point
* Access is difficult and would harm the integrity of the non-motorized KVR trail part of The Great Trail (formally known as the Trans Canada Trail)
* Floodplain issues
* Riparian setback issues
* Rare cattail marsh could be affected
* Rare species (i.e., Yellow-breasted Chat, Pallid Bat, Western Rattlesnake and Lewis’s woodpecker)
* Migratory stop for wildlife including the American white pelican and sandhill crane
* Rare water birch and wild rose plant community
* Possibility for future public education and school programs
* Property is now for sale and in foreclosure, so now is the last chance for it to be secured for conservation and protection
* Community is campaigning to raise funds to purchase the property.

\*\* A template letter is coming soon. It works best if you individualize any letter you write so it is seen as an individual letter and not exactly the same as someone else’s letter.