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**Subject:** Submission for The Public Hearing for the loco Lands Official Community Plan Amendment - Removal of Special Study Area Designation

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of Lorna Dysart, Chief Administrative Officer, attached please find a submission letter for the Public Hearing for loco Lands Official Community Plan Amendment – Removal of Special Study Area Designation scheduled for January 28, 2020.

Please include this letter in the comments to be considered at the Public Hearing.

Thank you, enjoy the day!

*Paula Richardson*

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January 14, 2020

Mayor & Council  
Port Moody City Hall  
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Port Moody, BC V3H 5C3  
[clerks@portmoody.ca](mailto:clerks@portmoody.ca)

Dear Mayor & Council:

Re: Notice of Public Hearing for the Ioco Lands Official Community Plan Amendment – Removal of Special Study Area Designation

At a regular meeting of the Belcarra Council held Monday, January 13, 2020, the following motion was passed:

"That the letter sent to the City of Port Moody, Mayor & Council from Mayor Belenkie dated April 9, 2019 regarding David Avenue Connector be sent to Port Moody Council as part of the comments to be considered at the Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 regarding the City of Port Moody, Official Community Plan amendment to remove the Special Study Area designation for the Ioco Lands."

Please include the attached letter from Mayor Belenkie dated April 9, 2019 in the comments to be considered at the Public Hearing.

Sincerely,

Lorna Dysart  
Chief Administrative Officer



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April 9, 2019

Mayor & Council  
Port Moody City Hall  
100 Newport Drive  
Port Moody, BC V3H 5C3

Dear Mayor & Council:

RE: David Avenue Connector

As the weather begins to warm in 2019, our region has already been faced with its first major forest fire in Squamish, BC. We sincerely hope that this is not foreshadowing of our upcoming fire season and are concerned for the safety of everyone.

Belcarra is aware of your Council's ongoing discussions regarding the David Avenue Connector. Will you please consider the following in your assessment for the future of this potential road:

In the last four years, we have watched wildfires consume Fort McMurray and significant parts of California. Almost 100 lives were lost, thousands of homes were destroyed and there were billions of dollars in damage. These fires remind us that the question is not "if" we will face our own catastrophic wildfire, but "when".

Belcarra is a municipality with 300 homes and approximately 700 residents. In the hot summer months (wildfire season), our population swells to include thousands of visitors to Belcarra Park, Bedwell Bay, local hiking trails and most significantly, Sasamat Lake. The entire area is quite literally overrun with visitors from the lower mainland.

In the past 8 years, the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department has fought major fires at the Buntzen PowerStation, Twin Islands, Farrer Cove, Anmore and Belcarra. We will see more fires and we will not be able to control them all.

There are only two escape routes for the thousands of people visiting this region: Ioco Road and Sunnyside/East Road. There is no question that these two small roads will not be sufficient for visitors and residents to escape, and fire-fighting resources are limited to respond to a major wildfire.

Fort McMurray and California taught us that despite the many exit routes available (both major arteries and local roads), almost one hundred people died trying to escape the wildfires. Everything must be done by our municipalities to prevent a similar tragedy here.

The David Avenue Connector route would undoubtedly save lives in the event of a wildfire or natural disaster. Please consider allowing this route to remain an option for a future safe exodus from this isolated region.

Thank you,

Neil Belenkie  
Mayor, Belcarra

cc Premier John Horgan  
Minister Selina Robinson