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Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 9:24 PM
To: PCD
Cc: Edward Moydell
Subject: Bloedel reserve plan Parking SPR - PLN50734 SPR.

Dear Planning Department,

Reviewing the SEPA application, I see two areas of note that I think minimize the impact of this entry project and Bloedel's increased visitation the neighborhood:

Specifically in the traffic section of the SEPA (14):

1. Exit is to be moved 250 feet to the North. This will mean that traffic will be exiting around a corner and on a straightaway Agate Point that is access to many homes. The corner from Dolphin to Agate Point can be very slippery and there is already a danger to neighboring pedestrians because there is a narrow shoulder and a ditch. As described in their project summary the exit would not provide a clear line of sight for drivers exiting and then driving south on Agate Point. It also adds a new high traffic driveway to Agate Point. This is a major safety concern that would need to be addressed. In my way of thinking it would make more sense to have the traffic enter to the right side of the current gatehouse and exit where the Bloedel drive currently exits and car/drivers can more easily see road and pedestrian traffic coming from both directions.
2. The application states that Bloedel has walking trails but does not convey the number of neighbors and walking groups that use the Loop road as a walking trail.
3. The exit from Agatewood to the Highway has proven problematic and infrequent visitors to the neighborhood have little concept of how dangerous the intersection with 305 is. They do not see or ignore the sign posted on the right side of Agatewood stating that their should be only 1 car in the left hand turn lane resulting in increased danger to drivers entering the highway. Bloedel should be responsible at the very least for increased signage and the City should consider changing the speed limit on Agatewood and Dolphin Roads.
4. The plan also calls for bus parking, the new design would allow them to accommodate *large tour buses* that could "drive through". Large tour buses visiting our neighborhood or Bloedel would be a significant and unwelcome change for this residential neighborhood. They would also add to the danger and inconvenience (at best) of the exit to 305.

We appreciate what Bloedel Reserve has to offer the Island and our neighborhood but this change would add significant burdens to the neighborhood and potential dangers to both visitors and residents.

Sincerely,
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