

**To:** Toby Seward  
**Subject:** RE: 1900 Stalker Road, Gabriola

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**Date:** January 6, 2026 at 10:11:41 AM PST

**To:** Toby Seward <[toby.seward@shaw.ca](mailto:toby.seward@shaw.ca)>

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Hello Toby,

Thank you for bringing this opportunity forward. I've contacted our ministry planning staff regarding the internal process for land acquisition and park dedication. I am keen to advance the review of your proposal to include a portion of the property within the park boundary of Drumbeg Provincial Park. Our internal process requires completion of a detailed property evaluation and acquisitions committee review. That evaluation informs recommendations to the Director of Planning and Land Administration. While I'm not able to issue a formal letter of support until those steps are complete, we can accelerate progress by gathering the right information now and coordinating on-site.

I have a few questions that I hope you can assist with:

1. Is there a formal proposal available for review, including a legal survey that clearly delineates the specific lands proposed for dedication?
2. You noted the rezoning application was submitted in 2025. Could you confirm its current status in the process?
3. BC Parks has not yet received a referral from Islands Trust. Do you know if this is pending and at what stage the referral is issued?
4. Who is your primary contact at Islands Trust? An introduction would allow us to coordinate directly and avoid delays.
5. One consideration raised is ensuring that the park dedication is directed to the Province for inclusion in the Provincial Park system, and not inadvertently to another level of government. Can you confirm this?

Additionally, I'd like to arrange a site meeting with key stakeholders, including myself, the BC Parks Planner, Conservation Specialist, the civic planner, representatives from GALTT, and either the proponent or yourself, if appropriate. This meeting is a critical step in completing the detailed property evaluation, which will assess:

- Existing developments (structures, fencing)
- Ecological values
- Property features
- Archaeological and cultural values
- Operational risks and benefits

If you're agreeable, we will coordinate calendars and I will bring the right people to ensure the visit allows us to move promptly through our internal review.

I look forward to working with you on this initiative and am hopeful we can achieve a positive outcome.

**Eddie Tennisco**

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I acknowledge with gratitude that I live and work on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish speaking people including the Snuneyumuxw, Snaw'now'as and Qualicum Nations.

