

From: Sarah Kopjar <skopjar@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 9:32 AM
To: Stephen Baugh; northinfo
Cc: Toby Seward
Subject: Re: Application no: PLRZ20250138
Attachments: Letter re Drumbeg neighbours - submitted to IT.pdf

Stephen,

The owners of properties 1900, 1920 & 1940 Stalker Road, Gabriola, have requested a letter of support from Gabriola Land & Trails Trust (GaLTT) for their application which is being presented to Islands Trust. I have since contacted Toby Seward, their representative and received the land survey showing the proposed boundary change and the History of the Property document.

GaLTT is happy to provide the attached letter of support for the proposal as we understand it.

Regards,
Sarah Kopjar

GaLTT President

Re: Application no: PLRZ20250138

January 12, 2026

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To whom it may concern;

Gabriola Land & Trails Trust (GaLTT) is very pleased to hear that the neighbours of Drumbeg Provincial Park, at 1900, 1920 & 1940 Stalker Road, Gabriola, are proposing to dedicate a portion of their property, adjacent to Drumbeg Park, to BC Parks as part of their application which has been presented to Islands Trust. This fits with GaLTT's strategic goal to increase the amount of protected land on Gabriola. In addition, this particular land has high ecological value as part of the Garry Oak Ecosystem and our Drumbeg restoration project. We are also happy to know of their plans to create a covenant that will restrict tree removal and further building development on their properties as this will help to preserve a contiguous forest ecosystem.

We note that the proposed redrawing of the park boundary will eliminate the problem of the existing east/west park path intruding into their property and will make more legitimate space for park users at the bench location. It will add several metres of ground, all the way from the forest to shoreline, from which GaLTT will be able to clear more Scotch broom and blackberry, supporting our restoration work in that area of the park. Last year we had a very productive discussion with the property owners regarding broom management and restoration planting on both sides of the park boundary and we have already agreed to meet on site in early Spring to pursue this further. We anticipate that the proposed land dedication will further reinforce our joint commitment to cooperate on this initiative.

Drumbeg Park boundary is not clearly defined on site but it is now obvious (based on the land survey that we were sent) that the Loop Walk route as described on the GaLTT map does inadvertently lead people to trespass on the 1900 Stalker Road property as they walk between the park and the beach. We can adjust the Loop walk description in the next edition of the map.

GaLTT is happy to support this proposal which we believe will provide significant benefit to Drumbeg Provincial Park and the Garry Oak meadow restoration project.

Yours truly,

Sarah



Sarah Kopjar
President
Gabriola Land and Trails Trust



We respectfully acknowledge that the lands we share and steward are part of the traditional and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.