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**Attachments:** Elizabeth May - Baker Beach Jan 2025.docx

I am among a group of concerned Salt Spring Islanders who are VERY concerned about the proposed development (#1415573) to protect Baker Beach bank from further erosion. I believe the proposal to add a 1x15m berm (85 truck loads) on the foreshore will NOT have it's intended effect but may seriously damage the ecology of the bay. I have written our MP Elizabeth May expressing my concerns and I have attached my letter to her for your information.

Thank you for any help you can provide to save this precious beach.

Joe Webber  
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January 17, 2025

Elizabeth May, MP  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Re: Save Baker Beach, Salt Spring Island

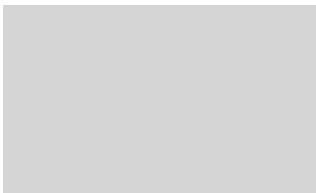
I am writing you about a concern many Salt Spring Islanders have regarding a proposal to stabilize a section of Baker Beach foreshore where fear of bank erosion is a major concern of some residents. Three waterfront properties are taking the recommendation, stemming from an engineer's study, to deposit 85 truck loads of aggregate material (sand/stone/boulder) along 600m of Baker Beach foreshore. While this may mitigate the effects of wave action on bank erosion, it is ignoring a major source of the problem destabilizing the bank caused by significant surface and subsoil water drainage from both the properties and hill behind the properties.

Altering the foreshore will certainly affect many residents who use this beach for recreation. It also poses a significant risk to the inter-tidal zone. If the aggregate material is washed back into the bay, potential damage to the Eelgrass beds may occur which could further affect the spawning grounds of Pacific Herring, Sand Lance, Surf Smelt and Plainfin Midshipman fish, and the hunting grounds of the Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, River Otter and Bald Eagle. Further, the Penelakut tribe have a clam bed directly in front of this proposed alteration of the foreshore.

I would be happy to provide you with further details of both the proposal and our concerns. Any thoughts you may have or suggestions to write other members/ministers for advice on how to effectively save Baker Beach would be most appreciated.

Yours Respectively

Joe Webber



PS. I thoroughly enjoyed your thoughtful response to Mr. Trump's ignorant comments about Canada...WELL DONE.