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**Deferral of Work in East Wilson Creek Cut Block EW002**

SECHELT - After careful deliberations of all the submissions made to Sechelt Community Projects Inc. (SCPI) regarding plans for logging in cut block EW002, SCPI is deferring cutting in this block in order to study various proposals and suggestions made regarding this area.

“We would like to emphasize this is a deferral to allow us to undertake an updated review of this area including a Coastal Watershed Assessment Procedure (CWAP) or equivalent hydrological survey. Our public consultation will include listening to input from all sources, including our Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC). Our goal is to meet and satisfy both our regulatory obligations and community concerns,” said Glen Bonderud, Chairperson of SCPI.

The deferral decision was reached in consultation with the District of Sechelt Council. SCPI, is a subsidiary of the District of Sechelt, and operates the Sunshine Coast Community Forest under a 25 year renewable tenure from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, with a mandate to maintain a healthy, sustainable forest for future generations.

“Concerns have been raised by members of the public regarding forest harvesting in the EW002 area. Sechelt Council supports SCPI’s approach to planning for forest management in this area based on detailed research and science about the best way to maintain a healthy forest environment in this area,” said Sechelt Mayor Darren Inkster.

For further details on cut block EW002, SCPI and the Sunshine Coast Community Forest, visit [www.sccf.ca](http://www.sccf.ca).

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