



File: 1414487, 1414525, 1414526, 1414527

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Central Coast Regional District  
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Dear Central Coast Regional District:

West Coast Authorizations is seeking your input into how two forfeited properties or property complexes in the Bella Coola Valley should be approached for disposal.

When owners of rural property fail to pay property taxes the land and the improvements thereon forfeit to the Province. Lands forfeited to the Province are managed by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD). Within the West Coast Region forfeited lands and improvements are managed by the Lands group within the larger West Coast Authorizations work unit.

In 2017 the Province demolished the forfeited Freeman House property (lands file 1413844) and reclaimed the land. Within the Bella Coola Valley one single forfeited property and one group of three forfeited properties remain to be addressed. The single property is the Old Bella Coola Theatre on Burke Avenue (lands file 1414487). The group of three properties is the Bay Motel, the adjacent house, and the separate wastewater disposal property (lands files 1414525, 1414526, 1414527) located almost opposite the Hagensburg Co-op.

Currently West Coast Authorizations is seeking a budget allocation necessary to address these properties. Subject to budget allocation, two means of address are being considered: direct removal of improvements by the Province and a Request-For-Proposal process.

Your input on whether a Request-For-Proposal approach would be appropriate for the Bella Coola Valley is sought.

A Request-For-Proposal process would have the Province publicly advertise for proposals to obtain the land in fee simple; the Province would then evaluate the proposals and provide the land in fee simple, with conditions regarding rehabilitation, to the successful proponent.

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Proposal content and evaluation criteria would include:

- Planned schedule of property rehabilitation
- Financial cost/benefit to the Province
- Probable contributions to the local rural economy
- Potential benefits to First Nations reconciliation

With your local knowledge of these properties and of the Bella Coola Valley community and its economic opportunities your feedback on whether a Request-For-Proposal process would be appropriate for either of these properties would be appreciated.

As information, similar request has been made of the Nuxalk Development Corporation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further please contact Shawn Meisner, Manager Major Projects and Crown Land Sales at [shawn.meisner@gov.bc.ca](mailto:shawn.meisner@gov.bc.ca) or 250-739-8196.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Meisner', written over a horizontal line.

Shawn Meisner, Manager Major Projects and Crown Land Sales  
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