



## The Corporation of the District of Peachland

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### RE: Westbank First Nation 2022 Information Sharing Package

Mr. Lawrence;

The information sharing package for Ntityix's proposed 2022 roads and cutblocks was received by the District of Peachland and referred to our Healthy Watersheds Committee for review and comment. These comments were brought forward to the District of Peachland Council for discussion and approval during a regular meeting on May 10, 2022. Please find the comments noted below.

- Council and the Healthy Watersheds Committee (hereafter referred to as "The District") does not approve of any clear-cut harvesting techniques within the watershed but would recommend instead using selection logging techniques as demonstrated by the fire mitigation project off Munro FSR.
- The District requests that no new **net** road length be added to the watershed and that all secondary / legacy roads be decommissioned upon completion of harvesting. In addition, for every 1km of new road constructed, it is requested that 0.2km of legacy roads be decommissioned elsewhere within the licensee's permitted area.
- Further, the District requests confirmation that any new blocks do not ultimately create a contiguous cleared area greater than 40 hectares (through harvesting adjacent to a previously cleared area).

By Council resolution in May 2021, The District of Peachland has previously requested of the Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development that all forestry activities pause until such time as a comprehensive watershed assessment has been conducted by industry, which to this point, has not been completed.

- With previous professional reports estimating more than 30% of our watershed having already being harvested, the District has significant concerns regarding

the cumulative effects of clear-cuts, droughts, fires, climate change, the extreme weather events linked to climate change, and the negative effects these activities have on the water quality and quantity of flow in our watersheds.

- The attached video link, starting at approximately 1 minute, shown here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rs5e8VOf6s0&t=187s> provides a time-lapse video showing the significant harvesting that has occurred within both the Peachland and Trepanier watersheds since 1984.

Please note that this correspondence has also been copied to the offices of the Honourable Minister of Forests, Katrine Conroy and the Honourable Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship, Josie Osborne.

Sincerely,



Shawn Grundy  
Director of Operations

cc. Katrine Conroy – Honourable Minister of Forests  
cc. Josie Osborne – Honourable Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship  
cc. Mayor Cindy Fortin