

Late Agenda Items**Regular Council Agenda
July 7, 2026**

Recommendation:

That Council amend the agenda to add the following items, received after publication of the agenda, and renumber the agenda accordingly:

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Recommendation:

That Council receive the correspondence from Mosaic Forest Management dated July 2, 2026 regarding the Banon Creek Forest Service Road.

16. NEW BUSINESS**16.1. Banon Creek Forest Service Road – Request for CVRD Support****Recommendation:**

That Council support the Mayor in requesting a letter be sent to the Province from the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD), Stz'uminus and Halalt First Nations regarding the removal of encampments, site clean-up, and ongoing monitoring and security of the Banon Creek Forest Service Road area.

From: Francis Guyver <francis.guyver@mosaicforests.com>
Sent: July 2, 2026 1:49 PM
To: Deena Beeston; Mayor
Subject: Banon Creek FSR

Good Afternoon

BANON CREEK FSR - SHARED CONCERNS AND SUPPORT FOR PROVINCIAL ACTION

I'm writing on behalf of Mosaic Forest Management to express our support for the Town of Ladysmith's June 26 letter to the province, and our shared concern over the deteriorating situation on the Banon Creek FSR.

Like the Town, Stz'uminus First Nation, the Diamond Improvement District, and the Saltair community, we recognize what's at stake: the drinking water for roughly 12,000 people, and a wildfire risk with consequences that would be felt well beyond any one landowner's boundary.

We support the Town's request for improved security measures at the road, including secure gates and surveillance, as a necessary near-term step to protect public safety and the watershed. At the same time, we recognize this is a complex social issue, and that enforcement alone is unlikely to resolve it - displacement without a coordinated plan risks simply shifting the problem elsewhere. On our own land base, we continue to invest in wildfire prevention and detection, and we believe a lasting solution will require sustained collaboration across all levels of government, First Nations, and landowners in the area.

We're ready to support the Town, the Province, and Stz'uminus First Nation in whatever way is most useful and would welcome the chance to discuss how we can help move this forward.

Kind regards,



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