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Via email: premier@gov.bc.ca

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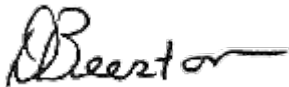
Subject: Urgent Request for Emergency Enforcement and Watershed Protection

Dear Premier Eby,

Further to our letter dated June 26, 2026, regarding the urgent need for emergency enforcement and watershed protection at the Bannan Creek Forest Service Road access, we are writing to advise that a two human-caused wildfires have occurred in the region, the most recent on August 18th identified as Fire Number V61699. Conditions remain at Drought Level 4, and as shown by recent events, unregulated human activity including open flames, cooking fires, smoking, and unmanaged fuel on remote, dry, and heavily forested provincial lands within our watershed continues to pose an immediate threat.

This situation threatens critical watershed infrastructure and drinking water supply systems, and places our community and emergency response personnel at immediate risk. The Town of Ladysmith cannot accept continued provincial inaction in the face of the current wildfire risk in British Columbia. The Province must take immediate action to relocate the occupants to an appropriate area of Crown land away from our watershed, and to implement the enforcement and protection measures necessary to prevent further risk to our drinking water supply and community safety.

Sincerely,



Deena Beeston
Mayor

- c. Stephanie Higginson MLA Ladysmith-Oceanside
Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
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