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Re: FOI Request to the District of Sechelt about Operations of Sechelt Community Projects, Inc. (SCPI)

Dear Information and Privacy Officer:

We are seeking a better understanding of how the “community forest” corporation actually functions. With regard to financial statements presented by SCPI at the Annual General Meeting on April 23, 2009, please release documents that will clarify the following details:

1. The number of staff and amounts, including benefits, paid to each position including that of the Chief Executive Officer and Community Forest Manager, for the year 2008;
2. Under which category of the audited financial statements have these staff positions have been funded (eg., “administration” or “cost of sales”);
3. Please provide us with a list of all the contracts let by SCPI, or completed for SCPI, in 2008. Please note that we are not seeking the identity of genuine “third parties”;
4. Please provide us with records (copies of contracts) that have been let to companies owned by Directors of SCPI, including copies of contracts that have been let to companies that are owned by the Chief Executive Officer and/or the Community Forest Manager. For example, we are seeking records clarifying the value of the contract between SCPI and Anik Consulting and also between SCPI and the log-brokering firm owned by Director Sitter;
5. Any other payments that have been to made in 2008 to Directors of SCPI;
6. Please provide records to clarify the percentage of the SCPI’s 2008 log harvest that was exported out of Canada as raw logs;
7. Please provide us with a copy of the complete Probationary Community Forest Licence;

8. With regard to Note 10 of the audited financial statements:
- b) During the year, the company provided logging services to its sole shareholder in the amount of \$72,997 which was unpaid as of December 31, 2008.

Please clarify exactly what services the District of Sechelt is being billed for.

I am making this request under the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

As soon as any significant part of this request is completed, please send that portion of the request to us rather than waiting until all the records are compiled.

If any of the correspondence responsive to our request is in a readable computer format, please send it by disc or email instead of printing a copy.

Additionally, please excuse us from the requirement to pay any fees for the fulfillment of this request as we are making this request as a matter of the public interest. Please consider that:

- The SCCA is registered not-for-profit Society and a federally registered Charity;
- The SCCA regularly exercises its capacity to communicate broadly to the public;
- The SCCA has no financial interests in SCPI or any of requested records;
- The subject of the request relates to the governance and financing of SCPI, a corporation of which the District of Sechelt is the sole shareholder and over which the District has complete control and custody;
- The subject of the request is a matter of environmental concern as well as one of public health and safety. The District of Sechelt's logging company (SCPI) has within its current land base, the Chapman Creek and Gray Creek *Watershed Reserves* (designated under *Section 12 of the Land Act*) that provide 23,000 people with potable water.

Please be aware that our request does not serve any private interest(s) and is intended entirely to be of benefit to the public directly affected by the decisions of the District of Sechelt and the operations of its corporation (SCPI).

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Yours truly,

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