



**DEAN PARK ESTATES
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

November 15, 2010

Mayor Finall and Members of Council
1620 Mills Road
North Saanich, B.C.
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Dear Mayor Final and Members of Council:

Re: Future Use of the Dunsmuir Lodge Property

For three decades the residents of Dean Park Estates and North Saanich have enjoyed walking the trails in the 18.51 ha eastern portion of the Dunsmuir Lodge property. For the same period of time, residents of Greater Victoria have used the lower parking lot of Dunsmuir Lodge to park their cars while hiking the lower trails in John Dean Provincial Park. When owned by the University of Victoria, the Dunsmuir Lodge property was considered "public land", and like any university campus funded by tax dollars, it was accessible to the general public. When the Dunsmuir Lodge property is sold, the land will be privately owned and the hiking trails and the parking lot will no longer be accessible to the residents of Dean Park Estates, North Saanich, or the rest of Greater Victoria.

It is requested that all levels of government work with the University of Victoria, to ensure that the public retains ownership to at least the eastern 18.51 ha of the property which contains the hiking trails, the main access road from McTavish Road, and the lower parking lot - see the attached map.

Now is the time to be proactive and initiate discussions with all concerned to maintain public ownership to a portion of this significant regional recreational resource.

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