

E-mail to the Minister

Honourable Shirley Bond  
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Texada Gravel on Gabriola Island

Dear Minister

You have received my reply to your response dated January 25 in which I have tried yet again to get your staff to pay serious attention to this problem. For some reason, your staff are intent in not taking the complaints of Gabriolans seriously.

We have spent many hours attending meetings and writing letters on this subject, and the Ratepayers and Residents Association, the Islands Trust, and myself, have spent a considerable amount of time and money having the Texada Gravel professionally analyzed in various laboratories in order to give you solid technical explanations for our complaints. I and other islanders have attended a meeting with your staff and have given them a technical briefing on all of the results of our work, but still your staff persist in treating us as if this had never happened with the result that we go round and round in circles.

My question quite bluntly to you Honourable Minister is, can we take it that no matter what, it is your intention to do nothing about this situation? Because if this is the case, we can stop wasting our time by pursuing this line approach, and stop waiting for two and half months for completely inadequate responses.

It was my sincere belief, as a professional engineer, that given the engineering facts, a solution could be found to this problem by your professional staff. But this alas, seems not to be the case.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely

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Reply from the Minister on April.15, 2010.

185645 - Texada Gravel

Dear Nick:

Thank you for your e-mail of January 25, 2010, regarding your ongoing concerns about the use of Texada gravel. I am also responding on behalf of Premier Gordon Campbell to your e-mail of January 28 on the same issue.

I understand you are dissatisfied with responses you have received from my ministry so far. That said, I am confident ministry staff have worked hard to address your concerns regarding this material. As you know, in 2008 my ministry even went as far as to order an independent geotechnical test to ensure the gravel complied with our strict standards.

I recognize you have long-standing concerns about the use of Texada gravel, and I have asked my ministry's local Operations Manager Jim Symington to contact you to arrange a time to meet. Should you have further questions or concerns in the interim please continue to work with Mr. Symington. He can be reached directly by telephone at 250 751-7136 or by e-mail at [Jim.Symington@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jim.Symington@gov.bc.ca).

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Shirley Bond  
Minister

Copy to: Premier Gordon Campbell

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