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December 9, 2015

Attention: Shawnigan Residents Association

Here is a copy of my letter for your information.

We also sent copies to the newspapers listed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Moulaison", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bill Moulaison, MD

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Trudeau,

I write to you very disheartened about the future of our community.

I have just returned from a public community meeting that outlined the considerable risk to our drinking water. The activities that impose these risks are being allowed to carry on and our own Provincial Ministry of Environment has failed to protect us. I am a family physician in the small but mighty community of Shawnigan Lake (not Shawinigan) and I have grave concerns about the future of our drinking water, our lake, our fish, and the health of our community.

The British Columbia Ministry of Environment has granted a permit to South Island Aggregate/Cobble Hill Holdings to allow the dumping of 100,000 tonnes of toxic and contaminated soil per year for the next fifty years. The significant concern is that this site sits immediately adjacent to Shawnigan Creek which is the direct feeder to Shawnigan Lake, the source of drinking water for 12,000 members of our community. Most grade four children recognize that this is a bad idea and see the folly in this.

On November 13, 2015, some of our worst fears were realized when, just eight months into this fifty year permit, and after our first of very many heavy rainfalls, there was a breach in the containment of the water flow from this toxic waste site. Contaminants leached directly into Shawnigan Creek.

This breach resulted in our local health authority (Island Health) issuing a "no use" order for residents of the south end of Shawnigan Lake for four days. Despite this serious non-compliance of the permit, along with several others, the Ministry of Environment has failed to rescind the permit, or at the very least, apply some pause to the dumping of the toxins until all issues of non-compliance are rectified.

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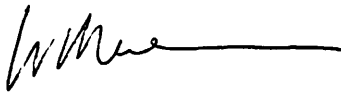
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It is important to understand that the permit process was seriously flawed on many levels. For example, the engineering company that provided the "science", on which the permit was based, had an undisclosed partnership agreement with South Island Aggregate. They are also responsible for the ongoing monitoring and reporting of containment breaches from the site, which they have already failed to do. This is an utter and complete conflict of interest which is putting our community watershed at tremendous risk. It is akin to having a fox being charged with reporting a breach in the chicken coop fence.

I understand that there are issues of jurisdiction in these matters, but I am requesting that, due to the significant potential risks to our drinking water, as well as the significant potential risks to this fish bearing stream and lake, that you assist our community with a proper environmental assessment of these risks.

Our Provincial Ministry of Environment has failed us, however, we as a community are galvanized to STAND UP for our fundamental rights to have access to safe, uncontaminated drinking water.

Submitted respectfully,



Bill Moulaison, MD

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