



District of Summerland

"Building a Unique Community with Quality, Efficiency and Respect"

Office of the Mayor



CITY OF KELOWNA

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April 30, 2008

Mayor and Council
City of Kelowna
1435 Water Street
Kelowna, BC V1Y 1J4

ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT

Sharon

Dear Mayor ~~Shepherd~~ and Council:

RE: OBJECTION TO THE SALE OF LEASED LOTS ON RESERVOIR LAKES

On behalf of Summerland Municipal Council and staff, I am writing to the Municipal Councils of the Okanagan Valley in an effort to re-confirm our united opposition to the proposed sale of leased recreational lots around Okanagan Valley reservoir lakes. It is our understanding that Agriculture and Lands Minister Pat Bell will be consulting with all Okanagan Valley politicians in the near future. This is appreciated. Nevertheless, our message must be clear and united.

This provincial proposal originated from tenants of leased lots who expressed a desire to purchase leased properties in an effort to acquire security in their investments. This contrasts sharply with the vast majority of the citizens of the Valley whose vision is considerably greater: the desire for secure and safe watersheds.

Security and safety of our watersheds can be accomplished by amending the existing lease agreements. Amendments to these agreements could include:

- a. relocation if recreational lot effects quality or reservoir expansion
- b. recreational lots must abide by current riparian regulations
- c. recreational lots must abide by current sewage regulations
- a. recreational lots must abide by local building code regulations

If the conditions of the lease agreement are not met the lease may not be renewed. The desire for security of the recreational lots by the tenant may be acquired using longer term agreements if the conditions of the lease agreement are met.

The short term financial gain for the province from the sales of these recreational reservoir lots is far out weighted by the long term risks to water quality and security of supply to all Okanagan Valley residents.

In an effort to protect our watersheds, we urge all Okanagan Valley Municipal Councils to unite in opposition to this provincial proposal.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Gregory", with a large, stylized initial "D" and a flourish at the end.

David E. Gregory
Mayor

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**To: Minister Pat Bell,
Minister of Agriculture and Lands**

**OKANAGAN VALLEY
RALLY FOR WATER
PETITION**

**WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE SALE OF LEASED LOTS ON
RESERVOIR LAKES**

**SAFE DRINKING WATER DEMANDS SOURCE
PROTECTION AND SECURITY OF SUPPLY**

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