

SATURNA ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION SOCIETY

RECENT IR7 NEWS

SIFPS Board of Directors and our Fire Chief have heard numerous concerns and has fielded enquiries regarding logging debris and possible fire danger on East Point lands known as IR7. This land is the exclusive/legal and private property of Tsawout First Nations.

We asked if the Band could advise us of their plans and on December 12th, 2019, SIFPS Fire Chief Brent Sohler received correspondence from Tsawout First Nation's Band Manager regarding IR7.

We are posting the actual correspondence below - for your information.

John Hutchinson
President, SIFPS



TSAWOUT FIRST NATION

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December 12 2019

Fire Chief Brent Sohler
Saturna Island Volunteer Fire Department
Harris Road
Saturna, BC
V0N 2Y0

Dear Fire Chief Brent Sohler,

Tsawout has a very good understanding of the fears of fire however the crews are experienced and been in the forestry business for many years.

TFN has gone through various scenarios as well as a risk management plan. We appreciate your concern and please trust that we also do not want a fire on Saturna and would welcome a working relationship with Saturna Volunteer Fire Department. Having said that we do not want our members to be continuously harassed by the Saturna residents. We will be taking all necessary precautions while completing the project.

We are working with a forestry company who will be managing the clean up. TFN has "no trespassing" signs posted and we would appreciate it if the people of Saturna would respect these signs. The project is Tsawout Band business and not that of the Saturna residents.

With all due respect we thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Eva Wilson
Band Manager
Tsawout First Nation

cc. Chief Nick Claxton

John Hutchinson, President (via email)
Saturna Island Fire Protection Society