

Lower Nipit Improvement District

Site 26A C 1 RR#1,
Kaleden, BC, V0H1K0

May 19, 2010

Mr. Bill Sparkes, Approving Officer,
Ministry of Transportation,
Penticton Area Office, 102 Industrial Place,
Penticton, BC V2A 7C8

Dear Sir:

We would like to thank you for taking the time to write such a comprehensive letter on May 6. It is helpful to us to try and understand the development process. The Lower Nipit Improvement District was incorporated in Sept 1965 and we are under the Min. of Rural and Community Development. Our mandate is “acquisition, maintenance, and operation of works for land improvement purpose and all matters incidental thereto”. In the Administration Manual for Improvement Districts section B page 43 it states that in the case of a change of land- use designations a regional district is required to consult with improvement districts...

We see our role as stewards of Twin Lakes. Our mandate has designated us particularly to have authority to care for water levels

We, would like to know why the Developer is able to review the LNID/RDOS Aquifer Study but we are unable to see the Environmental Studies he has had done without the lengthy process of applying for freedom of information? On our request, the RDOS applied for the grant for the Twin Lakes Aquifer Study which consisted of half of the cost of the study.

The “community water system” for development in this area still requires water from the same aquifer/watershed – there is no city water here.

For further information please contact Coral Brown at 250 497-8550 or Betty Purdy at 250 497-8264.

Yours truly,

Coral Brown, Sec/Treas LNID

cc to Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen
cc to Ministry of Environment, Penticton