

Dear Honourable Mr Fraser

UBID is writing to request a temporary injunction from the Environment and Land Use Committee of the Legislature as a means preventing the impending harvest of timber within the water supply area for Union Bay - Langley Lake watershed.

Unless new information to the contrary is present, Island Timberlands plans to log mature timber in steep terrain around Langley Lake during the 2018 Harvesting Season. This situation is of great concern to the Union Bay Improvement District and residents of Union Bay alike.

As has been clearly demonstrated in Comox Lake watershed industrial scale logging creates defined health risks and taxpayer liabilities. Langley Lake is small, it has previously been impacted by harvesting, and it is the only available source of clean, safe drinking water in adequate quantity. Residents of Union Bay should not be placed at risk, nor should they face additional water treatment liabilities.

Clearcut logging or any type of Industrial resource extraction has never been compatible with clean, safe and predictable community water supply. The fact that residents of East Coast Vancouver Island communities face threats like this on a routine basis is no longer acceptable.

Ultimately we all agree that communities should be able to manage and protect their own drinking water. In between the time that legislation enabling this reality is crafted and voted upon we need to protect the viability of Union Bay's water supply. It is our expectation that the Environment and Land Use Committee of the legislature will grant a temporary injunction preventing any resource extraction within the community watershed until such time that a legislative solution can be found.

Sincerely

Chair/CAO