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RE: Data Request: Scott Simmons - One Percent Realty Salt Spring Island

Cooper, Diana FLNR:EX <Diana.Cooper@gov.bc.ca> Today at 2:25 PM
To 'saltspring@yahoo.com'

Hello Scott,

Thank you for your archaeological data request regarding 132 Fruitvale Road, Salt Spring Island, PID 000865699, L 5 SEC 1 R 5 E NORTH SALT SPRING IS COWICHAN DISTRICT PL 5872. According to Provincial records there are no known archaeological sites recorded on the subject property. However, given the lot's waterfront location and its proximity to a previously recorded archaeological site, there is the possibility the site may extend onto the subject property or that other unknown/unrecorded archaeological sites may exist on the property. Archaeological potential modelling for the area indicates that the waterfront portion of the property has high potential to contain unknown/unrecorded archaeological material as indicated by the brown/orange area shown on the screenshot below.

Archaeological sites (both recorded and unrecorded, disturbed and intact) are protected under the *Heritage Conservation Act* and must not be altered or damaged without a permit from the Archaeology Branch.

Prior to any land alterations (e.g., addition to home, property redevelopment, extensive landscaping, service installation), an Eligible Consulting Archaeologist should be contacted to review the proposed activities and, where warranted, conduct a walk over and/or detailed study of the property to determine whether the work may impact protected archaeological materials. An Eligible Consulting Archaeologist is one who is able to hold a Provincial heritage permit that allows them to conduct archaeological studies. Ask an archaeologist if he or she can hold a permit, and contact the Archaeology Branch (250-953-3334) to verify an archaeologist's eligibility. Consulting archaeologists can be contacted through the BC Association of Professional Archaeologists (www.bcapa.ca) or through local directories.

If the archaeologist determines that development activities will not impact any archaeological deposits, then a permit is not required. Occupying an existing dwelling or building without any land alterations does not require archaeological study or permitting.

In the absence of a confirmed archaeological site, the Archaeology Branch cannot require the proponent to conduct an archaeological study or obtain a permit prior to development. In this instance it is a risk management decision for the proponent.

If any land-altering development is planned and proponents choose not to contact an archaeologist prior to development, owners and operators should be notified that if an archaeological site is encountered during development, activities **must** be halted and the Archaeology Branch contacted at 250-953-3334 for direction. If an archaeological site is encountered during development and the appropriate permits are not in place, proponents will be in contravention of the *Heritage Conservation Act* and likely experience development delays while the appropriate permits are obtained.

Please review the screenshot of the property below (outlined in yellow) in relation to the archaeological potential (brown/orange areas). If this does not represent the property listed in the data request please contact me.

Kind regards,

Diana

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