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Hello to whom it may concern.
Please see the attached Letter Dated June 6, 2025
Thank you
Friends of Cecelia Creek Falls Park



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Society**

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Mayor and Council
District of Saanich
770 Vernon Avenue
Victoria, BC V8W 2W7

via: ClerkSec@saanich.ca

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: Agenda Item E.1. - Cecelia Creek Falls Park Funding and Concept Plan

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this motion.

“That the Natural Areas, Parks and Trails Advisory Committee recommend that Council:

- **Reaffirm that the community amenity contribution funds of \$30,000 from 2014 for Cecelia Creek Falls Park (Inverness Road Parkland) still exist and are available to be allocated; and**
- **Direct staff to investigate the feasibility of the Cecelia Creek Falls Park concept plan and how and where it would fit within the prioritization of Parks projects.”**

In regards to the motion’s first bullet **reaffirm that the community amenity contribution funds.** Our understanding is that the \$30,000 community amenity contribution fund being referred to is covenanted through the development process and by a council motion and is dedicated for use at Cecelia Creek Falls Park.

As to the motions second bullet **direct staff to investigate the feasibility of the Cecelia Creek Falls Park concept plan.** Our understanding of the motion as written is that the Cecelia Creek Falls Park Concept Plan would be in reference to the Alternative Daylighting Option concept plan presented to the NAPT committee on March 19, 2025 where this motion was created.

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As to **how and where it would fit within the prioritization of Parks projects**, we foresee a number of different sources of grant funding opportunities available for this type of project. The potential of this project could be achieved without being a Parks capital project.

The alternative daylighting option is a simplified variation of the 2009 creek and forest vision for Cecelia Creek Falls Park.

The alternative daylighting option:

- a. reduces the depth of excavation required to daylight the creek to 2 meters for the entire length of the creek;
- b. reducing implementation costs and protects the mature group of trees; and
- c. maintains all daylighting work within the park boundaries eliminating the issue of encroachment into the boulevard area as these issues were main concerns of the original 2009 concept plan raised by Parks and Engineering staff.

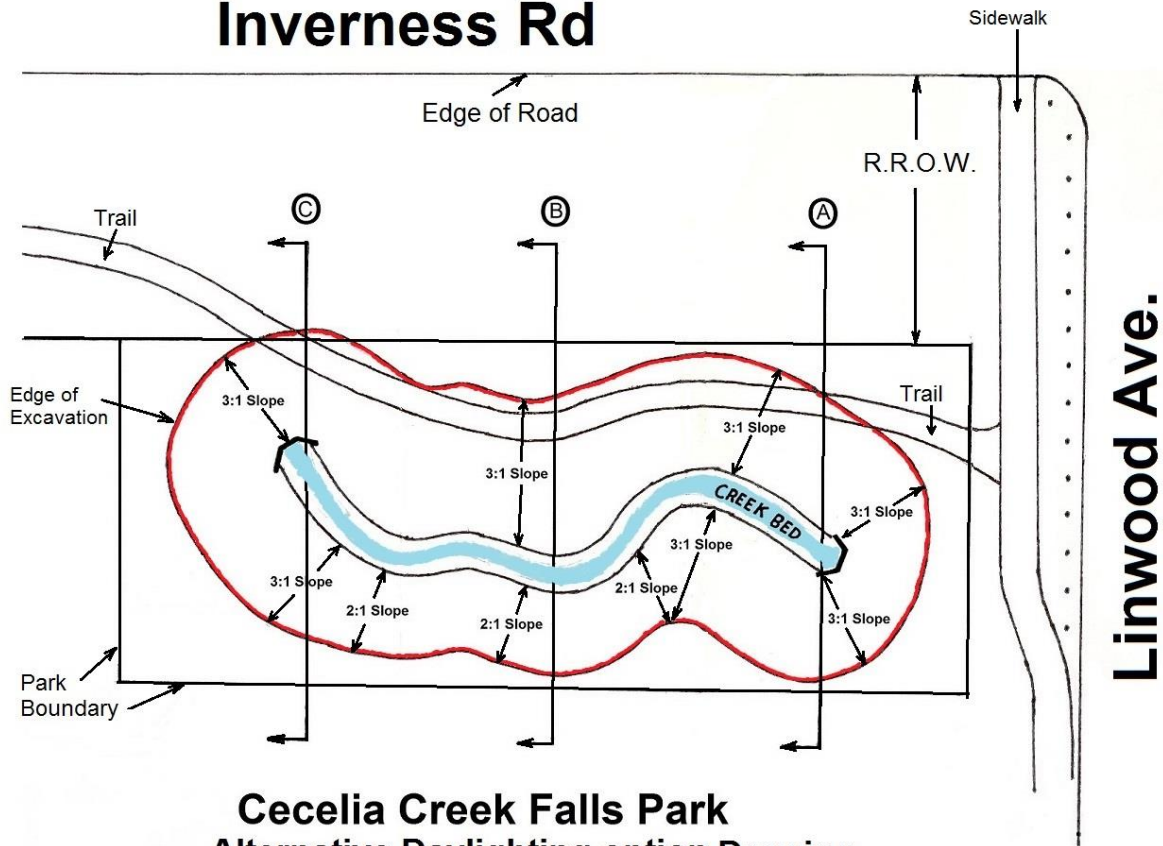
Site and cross section drawings for the Alternative Daylighting Option Concept Plan are attached as part of this letter for your reference.

We would like to work in partnership with Parks staff to create a plan for Cecelia Creek Falls Park that will have the greatest overall benefits to the traditional ancestral territorial lands of the Lekwungen and WSANEC peoples, the watershed, environment and the community as a whole.

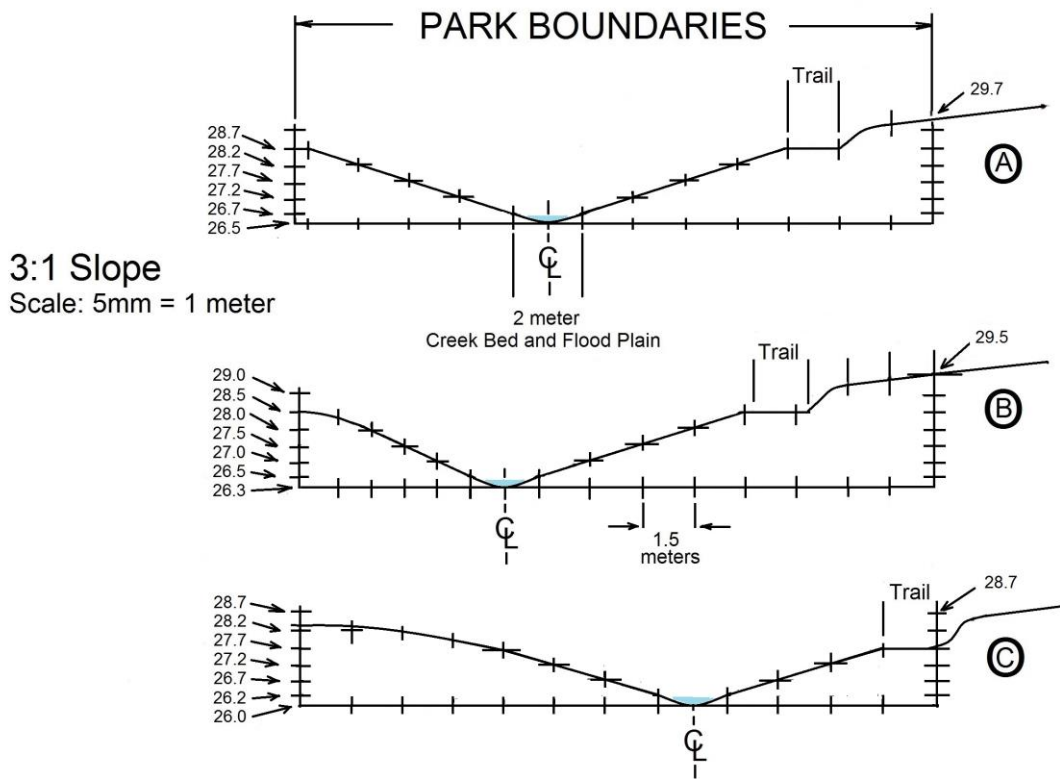
Yours truly,

Ken Whitcroft
Friends of Cecelia Creek Falls Park Society
Attachments - 2

Inverness Rd



Cecelia Creek Falls Park
Alternative Daylighting option Drawing



Alternative Daylighting Option Cross Sections