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March 3, 2007

Board of School Trustees
Greater Victoria School District No. 61
556 Boleskine Road, PO Box 700
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Dear Chair McEvoy and members of the Board:

Re: Public Process for Richmond School Lands

Thank you for affording us the opportunity to present our concerns at the February 19, 2007 Board meeting. We appreciated your thoughtful debate and discussion about the importance of public consultation and the need to not rush the process.

We were especially pleased by the Board's unanimous adoption of the resolution:

"That the Board of Trustees facilitate a wide community dialogue to gather neighbourhood and community input about potential use of Richmond School land and facilities while it is not being used as a school, including discussion with neighborhood and community groups as well as the municipality"

We understand that as a follow up to the resolution, the board is establishing a task group to refine the consultation process associated with the future use of the former Richmond Elementary site. We would be pleased to meet with whoever on your board is tasked with clarifying this "consultative process" to help ensure it addresses community needs.

We are confident that the trust you place in consultation will not only fulfill your mandate for public process, but result in a decision that better fits the interests of both the School District and the broader community. We are equally confident that sharing information and encouraging dialogue will generate innovation and potential options that maximize public benefits—social, economic and environmental. These school lands as the "public resource" that all of us accept them to be, should be a key motivator in all this.

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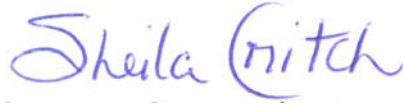
We look forward to continuing this dialogue with the Board and working with you and other community partners to explore positive and creative options for this important public asset.

Our primary contacts/coordinating persons for the community groups identified above are Ian Graeme (370-1271), Kathryn Foster (592-2738), and Al Lubkowski (216-2389).

Yours truly,



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