



July 17, 2019

Jason Lum, Chair of the Board  
Fraser Valley Regional District  
45950 Cheam Avenue  
Chilliwack, BC

VIA EMAIL

Re: Renaming of Chilliwack Lake Provincial Park

BC Parks and Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe are planning to rename Chilliwack Lake Provincial Park to reflect the Halq'eméylem place name. The proposed name is Sxótsaqel / Chilliwack Lake Park, which means "sacred lake" and is the ancestral homeland of the Ts'elxwéyeqw.

The proposed new name requires an amendment to the *Protected Areas of British Columbia Act*. As part of the amendment process, we are informing the Fraser Valley Regional District of the proposed name change to Sxótsaqel / Chilliwack Lake Park and inviting any comments from your organization.

The park renaming initiative is part of a larger collaborative process between BC Parks, Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe and the S'ólh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance to collaboratively complete a new park management plan for Sxótsaqel / Chilliwack Lake Park over the next several years. The plan will include future opportunities for engagement with the FVRD and other stakeholders in the community.

We look forward to receiving your comments on the proposed renaming and future opportunities to engage with the FVRD regarding Sxótsaqel / Chilliwack Lake Park. In preparation for legislative timelines, please provide your comments on the proposed name before September 13, 2019 to Dawn Smith at [dsmith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:dsmith@gov.bc.ca).

Regards,

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