



TOWN OF GIBSONS

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Supreme Court of British Columbia Rules in Town of Gibsons Favour

Gibsons, BC - March 21, 2018 – The Supreme Court of British Columbia has ruled in favour of the Town of Gibsons (the Respondent) in a legal action brought forward by the Gibsons Alliance of Business and Community Society (the Petitioner). In the suit, the Petitioner asked that the Development Permits issued by the Town be quashed. The Petitioner also asked for an injunction to prevent the Town from re-issuing any development permits for the site in question, an injunction to prevent the developer from acting on those permits as well as costs.

In his written decision, the Honourable Mr. Justice Baird said, ***“In short, the Town issued the Permits in accordance with OCP and bylaw amendments specifically enacted to allow the Developer to begin work on the site. All concerned have acknowledged that the site and one or more of its adjacent water lots are contaminated, and the Developer has committed to complete site remediation to EMA standards up to a certificate of compliance. The process of achieving this objective is well in hand under active Ministry supervision. The Developer was entitled to the Permits and the Town had no lawful basis to refuse them.”***

“The decision speaks for itself” said Acting Mayor Silas White. *“It fully supports the Town of Gibsons’ handling of this matter. Most importantly to our community, it confirms that the developer is working cooperatively towards remediation of the site in compliance with provincial environmental standards.”*

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