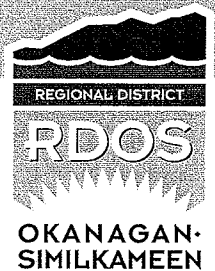


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The Honourable Barry Penner
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Penner:

Re: Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) Program

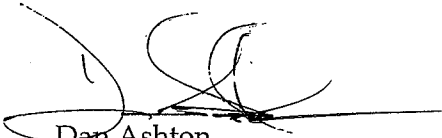
At the July 22, 2010 Regular Board meeting, Board of Directors of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen received a request from the RDOS Environment and Infrastructure Committee to contact the Ministry regarding funding cuts to the RAPP program and the program being moved to the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP).

RAPP has been a very successful initiative that the Province has implemented to ensure that the environment and wildlife within our province continue to thrive. The RDOS Board believes that it is important for the public to have unfettered access to the program to report polluters and poachers, and that the RAPP program not to be limited in providing this service as a result of the amalgamation of these two programs.

In speaking with the regions constituents, the RDOS Board has been advised that due to the amalgamation with PEP the public are having difficulty in readily accessing the RAPP program. Board members have also voiced concern that the RAPP program is not resourced to a proper level during provincial emergency situations.

We respectfully request that your Ministry explore sending the RAPP program back to the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Environment.

Respectfully,


Dan Ashton
RDOS Board Chair

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