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Town of Comox,
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Dear Mayor Ives and Council members:

Re: Destruction of Mack Laing's Baybrook House

Comox Valley Project Watershed Society was surprised and dismayed at the sudden demolition of the "Baybrook" house on August 6, 2015, particularly in light of recent letters from Heritage BC and the National Trust for Canada which not only denoted the importance of the structure and its history, but also offered support for its retention and restoration.

We believe it was incumbent upon Council, despite a staff report, to convene a public process on such an important issue in an attempt to hear from all stakeholders, and endeavour to reach a consensual solution to the conservation of this historic icon. This was not done and we feel the broader community is poorer for it.

We believe that "Baybrook" could have made an excellent natural history centre for the Comox Valley and we are saddened by its hasty destruction. Will Council now please move forward, through a public process, to create a venue on these lands that respects the wishes of Mack Laing, recognizes First Nations use of the property and imparts the natural history of the area?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Heidrick", is written over a faint, light blue rectangular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bill Heidrick

Vice Chair,
Comox Valley Project Watershed Society

Cc: MLHS, CVN, CVCS, Mac Woods