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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The Editor
Alberni Valley Times

Statements made in a recent news story by Alberni-Qualicum MLA Scott Fraser may have left readers with a mistaken impression.

The Nov. 15 open house for improving parking at MacMillan Provincial Park was about the park, not politicians. I wanted to listen to comments from the public generated by the presentation, rather than disrupt the meeting to address the audience.

BC Parks staff provided information to the local community about 11 options that have been assessed for the purpose of improving parking at MacMillan Provincial Park. The staff members who were present have years of experience with the file and were the best people to discuss it.

The local MLA tells me he is interested in this issue, but I have not yet heard which option he supports.

BC Parks is still interested in hearing from all members of the community. If you were unable to attend the open house or the one held in Parksville on Nov. 22, please review the material at the Ministry of Environment website (www.gov.bc.ca/env) and provide BC Parks with your comments via e-mail, mail or fax by Dec. 9, 2005.

Sincerely,

Barry Penner
Minister of Environment