

## Debbie Schulz

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**From:** Info E-Box  
**Sent:** March 30, 2021 8:45 AM  
**To:** Debbie Schulz  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT: Purchase and protection of threatened Sickle Point, Skaha Lake, Okanagan Valley, BC

**From:** Myrna Tischer  
**Sent:** March 30, 2021 8:03 AM  
**To:** FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca  
**Cc:** Premier@gov.bc.ca; Rob.Fleming.MLA@leg.bc.ca; ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Roly.Russell.MLA@leg.bc.ca; Richard.cannings@parl.gc.ca; Info E-Box <info@rdos.bc.ca>; savesicklepoint@gmail.com  
**Subject:** URGENT: Purchase and protection of threatened Sickle Point, Skaha Lake, Okanagan Valley, BC

From:  
Myrna Tischer

Penticton BC

To: The Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, [FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

I am writing to you to request your Ministry's and the BC government's financial support for the purchase of the Skaha Lake foreshore marshes and riparian habitat that constitute Sickle Point. This is the last piece of such land remaining on Skaha Lake and one of the few still left in the Okanagan. At present, the 4.8 acres are privately owned, but in receivership and other private developers are showing interest. The local community has been strongly against the private development of the Point since the 1990s. We now have what is likely the last opportunity to have this important wildlife habitat, also of considerable cultural significance for the Sylix First Nations, preserved in perpetuity primarily for its natural features.

I feel that conservation of Sickle Point is urgent for the following reasons:

*We live in a naturally beautiful area and I feel strongly that we need to protect special places from development, or they will be gone forever. Penticton has always been an attractive place to visit and unfortunately that means there will always be some who wish to find ways to financially benefit a few at the cost of many. I urge you to have the courage to think long term and to preserve this unique little gem for future generations.*

*Skaha Lake park would be very different today if it were not for a dedicated group of community members who worked hard to preserve this space from a private business wishing to build waterslides. Naramata may have lost its public beach if it were not for the community effort. This is an opportunity to act in the best interest of the protect this special area and support the community in the effort to preserve this unique land.*

To date, over 300 people, some who do not even live in the immediate area, have pledged over \$300,000. While this amount is a long way from the approximately \$2.5 million asking price for the property, it indicates the importance of this piece of land to people in the Okanagan. To save this precious, increasingly rare, type of lakeshore land in the Okanagan before the opportunity disappears, we need the help of your government to purchase it so that it may be restored to its former glory as wildlife habitat.

If possible, I also request that there be an immediate stay on any development of Sickle Point under the Environment and Land Use Act, to protect this last example of a rare habitat before it is lost forever.

Sincerely,  
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From: debbie schuurman  
Sent: March 30, 2021 8:24 AM  
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Subject: URGENT: Purchase and protection of threatened Sickle Point, Skaha Lake, Okanagan Valley, BC

From:  
[Debra Schuurman  
Percy Schuurman

Penticton, B.C.

To: The Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

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I feel that conservation of Sickle Point is urgent for the following reasons:

I am a long time resident of Penticton and regularly cycle and walk along this portion of the KVR trail with family and friends. Due to the rapid development of the Okanagan, it is one of only a few areas where we can confidently cycle away from traffic. There is abundant wildlife and the area is beautiful and areas like these, which are under pressure for development are liable to disappear unless protected. Sickle Point should not wind up in the hands of a privileged few benefitted by stealth and shady opportunism, exposing to development what should belong to the First Nations and general public.

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Sent from my iPad

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**To:** Debbie Schulz  
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**From:** Fredi Helt  
**Sent:** March 30, 2021 8:27 AM  
**To:** FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca  
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Fredi Held

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FOR OUR CHILDREN...  
[ADD YOUR REASONS]

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**Sent:** March 30, 2021 8:45 AM  
**To:** [FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)  
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**Subject:** URGENT: Purchase and protection of threatened Sickle Point, Skaha Lake, Okanagan Valley, BC

From:  
Kathleen Scott  
Gillies Bay BC

To: The Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, [FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

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I feel that conservation of Sickle Point is urgent for the following reasons:

As the Interior is developed and the population increases, there will be more need for wild spaces native species can retreat to, marshes are natural cleaners of lake waters. The most diverse ecosystems are where land and water meet. People simply cannot be allowed to occupy all of it with artificial shorelines. I pledge to protect this area, because I have lived on Skaha before, before the mega expansions began, and I would hate to see the lake dying from human pressure.

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*Kathleen Scott*

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**To:** Debbie Schulz  
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**From:** Colleen Raison  
**Sent:** March 30, 2021 9:27 AM  
**To:** Info E-Box <info@rdos.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** savesicklepoint@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT: Purchase and protection of threatened Sickle Point, Skaha Lake, Okanagan Valley, BC

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**From:** "Colleen Raison"  
**To:** "FLNR Minister" <[FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Rob Fleming MLA" <[Rob.Fleming.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Rob.Fleming.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>, "ENV Minister" <[ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>, "IRR Minister" <[IRR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:IRR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>, "Roly Russell MLA" <[Roly.Russell.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Roly.Russell.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>, [info@rdos.bs.ca](mailto:info@rdos.bs.ca), [savesickelpoint@gmail.com](mailto:savesickelpoint@gmail.com), "Richard cannings" <[Richard.cannings@parl.qc.ca](mailto:Richard.cannings@parl.qc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 9:19:08 AM  
**Subject:** URGENT: Purchase and protection of threatened Sickle Point, Skaha Lake, Okanagan Valley, BC

Attention:

The Honourable Katrine Conroy,  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
MLA Kootenay West  
Ref: Sickle Point, Skaha Lake, Okanagan Valley, BC

Dear Minister,

In the time of a Covid Pandemic we are all stressed and overworked, especially in government, however, it is imperative that we do not lose sight of our long term goals.

Forty years in Health Care has made me aware that Medicine and Hospitals are not the only needs for a healthy population.

Wetlands and nature provide an outlet for keeping a healthy population of not only wildlife, but also humans.

This medicine cannot be bought or sold but must be preserved or lost forever.

The Sylix Nation has shown great leadership and governance in allowing the public to use their land for the trail to Sickle Point.

The role of any government is to lead, and I am sure your government will show the leadership needed to save Sickle Point for future generations.

Long after Covid is gone we will be able to reshape our lives, but if development is allowed on Sickle Point it will be lost forever.

We are confident and appreciative that you and your government will support such an environmentally sensitive issue.

Yours Truly,

Bradford Raison

Colleen Niwa Raison  
Penticton, BC

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**From:** Info E-Box  
**Sent:** March 30, 2021 10:23 AM  
**To:** Debbie Schulz  
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From: Dawna Erland  
Sent: March 30, 2021 10:07 AM  
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Subject: Sickle Point

Hi

I know some of you are familiar with Sickle Point and others may not be. I live in Penticton and have walked and rode my bike past Sickle Point. I saw the destruction that occurred when an owner bulldozed the vegetation and that woke me up to the risk to the area. It really is culturally and naturally unique and rare as I'm sure you know.

I have made a pledge to contribute to its purchase and I see a social media campaign to prevent private ownership and protect it. If there are other ways to offer some support to this please make that info known to this group or publicly and clearly.

The land in the Okanagan is already so over developed and habitat, places of natural refuge and just honestly natural beauty becoming scarce. The land really needs to be protected.

Thanks  
Dawna Erland

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Info E-Box  
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**To:** Debbie Schulz  
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**From:** Renee Halo Martin  
**Sent:** March 30, 2021 10:50 AM  
**To:** [FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)  
**Cc:** [Premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca); [Rob.Fleming.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Rob.Fleming.MLA@leg.bc.ca); [ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca); [Roly.Russell.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Roly.Russell.MLA@leg.bc.ca); [Richard.cannings@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Richard.cannings@parl.gc.ca); Info E-Box <[info@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdos.bc.ca)>; [savesicklepoint@gmail.com](mailto:savesicklepoint@gmail.com)  
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From:  
Renee Martin  
Kaleden, BC

To: The Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, [FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

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I feel that conservation of Sickle Point is urgent for the following reasons:

The birds and animals who live there need protection.  
The Penticton Indian Band will not give this land up for development .  
The Kettle Valley Railway pathway must not be destroyed by vehicular traffic

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