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Subject:Comments regarding our honoured guests at the Council meeting last night

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Dear Mayor Mar and Members of Council,

I would like to begin this email by expressing my appreciation to the Tsartlip Band Administor and the Tsartlip First Nation Band Councillor who came to address citizens of Central Saanich regarding LAUWELNEW, what we know as Mount Newton, during our meeting last night.

Mayor Mar, I was particularly dismayed that you did not allow the Tsartlip Band Administrator to address the letter which the Tsartlip Band took the time to write to you and your Council. In my view, protocol would have dictated that you allow members of a neighboring community to speak to the issue, particularly when they have expressed concerns. As a member of the audience, I was ashamed that our Council would not pay the respect to First Nations Interests, and allow this delegation to speak, when they had taken time out of their schedules to come to your meeting.

I respectfully request that Mayor and Council offer the Tsartlip First Nations an apology for not allowing them to speak to this issue at the last meeting, and I request that Mayor and Council offer to meet with the Tsartlip Chief Wayne Morris, the Band Administrator, and Tsartlip Council, at the earliest opportunity, to discuss this issue, and the issue of First Nations Consultation on all matters related to Traditional Lands.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Truly,
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