

September 23, 2014

Dear Members,

I recently informed you that the Admiral's Forest was listed for sale and that the estate of the late Admiral John Charles had accepted a conditional offer. Trustees for the estate have confirmed that the property was purchased by one of his sons, Michael Charles, on September 23. While we had acquired the means and were hopeful that our society would be able to buy this forest, we are happy that it will remain in the Charles family.

Please be aware that any agreements for access made with the previous owners do not permit access under the present owner. Michael and his family are welcomed as new neighbours and will discover their place in our community.

The Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust is mandated in our Constitution to acquire properties on southern Vancouver Island for parks and multi-purpose recreation. We now have our charitable status, so will continue to fundraise in our attempt to acquire and preserve properties that have value for our community. Our long term vision is to keep more of our beautiful spaces available as public land.

The directors have learned a lot while organizing to make an offer on the property. Although we were not successful, we are much better prepared for any other opportunity to acquire suitable land.

You are part of this grass roots organization. Together, we have the power to create a better community for the future. Thank you for your support.

We will keep you appraised and request your advice as to options and actions we need to move forward.

Sincerely,

Margot Swinburnson, President

on behalf of the directors of the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society