

Honorable Christy Clark, M.L.A.
Premier of British Columbia
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Re: Foundation Organics Composting Facility: An Environmental Hazard

Dear Premier,

We, the people of Tanner Ridge Community¹, Central Saanich, BC are writing to you to ask for your help in solving a serious problem affecting our community consisting of over 1000 households.

The composting facility operated by Foundation Organics at Stanhope Farm (6341 Old East Road, Central Saanich, BC) continues to belch out a revolting stench day after day, putting at risk our health and well-being and our property values.

Capital Regional District (CRD) awarded a license to compost the *restricted organic matter* to this private industrial composting facility located at less than 400m from our residential area. With not enough capital and managing experience to operate such a facility, all the obnoxious "by-products" from this operation are already in the atmosphere, in our houses and our lungs.

This is a health and environmental disaster for our community and it is seriously affecting our quality of life³.

Composting odour emissions beyond the operator's property boundary are the direct responsibility of the CRD. At current levels, these emissions are in violation of CRD's own Bylaw 2736 section 6.1 and CRD policies and procedures call for escalating enforcement action for continuing offences, and ultimately, license cancellation. Noxious odours and other disturbing issues from this facility have been an ongoing problem for residents in this community for more than two years.

Despite all the complaints of people living in this neighborhood, to the CRD, the Municipality of Central Saanich and the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), nothing has improved...on contrary it is getting worse².

We are calling on you and the ministers in your government to take immediate action to either close or relocate the composting facility to a more appropriate location, away from a highly populated residential community.

Our community as well as all the communities on Vancouver Island is a strong contributor to the BC's wealth and prosperity and we believe that we, and our children, are entitled to live a normal and healthy life in our beautiful province.

Sincerely,
Tanner Ridge Residents

See attached names and signatures

1. Tanner Ridge Community is situated in a residential area in Central Saanich, border by Tanner road (south), Pat Bay Highway (east), Keating Cross (north) and Central Saanich road (west) and is home to ~3000 residents and 1000+ houses.
<http://www.centralsaanich.ca/Assets/Central+Saanich/Maps/ZoningandALR.pdf>
2. As an immediate proof we invite the Honorable Premier and the Honorable Environment Minister to drive on Patricia Highway, from Legislature past the Sayward traffic lights and stop at Co-op gas station. As the ocean breeze comes from east, south-east as it does 90% of the time the problem would become obvious.
3. Compost Facilities: Off-Site Air Emissions and Health.
<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/compostairemissions.pdf>

c.c.: Hon. Mary Polack, M LA
Minister of Environment

Hon. Terry Lake, MLA.
Minister of Health

Hon. Naomi Yamamoto, MLA.
Minister of State for Tourism and Small Business

Gary Holman, MLA, Saanich North and the Islands

Dr. Brendan Carr, CEO, Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)

Mr. Alastair Bryson, Chair, CRD

Mr. Alastair Bryson, Mayor, Municipality of Central Saanich

Ms. Linda Steele
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