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ISSUES:

- Fraser Valley Properties (formerly Little Rock Quarries) has continued to construct road access across Crown land to access their proposed quarry on Sumas Mountain without approvals from MEM or BCAL. This incident is still under investigation, but has further inflamed public opposition to any mining activity on Sumas Mountain.
- The FVRD held a community meeting on Monday night in Abbotsford, at which MEM was apparently the target of intense attack by the public and FVRD officials. Unfortunately MEM was not invited to the meeting to defend itself.

PROSPER Investigation of Walter Guppy's Prosper exploration camp by HRDC revealed that the \$90,000 grant for mining development was not invested in the mine. HRDC is contemplating billing Guppy for the entire \$90,000. MEM is holding off on permit approval of a proposed MX program at Prosper until this issue and consultation issues with the Clayoquot Central Region Board are addressed.

- Garibaldi Alpen Resorts Ltd. has again raised the issue of land use conflict between the Spumoni industrial mineral quarry and the proposed Garibaldi at Squamish mountain resort project, and has asked for a moratorium on any new development in the quarry. Regional staff have reviewed the matter and found no basis for a moratorium.
- The Regional District of Nanaimo has expressed concerns in the media about MEM continuing to approve gravel pits and quarries pending completion of the Aggregate Review Panel process.
- The Jameson Road Quarry reasons-for-decision report has been forwarded to the Chief Inspector for a permitting decision. Regardless of the decision, it is likely to be challenged in the courts.

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