

Media Advisory

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Surrey and Delta Community Groups Launch "Sand for Shirley" Campaign

SURREY AND DELTA, BC - The Bridgeview Community Action Group and Sunbury Neighbourhood Association, are launching a campaign asking for the pre-load sand, dumped along the route of the proposed South Fraser Freeway (SFPR) to be removed and are aiming to bring the reality of the costly Freeway plan home for provincial transportation minister Shirley Bond.

Called "Sand for Shirley", the campaign officially launches at the International Bog Day festival at the Delta Nature Reserve on Sunday July 25 (10:30 am to 3:30 pm at 10388 Nordel Court) and continues through the summer and fall.

People are invited to join in asking for removal of the sand, which among other things is damaging Burn's Bog unique eco-system, either by filling in a form or signing the online petition at www.sandforshirley.ca.

Minster Bond is still new to her portfolio and may not be entirely familiar with this project. "We think the campaign will make it clear to her that the SFPR is an unpopular waste of tax money that needs to be cancelled," says Bernadette Keenan of the Bridgeview Community Action Group.

The "Sand for Shirley" forms also include a section where each person says what they would rather spend the estimated \$2 billion SFPR funds on. "People tell us they want the money spent on services and programs like schools, transit, healthcare, homes ... and more." adds Keenan.

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For more information about "Sand for Shirley" see www.sandforshirley.ca