



## Arrowsmith Parks and Land-Use Council

*An association of individuals and groups committed to engaging with community, government, and industry to advocate for the conservation and expansion of parks and protected areas within the Mount Arrowsmith watersheds.*

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### **APLUC JOINS WITH COMMUNITY ON TUESDAY TO PROTEST CATHEDRAL GROVE LOGGING**

Disgusted and disappointed, the members of the Arrowsmith Parks and Land Use Council (APLUC) find they have no choice but to join with others in the community and protest loudly against the continued logging in the Cameron basin near Cathedral Grove. They will be co-sponsoring the protest event with the Mid-Island Chapter of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27  
11:00 AM

MEET AT THE

#### **ISLAND TIMBERLANDS SIGN ON THE INLAND ISLAND HIGHWAY NEAR THE TOP OF THE NANOOSE HILL**

(about half a kilometer on the Parksville side of the Esso Station on the Nanose Hill)

People are invited to bring signs and noisemakers

A moratorium on logging was repeatedly requested for the Cameron River Basin in both written and verbal communication by APLUC, acting as spokesman for 25 community groups, with Brookfield Asset Management and Island Timberlands LP. "The most we have received from Island Timberlands is the following statement made in March by President Darshan Sihota: "To allay your concerns, I can assure you that we have no near term harvesting plans on our lands adjacent to MacMillan Park'."

"We took some reassurance that this offered a window of time in which both a moratorium and a longterm protection plan could be worked out," said APLUC member Berni Pearce. "Now we see it as a deception intended to get the community groups off their backs."

In addition to the Tuesday protest, APLUC will write again to the Board of Directors of Brookfield Asset Management. One of the Brookfield board members is Jimmy Pattison, Chairman, President, CEO, and sole owner of the Jim Pattison Group, including Save-On Food stores and our local radio stations "We hope that Mr. Pattison will have mercy on Cathedral Grove."

Pearce reports that Canadian Business Magazine ranks Pattison as Canada's sixth wealthiest person, worth more than \$4.5 billion. "He is in a powerful position to influence what happens there."

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**Photo attached: by Scott Tanner** (please use freely)

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See also attachments to this email:

Letter from President Darshan Sihota, President of Island Timberlands LP, to Arrowsmith Parks and Land Use Council dated March 26, 2009 -- a scanned copy.