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Dear Resident:

Re: Berkley storm sewer connection project in your area

As part of the District of North Vancouver's Landslide Risk Management Program, and in response to the January 2005 slide on the Berkley escarpment, geotechnical consultants have advised that risk of future slope failure will be significantly reduced if residential storm water drainage is directed to the municipal storm water system, and not 'to', or 'over', the bank.

As a result, we strongly urge all property owners to take steps to protect their property, and neighbouring properties, by carrying out the following work:

- Collect and discharge rain water leaders (roof and balcony drains) and driveway catch basins to the District's storm sewer system, and, wherever possible,
- Connect all other hard surface drainage, and perimeter foundation drainage systems, to the storm sewer system.

The District's storm sewer system consists of mains and lateral connections to individual properties. Private property drainage is connected to the District's lateral connection at the property line. The District has recently completed, at its expense, the installation of previously missing lateral connections.

Property owners are welcome to engage any qualified contractor of their choosing. However, in an effort to assist you in finding a qualified contractor, we are providing you with a list of drainage contractors that are experienced in this type of work, have business licences in the District and are aware of the District's regulatory requirements:

- Perimeter Drainage Ltd 604.988.4965
604.988.4545
- Lenz Contracting Inc 604.420.9118
- Modern Drainage Ltd 604.984.4343
- Milani Plumbing & Drainage 604.984.2603
604.430.2603
- Westcoast Drain, Tile & Services Inc 604.328.3789
- Budget Drainage & Plumbing 604.984.0212

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Homeowners are encouraged to obtain more than one quotation for the work. While a drainage permit will be required, the permit fees will be reimbursed if the drainage works are completed by March 31, 2006. In addition, Council at its regular meeting of November 28, 2005 approved a \$500 grant to those property owners who complete the drainage works by March 31, 2006.

Further information regarding the work and how to apply for permits can be obtained by calling our Permits, Licences and Customer Service Department at 604-990-2480.

In addition, the District has been in discussion with North Shore Credit Union to provide loans to residents wishing to obtain financial assistance to carry out the remedial drainage works. Please see the attached information from the North Shore Credit Union in this regard.

Other measures that homeowners can undertake to increase the safety factors associated with bank stability include:

- Eliminate point source discharge of storm water to the bank (This includes drainage from patios, accessory buildings and retaining walls.).
- Remove accumulations of debris, soil and other fill from the top of the slope or on the slope itself.

We urge all property owners to undertake this important remedial work.

If you have reason to believe your property is already connected to the District's Storm Sewer System contrary to our records, we would ask you to contact us with this information.

The District continues to work towards the safety of residents and their property. We thank you for your cooperation as we jointly work towards this goal.

Yours truly,



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