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**SUBJECT: Forest Health Report from Aqua-Tex – Rezoning Application RZ-02-11
(1150 Bear Mountain Parkway)**

Please find attached a report entitled, “*Forest Health – a Reassessment of Covenanted Landscape – Pursuant to Rezoning Application RZ-02-11 – 1150 Bear Mountain Parkway.*” This report was commissioned in response to Council’s request for clarification regarding the impact the proposed development may have on wildlife and the covenanted lands. This clarification was generally presented verbally to Council at their site visit of the property in early November, 2011. Staff requested a written summary of that explanation for the public record.

The report discusses field observations and recommends stewardship / management actions to maintain or enhance the ecological value of the property.

Staff provides this report to Council and to the public at large (via the District’s web site) prior to a regularly scheduled Council Meeting to allow ample opportunity for the public and specifically the District’s Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and Select Committee members to review and consider the report prior to APC and Select Committee meetings in January 2012.

Original Signed

Respectfully submitted by Laura Beckett, MCIP

CAO Concurrence

C. D. Coates, CAO