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Environmental review missed many rare plants

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Re: "Spencer Road interchange foes interfere with surveyors at work,"

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A Langford official claims the city "had ecological, environmental assessment" done and that they "have done all (their) due diligence."

Yes, except that the environmental assessment was finished on Nov. 29, 2007, one month after the City of Langford held an open house (Oct. 30) where it presented the final interchange route.

In addition, this 57-page environmental assessment report is a bogus report that lists only one rare plant species as present in the area, in spite of the fact that more are present there and that the ecologist who worked on that report had all the data available to him.

Most of the information in this environmental assessment is either incorrect or just obvious nonsense, but it does meet all the formal requirements needed for the City of Langford to go ahead with this project.

"You can't break the law," said the Langford official.

Yes, but you can always carefully tip-toe around it.

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Victoria.