

Interchange protesters deserve support

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I am concerned about the proposed Spencer Road interchange and the land that may be destroyed in building it. Destroying Langford's remaining green space and encouraging the growth of a car-based society does not help southern Vancouver Island.

The land in question, which includes Langford Lake Cave and Spencer's Pond, is partially owned by the Provincial Capital Commission, which has a specific mandate to "protect arterial approaches to the capital city as green spaces."

This land, full of trilliums, Douglas fir, Garry oak and green maple trees, wetlands, endangered red-legged frogs, nesting quails, otters, owls and Langford Lake cave, with its unique karst formations, is worthy of preservation.

The city of Langford assured the public that the cave would not be damaged. The Spencer Road tree-sitters stopped city workers from chopping down trees surrounding the cave and putting a gate on the entrance last week.

Mayor Stew Young's response was to say that protesters won't stop him from gating the cave.

The tree-sitters at the proposed interchange location need the support of Langford residents who would like to see Langford Lake cave and Spencer's Pond protected.

We might not agree with their methods, but we can surely agree that destroying an existing green space in order to cater to the lifestyle of a car-based culture is not the answer.

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