

# **PENINSULA**

*Track and Field Club*

Mayor Peter Jones and Councillors  
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North Saanich, BC  
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Dear Mayor Jones and Council;

The Board of Directors of the Peninsula Track and Field Club (Pen Track) would like to clarify the circumstances surrounding the comments made by one of the club's coaches at the April 24 Council meeting.

You'll recall that one of the club's coaches spoke on the matter of the Parkland Secondary track project. It is important to note that although he introduced himself as one of the coaches of the club, he was not authorized to speak on the club's behalf. In fact, he was specifically asked by members of our board not to make negative statements about others at the meeting.

Unfortunately, his statements about School District 63 (Saanich Schools) may have been perceived as negative, unproductive, and damaging to the reputation of Saanich Schools. Pen Track deeply values our relationships with our community partners, and we recognize and respect the particularly important relationship that we have with Saanich Schools. We sincerely regret that those comments were made, and we are working diligently to rebuild our relationship with Saanich Schools.

We respectfully ask that each of you understand that those damaging comments were not condoned by Pen Track, and they only represented the views of a single individual who was absolutely not authorized to speak in that way on the club's behalf.

We are a parent-run non-profit organization, with a new board and an enthusiastic group of young athletes. We have over 80 participants this year and we are optimistic about Pen Track's future. We would like to move forward in a positive and productive manner with all community stakeholders.

We are very grateful that North Saanich is supportive of the Parkland Track project. We extend our sincere thanks to each of you for your service and your support.

Respectfully yours,



Derek Haynes  
President,  
Peninsula Track and Field Club

CC: Tim Dunford, Board Chair, Saanich Schools