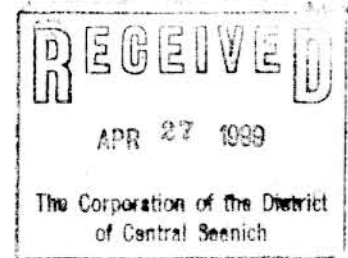


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Mayor and Council
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April 26, 1999

Dear Mayor Hunter and Members of Council:

RE: Water Problem – Mt. Newton and Senanus Drive

To confirm the discussion at the Council meeting, Monday April 19, 1999. The CSWVA is **not** willing to support Council's decision on further testing and sampling of Senanus Drive well water by an "independent" person.

We consider that the Capital Health Region is an "independent" public body. The fact that the CHR has sufficiently tested our water over the last 3 years, negates any further need. By randomly testing 55% of the Senanus Drive homes the samples should be representative of all of the homes in the immediate area. The CHR report, produced by a Professional Engineer and a professional biologist, is an accurate description of the water issue. As such the report is acceptable to the CSWVA. The CSWVA urges Council to proceed quickly with the implementation of CHR recommendations. At stake is the potential health and well being of the area's citizens.

Should Council insist on further testing, a report on which the CHR representative has told us may take a further two months, then the CSWVA **must once again** ask Council to proceed with the approval for the submission of a Provincial infrastructure grant request, in parallel with testing and other activities. Knowing that this serious issue continues to worsen, and with the CSWVA having supported Council and its Water task Force for 16 months, we believe that Council should have been and should be completely prepared to help the residents acquire a grant in support of the resolution of the water problem. To continue to wait, and with no light at the end of the well pipe, the CSWVA believes that Council is putting the residents at an increased risk of not having the opportunity for grant funding.

The CSWVA considers this situation serious and reprehensible and if not rectified has no other choice but to seek assistance from the Provincial Ombudsman and the Capital Health Region Board. Also, as the CHR has clearly and unambiguously identified the health issue to Council, to continue to deny support to the community for an affordable solution, the CSWVA has no recourse other than to seek legal advice, which could hold Council collectively and individually responsible for any untoward results.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Towler

C. Capital Health Region Board
C. Provincial Ombudsman