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The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 31, 2000 File: 5600-06 Water Supply - Extensions
To: Gary Nason
From: Von Bishop
SUBJECT: Senanus / Mt. Newton Water - Petition for Watermain Extension

Background:

At the Council meeting of May 15, 2000, a petition was received from residents along Mt. Newton Cross Road and Senanus Drive for an extension of the municipal watermain. The form of the petition had been reviewed by Staff and the District's lawyer and it was submitted to Council for their information prior to it being circulated.

At the April 3, 2000 meeting of Council, a question was asked from the audience as to the current Bylaw provisions for extending a watermain system. Council asked for information to be supplied the next time the issue of the Senanus watermain extension was brought forward.

Discussion:

1. Sufficiency of the Petition

In order for a petition to be sufficient, under Section 632 of the *Municipal Act*, it must be signed by the owners of at least 2/3 (66.7%) of the benefiting properties and those properties must constitute at least 50% of the total assessed value. If there is more than one owner of a parcel, the petition must be signed by a majority of the owners of each such parcel.

There are 64 benefiting properties along the route of the proposed watermain, with a total assessed value of \$30,064,700. The required 2/3 signatures is 43

The petition has been duly signed by all the owners of 43 parcels (67.2%), with an assessed value of \$23,179,500 (77.1%).

The petition therefore is sufficient under the *Municipal Act* and can be certified as such.

2. Content of the Petition

The petition was predicated on a total estimated cost of \$850,000, with an infrastructure grant for 50% of the cost.

3. Infrastructure Grant Program

There is one year left of the current Provincial infrastructure grant program. An application made this year will be considered for the 2001 program, and announcements of the grants approved would

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likely be made in late spring or early summer 2001. Projects are rated on a matrix of priorities, with Public Health Protection rated as the highest.

The Federal Government announced recently that they were going to enter into agreements with the provinces for an Infrastructure Program. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs advises that the Federal government plans to hold discussions with the province over the summer and reach an agreement by the fall. At this time the province has no indication as to what the grants might be used for.

4. Current Bylaw Provisions for Extension of a Watermain System

Bylaw 524, "The Central Saanich Municipal Water Regulations and Rates By-Law No. 1, 1978" provides that if an applicant is prepared to pay the full costs for an extension of the watermain, the District is generally required to provide it. The work is to be undertaken by the District or by an approved contractor.

Recommendation:

That Council receive this report and provide direction to Staff as to whether an application should be submitted for a Provincial Infrastructure Grant.

Submitted by,

Donavon Bishop, A.Sc.T.
Sr. Engineering Technologist

I certify that the Petition under Section 632 of the *Municipal Act* for the Establishment of a Specified Area and the Extension of a Water Main on Mt. Newton Cross Road and Senanus Drive, submitted at the Council meeting of May 15, 2000, is sufficient.

I concur with the recommendations of this report.

Gary Nason,
Clerk Administrator

Attachments:

1. List of Benefiting Properties, indicating those that have signed the Petition
2. Map of Benefiting Properties, indicating those that have signed the Petition