



Some of the statements made in a Report delivered to the Municipality on March 3, 1999 by the Capital Health Region, Chief Environmental Officer, are:

"... the groundwater in the Senanus Drive area should not be considered potable, is not palatable and should not be used for drinking water."

" The residents of the area should be advised not to continue to consume that water or to use the water for cooking or beverage preparation without treatment."

"... the residents of the area should be advised to seek other alternatives as their source of domestic drinking water."

" The ultimate solution to the drinking water quality problems in the Senanus Drive area is to allow the extension of the Municipal water service."

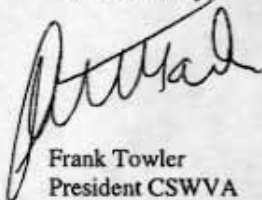
**Residents cannot even boil or chlorinate (oxidize) their water, usually the first instruction to residents when there is trouble with water, as advised by the Capital Health Region in their report:**

" Viewing that the Senanus Road water has high levels of chromium it automatically eliminates the possibility of using chlorination as a primary method of water disinfection."

Yet the solution, recommended by the Municipal Engineer, is a straightforward extension of an existing watermain. The main issue is that of an approximate cost of \$1 million, to be shared by about 60 property owners. Hence, the requirement to ask for a grant as many of the property owners are pensioners or otherwise restricted in their ability to personally fund 100% of such a project.

**We have no wish to be Walkerton II.** The residents have worked hard to avoid such a scenario. Advice and contacts for the rapid resolution of our water problem and the important, critical fundamental need that this represents to our community would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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- c. Honorable Jenny Kwan, Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs
- c. Honorable, Provincial Minister of Health
- c. Dr. Richard Stanwick, Regional Medical Health Officer, Capital Health region
- c. Central Saanich Mayor and Council
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