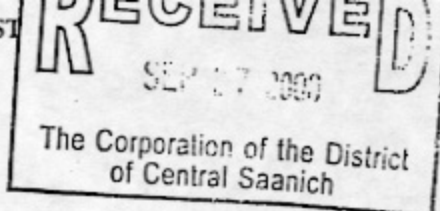


CENTRAL SAANICH WEST
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Mayor and Council
District of Central Saanich
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September 24, 2000

Dear Mayor Hunter and Members of Council:

Re: Water Main Extension to Service Senanus Drive – West Saanich Road Option

At the September 11, 2000 Committee meeting, the residents were left with a distinct impression that a majority of Council (specifically: Mayor Hunter and Councilors Haddon, Harcombe and Marr) recognized that the Senanus Drive residents have a water problem, and that an extension of the water main along the West Saanich (from Brentwood) would be a supportable option.

The residents have indicated to Council that they too can support a West Saanich Road option, even though it is going to cost each property owner substantially more money (38% less homes to share the cost and 15%+ greater overall cost).

The CSWVA is prepared to conduct a petition to obtain a 2/3 vote from the area to be serviced by such a water main extension. Does Council require this petition, and will Council be governed by the democratic results of such a petition? The CSWVA is also asking, that if Council is supportive of the West Saanich Road route, that Council start the grant application process, which, if they wish, may be conditional upon the CSWVA acquiring the 2/3 vote on the petition. Without such a show of support there is little point in the residents further pursuing this alternative.

Council should also understand that the residents are very sophisticated water users, and that the residents have explored the pros, cons and costs of alternative sources of water supply; including treatment regimes, which a number of residents have implemented. It is fair to say that the residents would rather spend their time and money doing other things, and living with their ground water supply, but the quality and quantity of the water no longer permit the luxury of "doing nothing". This also means that the residents do not wish to spend more time and money investigating: water desalination, trucking in of water, water storage, rainwater collection, water treatment (e.g. Hydroxyl type processes), and communal wells. The residents would be most happy to receive same water supply that most of the rest of the Municipality, and the Greater Victoria area receive. **Perhaps we can say it more clearly - we do not wish to be studied any longer, we wish to implement a viable, long-term solution.** The problem is not one of "fixing up" our current water systems or looking for other alternatives. When you don't have enough water, it is difficult to make more!

The solution is looking at us in the face. After almost 5 years of impasse, acrimony and divisiveness in the community, let us pull together. The residents have accepted a much higher cost solution. Now, let us see Council's support of this alternative.

Yours sincerely,

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