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The Corporation of the
City of Central Saanich
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Dear Mr. Wiggin:

Re: GMEF Proposal from Central Saanich Municipality

Thank you for your letter of October 12, 2000. We appreciate your position on this matter, however as the municipality chose to ignore our concerns, we have no alternative but to communicate directly with you. Would you rather we risk a waste of taxpayer money and more bad press on how government spends our money?

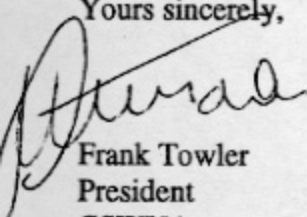
Other than technical considerations, these are the primary reasons for not supporting the project:

- (a) The GMEF proposal originated from the chair of the Water Advisory Task Force (WATF), who is in opposition to the wishes of the residents and is not trusted by them.
- (b) The chair and at least one other member of the WATF are in a serious conflict of interest position with respect to their involvement in WATF and the Hydroxyl GMEF proposal.
- (c) At no time were the residents consulted by anyone on their inclusion in this project.
- (d) The CSWVA is contemplating legal action on this issue.

You should also be aware that the community farmers have not been consulted regarding the other half of the proposed project and may not be supportive either. When the sewer lines were being laid for the new system, an analysis was conducted on the possibility of twinning the pipelines in order to provide for future usage by farms of treated wastewater. The analysis showed that the costs were uneconomical, the lines were not twinned, and that it is much cheaper to use the existing water distribution system.

We see no point in spending taxpayer money on projects that are known to not be community supported.

Yours sincerely,



Frank Towler
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