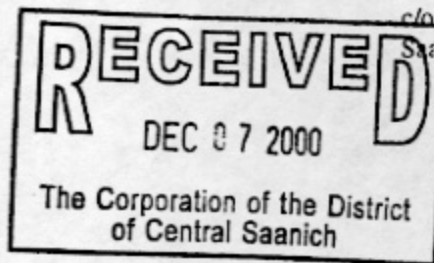


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December 6, 2000

Dear Mayor Hunter and Members of Council:

Re: INDEPENDENT STUDY OF WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS

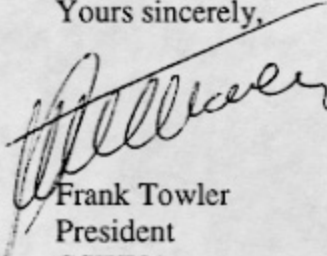
We were quite taken aback by Councilor Habkirk's comments with regard to the independent report prepared by Mr. G. Giles P. Eng.

Councilor Habkirk might not be aware that members of the CSWVA tried hard to involve the Municipality in the Giles study and delayed the study to give the Municipality time to provide input. The study was expanded, increasing the cost to the residents and further delaying the report, in order to add to the study some of Councilor Habkirk's specific requests with regard to individual home treatment systems.

CSWVA members talked to Municipal staff about including the Municipality in the study. However, we were unable to resolve differences that could have expanded the study costs by as much as \$51,000.00 and created huge delays, neither of which we could afford.

Council should also understand that Giles Environmental Engineering was chosen for this study for their impeccable reputation for this type of undertaking. Their results are indisputable, and independent of the party that commissioned the project. Any aspersions to the contrary could be considered libelous.

Yours sincerely,



Frank Towler
President
CSWVA