

CENTRAL SAANICH WEST
VOTERS ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Gary Nasan
Clerk/Administrator
District of Central Saanich
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February 15, 2001

Dear Mr. Nasan:

RE: Central Saanich West Water Supply

The Municipality recently confirmed that if the CSWVA residents build and pay for a water main pipeline extension to service our area, then the District of Central Saanich would approve the connection of this pipeline extension to the Municipal water system.

The Ministry of Environment has also confirmed that the Municipality has the first opportunity to work with the residents to enable this extension to move forward, the alternative being the formation of a Water Utility through the Comptroller of Water Rights.

It has been the norm in B.C., for Municipalities and communities to work together to solve water problems for existing communities. The existing Municipal and Provincial bylaws for water main extensions, however, have been created with land developers in mind. Through the creation of profit, land developers are able to pay for extensions to Municipal water systems. Where there is no land developer or profit creation potential, the Municipality has usually been the body through which financing and payment has been coordinated. As you know, in the case of Central Saanich, Council has chosen not to support the residents. Thus, we must take into account that it is a group of residents seeking to finance a water main extension, without the support of profit from land development and without the support of the Municipality's capability for project financing and cash collection. Private financing requires a minimum established financing period of at least 20 years.

With this in mind, CSWVA requests that the Municipality approve the following two conditions that would become an integral part of our application to extend the Municipal water system at our cost:

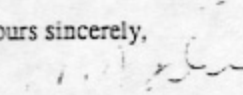
1. That latecomer's fees apply for 20 years from the completion of the project.
2. That connection fees be awarded to CSWVA for the same 20 years.

With the Municipalities approval of the above two requirements, CSWVA would be in a position to submit, to the Municipality, an application to build the water main extension.

If the Municipality is unable to meet these requirements, and because time is of the essence in avoiding the continued risk to the health of residents of Central Saanich West, we are requesting immediate notification. This would free the residents to form a Water Utility, under which authority the residents would gain the flexibility required to fund, build, maintain, and operate the water main extension and supply to Central Saanich West.

However, we are hopeful that the Municipality is able to agree with our request and accordingly, will promptly advise us of their approval.

Yours sincerely,


Frank Towler
President
CSWVA

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