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VIA FAX #652-0135

Mayor and Council
District of Central Saanich
1903 Mount Newton Cross Road
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Dear Mayor Hunter and Members of Council:

RE: Senanus Drive - Clean Drinking Water

As some of you may know, the Central Saanich West Voters Association, on behalf of the residents of Senanus Drive, have requested the opportunity to address the Capital Regional District Board. The purpose of the request is to ask the CRD to create a local service area to provide urgently needed potable water for their area.

The Chair of the CRD Board and Mayor Hunter have considered this matter and asked that prior to placing this matter on a Board Agenda, that the parties try, one more time, for a resolution of this serious issue at the local Council level.

My clients are willing to do this, and I understand that the Council is willing to consider this matter at its scheduled March 26th, 2001 meeting.

The Voters Association is willing to continue to work towards the goal of providing the urgently needed potable water to their area on the understanding that a mutually agreeable conclusion will be reached on or shortly after March 26th. Otherwise the issue would return to the CRD Board agenda for their April 11th, 2001 Board meeting.

Attached is a copy of the letter that went to the Capital Regional District Board. You can see that it focuses on the concept of proceeding forward utilizing the Federal Provincial Infrastructure grant process.

My clients request that the Council consider the following motion:

"That the District of Central Saanich immediately apply for a Federal Provincial Infrastructure grant for the purposes of extending municipal water service to Senanus Drive, and that the District proceed simultaneously to conduct the necessary petition to gain the required approval from the residents in the specified area that will be served."

If this motion is approved, the community and the Council can work together to quickly bring potable water to an area of the municipality urgently in need, and to ensure the health of your citizens.

Yours very truly,

COX, TAYLOR

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