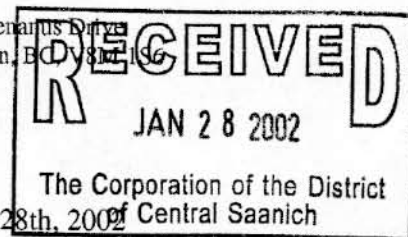


**CENTRAL SAANICH WEST  
VOTERS ASSOCIATION**

Mayor and Council  
District of Central Saanich  
1903 Mt. Newton X Road  
Saanichton, BC  
V8M 2A9

c/o 629 Senatus Drive  
Saanichton, BC V8M 1S6



January 28th, 2002

Dear Mayor Hunter and Members of Council:

**Re: Central Saanich West Water Supply**

Please find attached a copy of an email sent to Councillor Harcombe, which explores the costs/pros/cons of the West Saanich Road/Tsartlip Band water main connection as per discussions in the last two council meetings.

Like you, the residents felt that this alternative would be favourable, particularly with regard to cost. Our research in 1996, however, showed that within the bounds of estimating error, there was no cost advantage for this route versus Mt. Newton. In addition, at the time, we were clearly informed by both the Municipality and the CRD that they would not support this alternative because of the potential unreliability of supply (quality, quantity and contract enforceability).

Once again we must conclude that the Mt. Newton X Road alternative is the only one that meets the long-term needs, and is supported by, an overwhelming majority of the residents.

Councillor Haddon said that she no longer wishes to deal with this issue. However, unless a clear, unambiguous direction is given to the residents, there is no choice. We ask, therefore, that you move the following two motions:

1. Provide approval for municipal staff to support the residents in grant requests for a water main extension.
2. Provide approval for a water main extension to proceed if a grant is approved.

You will recollect that it was Council's wish, and not the residents, for this matter to be resolved at Central Saanich Council, rather than at the CRD Board/

Yours sincerely,

Frank Towler  
President  
CSWVA

**Frank Towler**

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**From:** "Frank Towler" <ftowler@shaw.ca>  
**To:** "Andrew Harcombe" <andrew.harcombe@gems2.gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** "Trish Flanders" <Trish.Flanders@district.central-saanich.bc.ca>; "Nirmal" <nirmal.bhattacharya@district.central-saanich.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** 21 January 2002 22:11  
**Subject:** Costing for the West Saanich Route to Hagen Creek

Andrew,

In 1996 the CSWVA looked at the alternative of hooking up to Tsartlip Band water main at the termination point just to the South of Hagen Creek. These are the results of the analysis:

W. Saanich/Hagen Creek Route 0.56 of the cost of the Mt. Newton route. This is based on less rock and less distance.

W. Saanich/Hagen Creek route 0.59 of the properties of the Mt. Newton route. Based on 38 properties instead of 64.

Assuming a cost of \$960,000 for the Mt. Newton route and \$537,600 for the West Saanich route.

The per property costs would be \$15,000 and \$14,000 respectively. (not including borrowing costs and property hook up costs)

The West Saanich route would be 7% cheaper.

At the time, we felt that this per property cost (which in many cases will more than double with the addition of interest and hook up costs) was more than a majority of property owners could afford without the support of a grant.

You may recollect that the Senanus Drive water problem goes back at least 25 years, cost has always been the main stumbling block to a solution; which is why the residents waited patiently until 1997 to come forward to council with a request to help fund a solution through the Federal/Provincial Infrastructure grant program announced at that time.

The residents felt that the 7% lower cost did not compensate for the greater risks associated with hooking up to the Tsartlip water main, in fact we were told by the CRD that they would not support such a connection.

Mr. Mackey warned of potential problems associated with the control of water quality and the guarantee of supply. Thus his recommendation to bring a watermain all the way from Verdier.

A contract between the Municipality and the band does not provide as much security for the residents as could be wished. We are looking for a permanent solution that does not require us to have to go "back to the well" in our life time. We think that is a reasonable request.

We would appreciate it if Nirmal could make a quick verification of the numbers.

If the numbers above are still reasonable, we would ask that you move two motions in council for us:

1. Requesting council's support for a grant request to be submitted on the CSWVAs behalf, for a water main extension.
2. Requesting council's support for a water main extension into the CSWVA area.

Based on past performance we expect to be turned down, but that would finally bring closure at the council table on this issue, which despite Councillor Haddon's comments to the contrary, we do not believe has ever been achieved.

Your assistance would be appreciated.

A letter will be sent to Mayor and Council making the request for these motions.

Your support is and has been appreciated, we are sorry that you have had little support at the council table.

Thanks Frank



*The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich*

January 29, 2002

Mr. Frank Towler  
Central Saanich West Voters Association  
c/o 629 Senanus Drive  
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Dear Mr. Towler:

**Re: Senanus Water Quality & Supply Issue**

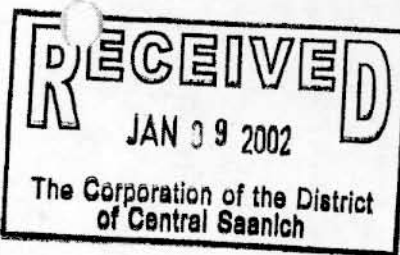
Thank you for your letter dated January 7, 2002 in regards to the Senanus Water Quality and Supply Issue.

Please be advised that the Municipal Council of the District of Central Saanich, at its Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, January 21, 2002 received your correspondence for information without a motion.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trish Flanders".

Trish Flanders, CMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk



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January 7th, 2002

Dear Mayor Hunter and Members of Council:

**Re: Central Saanich West Water Supply**

At tonight's council meeting Mayor Hunter provided the conditions under which the residents could access municipal water. We understand that these are the conditions:

1. Council will not support the residents in any grant request.
2. If the residents wished to extend the watermain along Mt. Newton X Road then the residents would be required to:
  - a) Fully fund the project, in advance, and place the money in trust.
  - b) The council will not approve a latecomer fee exceeding 5 years, but may, subject to counter petition, consider up to 10 years. Council is well aware that this is not a development project and that a late comer period of at least 20 years would be required for the project to be financially viable.
3. If the residents would contemplate a watermain extension along the West Saanich Road, the municipality would support tripartite negotiations between the residents, the municipality and the Tsartlip Band council, for a supply of water from the North end of the Tsartlip watermain.
4. Council may conduct a community referendum.

We have the following questions with regard to these statements:

1. Are these statements correct?
2. If the residents agree to support the West Saanich alternative, can the municipality **guarantee** that as long as the municipality is supplying water to the Tsartlip Band, that the Tsartlip Band would provide a predetermined, contracted flow through to the CSWVA residents?
3. Will council support a grant request and/or a 20-year minimum latecomer fee on the West Saanich option?
4. Will council conduct the community referendum in the next municipal election, if this issue is still unresolved?

To re-iterate, the residents have **never** opposed any water supply alternative that is financially viable, legally sustainable, a long-term solution and supported by the neighbourhood.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Towler  
 President  
 CSWVA