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**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