

January 27, 2003

Paul Taylor

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Central Saanich Water Services

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Dear Mr. Taylor:

The following information was received from the

Thank you for your letter of December 19, 2002 regarding water sampling in the Senanus Drive

As you are aware, water quality regulations are strict and require that water quality be regularly

ATTACHMENT NO. 4

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER'S LETTER

JANUARY 27, 2003

SEANANUS DRIVE WATER UNACCEPTABLE FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES

Your sincerely,



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City Clerk, Chief Environmental Health Officer, Saanich Health Authority



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Frank Towler
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Dear Mr. Towler:

Re: Senanus Drive/Mt. Newton X Road Water Issue

Thank you for your letter of December 19, 2002 regarding the water situation in the Senanus Drive/Mt. Newton X Road area.

As you are aware, under current legislation we have no authority to regulate water quality or quantity issues for individual properties. The Provincial Safe Drinking Water Regulation requires approvals for community waterworks systems only and this does not include a water supply serving one single-family residence. Regardless, much of the well water available to the homes in the Senanus Drive area would be considered non-potable as it is not considered fit for domestic purposes without substantial treatment.

If we were asked to comment on the suitability of this poor quality water for new subdivision approval, we would advise the local Approving Officer that the water was not considered acceptable for domestic purposes and recommend against the approval of the subdivision. This recommendation would be further qualified by the historical evidence available showing that numerous wells produce negligible to no water yields during the dryer months of the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Medical Health Officer

c.c.: Gary Gibson, Chief Environmental Health Officer, Vancouver Island Health Authority