

**CENTRAL SAANICH WEST
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Honorable George Abbott
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Dear Minister Abbott:

RE: 15369, Central Saanich West Water Supply

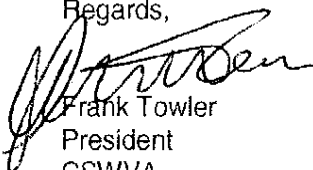
Thank you for meeting with Mayor Habkirk; the residents appreciate very much your involvement in attempting to resolve our water supply problem.

It would be helpful to us if you could continue to provide assistance, particularly in gaining answers to a number of pertinent questions, which to-date have not been answered satisfactorily, if at all.

1. What is council's objection to supporting an extension of the Greater Victoria Water District system West along Mt. Newton X Road to Senanus Drive; and why is it not in the public interest to do so? Although the community would benefit from application of grants available for the purpose of solving water supply problems, the residents have said that they would pay 100% of the costs of a water main extension.
2. Why is the District unwilling to accept the Provincial Government's offer of dispute resolution? This would seem to be a fair, impartial mechanism for dealing with this complex and long-standing problem. If the residents are willing to abide by this process, why are their public servants not?
3. If this matter is to be resolved at the municipal level, what has changed? When and how will resolution happen? When is the District going to engage the residents in meaningful discussions that lead to a solution?
4. Why is the District opposed to entering into a bulk water service supply agreement with a utility owned by the residents?

Until such questions are answered, and local government deals honestly with the community, there can be no peace in the minds of the impacted residents.

Regards,



Frank Towler
President
CSWVA

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