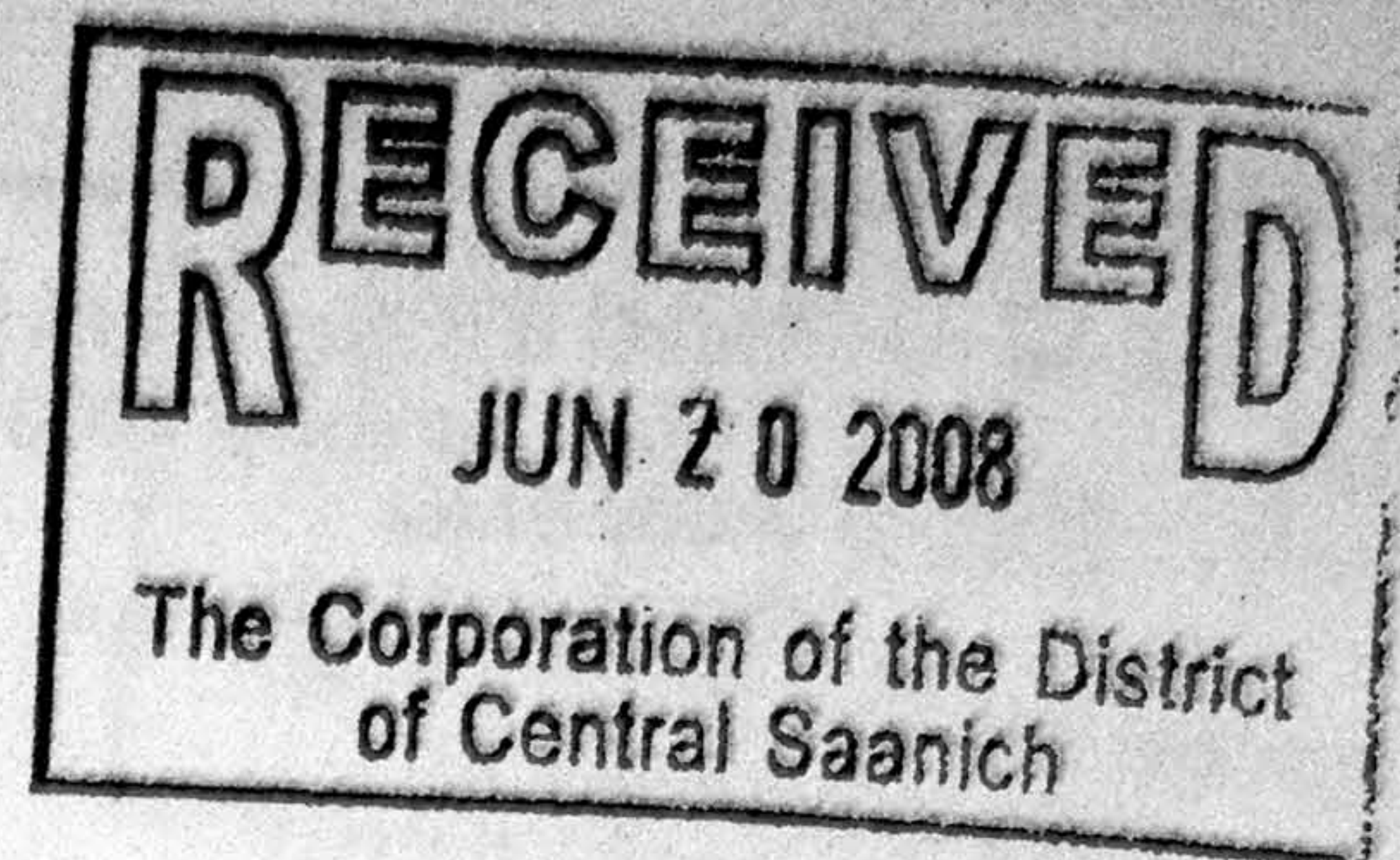


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June 20, 2008



Dear Mayor Mar and Council members:

After attending the meeting with municipal staff on Wednesday night, to clarify the issues around the proposed Mt. Newton/Senanus waterline, I thought I should express my shock when I heard a neighbour from Senanus threaten the Municipality with a lawsuit. The opinions about this waterline are highly polarized. It was clear at the meeting that many residents along the proposed line had signed the petition (generated and circulated by Senanus residents) lacking the basic facts as to the scope and costs of the project. At this point, several people wanted to change their minds – and requested another petition – but were denied. At the last Council meeting I attended (May 26), Mr. Nason recommended to Council, on the advice of your solicitor, that a public meeting to outline all details should be organized by the Municipality, and a second petition should be sent out, also by the Municipality. The public meeting has been held; however such new knowledge is useless if residents cannot vote for the petition based on this new awareness of details of the proposed project.

Two points stood out for me:

1. There is no data proving the so-called “public health issues” which are apparently at the heart of the decision to apply for the grant; are supposedly the basis of approving the grant application; and will be the basis of an application to amend the OCP to allow CRD water to be extended beyond the urban containment area.
2. An amendment to the OCP affects all the residents of Central Saanich. It should not be approached without discussion. It threatens the rural nature of Central Saanich and should not be allowed without a great deal of understanding of the ramifications by EVERYONE in Central Saanich.

Thank you. My understanding is that this letter will be shared with the Council and will lead to discussion.

Carole Carmack

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole Carmack".

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