

February 2, 2009

Mayor and Council  
District of Central Saanich  
1903 Mount Newton Crossroad  
Saanicton BC V8M 2A9

Re: Senanus Road Watermain Project

Dear Mayor and Council,

It has come to our attention that you are still forging ahead with changes to various bylaws to pave the way for the Senanus Rd waterline project even though you have been made aware of flaws to the approval process presented by local First Nations and Mount Newton Neighbourhood Associations.

It is a well documented fact that the waterline will serve but a few residents on Senanus Drive (6 in fact) at our expense and that of numerous other neighbours on Mount Newton Crossroad. Our properties are worth much less and the benefits from this waterline will be negligible, as our drinking water is excellent and abundant.

Also, the petition used by proponents of the project, by which your council used to obtain moneys from provincial & federal governments for said project, was seriously flawed. The tangible information provided by the petitioners was non-existent and when asked to produce was done so verbally giving whatever answers needed to be said to obtain a signature. The gentleman who came to our door was reprehensible and abominable in his behavior advising us that the watermain would provide fire protection (wrong). When it became clear to him that we were not going to sign, he rudely "told" us to sign, as it was a "done deal" anyway. Luckily, we refused advising that we wanted to see some factual information and more accurate cost figures. Cost that this "gentleman" was throwing at us was "free to \$8K" per household. A far cry from the now projected costs.

Unfortunately, it appears that these persons somehow duped Central Saanich Council members. I urge you to reconsider your actions and obtain all the facts. At the least, those concerned should be given all the facts, including reasonable cost estimates, and then be repitioned by an unbiased reputable source.

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