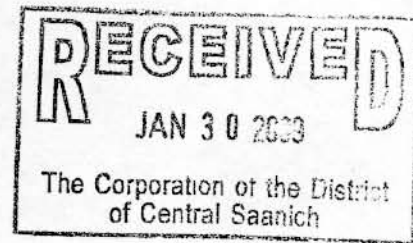


The Mayor and Council
The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich
1903 Mount Newton Cross Road
Saanichton, BC
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30 January 2009



*Late Item
Feb. 2/09*

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I must express my concern and protest the reading of bylaw 1625,2009, regarding the Senanus water line extension.

I have received the impression that the petition used to set the foundation of this bylaw was flawed. There are several individuals who believe the wording of said petition was either amended or misrepresented to them at the time of their signature. The critical issue being voiced is fire protection, rather the lack thereof, under the current proposal. These individuals have sought to withdraw their signatures. Apparently this will not be permitted. I am not a lawyer but I have been informed by a friend who is that this may well nullify the process. Apparently, the Mount Newton Association strongly believes this to be the case and is preparing litigation to stop the process.

We are recent arrivals in the municipality and were not canvassed for the petition. Having reviewed it or at least, what I think was the petition, I can safely say that I would not have signed said document. The cost potential for my family if the proposal goes through as it presently exists will be prohibitive with no benefit for us at all. Is this reasonable or fair? Why must we, the taxpayers be subject to the extra expense of pending litigation?

I support the goals of the Mount Newton Association. All they are asking for is mediation to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution to a long standing problem. Surely there is no need to ram this bylaw, flawed and probably illegal, through without some sober second thought as to the up coming litigation?

Our tax dollars are important; please don't waste them on a matter of personality issues.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brock and Margaret Clayards".

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