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To: 'council@csaanich.ca'
Subject: Re the council meeting February 2

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my concern regarding a couple of things that transpired at the council meeting on February 2, 2009.

I was delighted to see that representatives of the Tsartlip first nation attended the council meeting ostensibly to speak to the letter that they had forwarded regarding their concerns re: the Mount Newton- Senanus water line. I was particularly pleased that they had come in view of the fact that as I understand it they also have a band meeting on Monday nights.

I was dismayed that Mayor Mar did not acknowledge this delegation, let alone invite them to speak to the letter they had written. I believe that the Mayor and council missed an opportunity to demonstrate hospitality and a spirit of cooperation with our Tsartlip neighbours. In view of the fact that the delegation was present I felt it was inappropriate and irresponsible of Mayor Mar to suggest that Chief Morris had apparently not gotten back to him with regard to the water line, the implication being that his failure to do so indicated a lack of interest in this issue on the part of the Tsartlip people. I believe Mayor Mar owes an apology to Chief Morris, and the delegation that attended the February 2, 2009 meeting on behalf of the Tsartlip people.

Secondly I was concerned that Mayor Mar indicated that he knew the outcome of a vote before he even called the vote. Is there some kind of pre – council caucus meeting at which the outcome of issues that are on the agenda is predetermined?

I look forward to a response to both the above issues.

Respectfully,

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