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The water that comes out of the tap in homes on **Senanus** Drive in Central Saanich isn't so bad it'll actually poison anyone who drinks it.

But it smells and tastes so awful it would be practically impossible to drink enough of it to stay healthy.

Still, the Capital Regional District board decided Wednesday, that doesn't make it enough of a health hazard to interfere in the situation.

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Senanus Drive residents have been fighting for more than five years to have council allow them to hook up to the municipal water system, a project that will cost an estimated \$850,000. They say their water rots pipes, tanks and taps and even kills houseplants.

But Central Saanich council has repeatedly refused to allow the hookups because council members fear it will lead to more development in the area.

The only real health problem, Stanwick told the board, would be for people on low-sodium diets because the amount of sodium in the water is way over guidelines for them.

The residents are frustrated by having to return to the council that has turned them down before.

They say the CRD board should have taken responsibility since it's responsible both for water and for public health.

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