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If **Senanus** Road residents want municipal water they'll have to pay for it themselves.

Central Saanich council has decided not to apply for 50 per cent grant funding to bring Capital Regional District water lines to the area.

Residents in that area have complained for years that the water from their wells is unfit to drink, but others worry municipal water could lead to development. Central Saanich council and even some neighbourhood residents have been split on the issue.

Extending the water line could cost more than \$850,000.

Regional medical health officer Dr. Richard Stanwick told councillors the water would be difficult to drink for esthetic reasons, but it isn't unsafe. However, it probably tastes so bad residents wouldn't be able to drink enough of it to stay healthy, he said.

Stanwick was asked to provide a report on the extent of the health hazard faced by the residents of about 60 homes around **Senanus** Drive who rely on wells for their water.

Stanwick notes in his report that while some water samples in the area had sporadically elevated concentrations of metals such as copper, chromium lead and zinc, most were only just above the current drinking-water guideline and could not be found in subsequent sampling. Individual water treatment systems could probably remedy the problems, he said.

"It's now up to the proponents to come up and pay the whole bill or say 'we need you to help us work with the Tsartlip First Nation to see if we can get some service agreement,'" Mayor Wayne Hunter said.

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