

January 5, 2011

Mayor and Council
District of Central Saanich
1903 Mount Newton Cross Road
Saanichton, BC V8M 2A9

Dear Mayor Mar and Members of Council,

The *Residents and Ratepayers of Central Saanich Society* (RRoCSS) has received a letter dated 14 December 2010 from Don Bottrell of Dogwood Tree Services. In his professional capacity as an arborist, Mr. Bottrell believes that the construction of the proposed Senanus waterline will destroy the bylaw-protected mature Garry Oak, Arbutus, fir and other trees along the proposed waterline route.

Mount Newton Crossroad is a proposed heritage road and has not been disturbed for decades, allowing a rich collection of trees to flourish. The heritage value of the road will be dramatically reduced should the trees be killed as a result of this project.

The need for this project has never been proven, and there is significant evidence to show that it is not necessary. It will also result in environmental harm and require all Central Saanich taxpayers to incur taxation increases that this Council has stated they would avoid. RRoCSS therefore requests that this project be halted, that evidence-based alternatives be fully explored, and that consideration be given to awarding heritage status and protection to Mount Newton Crossroad.

We request that the Official Community Plan's intent to preserve rural lands be respected by not extending urban services outside the Urban Containment Boundary.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ian Cameron, President, Board of Directors, and on behalf of the members of the
Residents and Ratepayers of Central Saanich Society