



## *Sechelt Community Associations Forum*

c/o 5916 Skookumchuk Road, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A4

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**Communicating to assist the District of Sechelt and all who live in it.**

July 10, 2006

Sunshine Coast Regional District  
1975 Field Road.  
Sechelt, BC  
V0N 3A1

Dear Sirs:

Re: Watershed

At our meeting of July 9<sup>th</sup> it was directed our letter of March 20, 2004 be re-sent to you as a further reminder of our concerns for the well being of our watershed and our support for those who are seeking to protect it. The letter is repeated on the attached second page.

We trust that this addition to your support record will be helpful and spur you on. Thank you for all your efforts to date.

Sechelt Community Associations Forum

Per:

Bob D'Arcy  
Secretary

This letter has been signed by the "Secretary" on behalf of and with the strict approval of **all** the "Active Members" of the Sechelt Community Association Forum. "Active Members" meet a list of important standards confirming they are valid representatives from the communities: East Porpoise Bay Community Association, Sandy Hook Community Association, Tuwanek Ratepayers Association, Sechelt Village Community Association, West Porpoise Bay Community Association, West Sechelt Community Association.

CC: Mayor and Council, District of Sechelt  
Vancouver Coastal Health, Corporate Office, 11th Floor, 601 West Broadway  
Vancouver, BC, V5Z 4C2  
MINISTER OF HEALTH, 1515 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C., V8W 3C8

**Repeated Letter**

March 20, 2004

Sunshine Coast Regional District  
5477 Wharf Rd  
Box 800, Sechelt, B.C.  
VON 3A0

Dear Directors

**Re: Protection of our community watershed.**

We are gravely concerned with the latest reports of developments in the Chapman Creek Watershed.

The good health of a community relies on its having a continuous supply of clean, potable water. We have been advised of the limited water resources available to the Sunshine Coast and, in turn, Sechelt. We have really only one source and should it be damaged, even temporarily, the consequences would be grave. With no backup water every action must be taken to carefully protect what we do have.

We are all aware of the instability of the Chapman Creek Watershed. Any untoward activities in the area can have dramatic effects on downstream water quality. Here lies a conundrum. The Provincial authorities seem to be the ultimate arbiters of what happens within this area but they are not required to ensure a reliable source of water to the residents of the area. This crucial matter falls under your mandate yet you have no control over industrial activities occurring within the area.

Our association members, as taxpayers and users, cannot be expected to pay for expensive equipment required to maintain potable water and then suffer the consequences when it fails due to upstream activities. The SCRDR should not be held responsible when it is not participating in the decision making process that determines the type and level of activity within the communities' watersheds.

We would like to throw our support behind action that you feel is needed to correct this untenable situation. We would encourage a process that protects and ensures the future of our water supply on the lower Sunshine Coast.

Yours truly,  
**Sechelt Community Associations Forum**

Per:

Bob D'Arcy  
Chair

Cc: Mayor and Council - District of Sechelt  
The Honourable Bill Barisoff- Ministry of Land, Air and Water Protection