

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2005**

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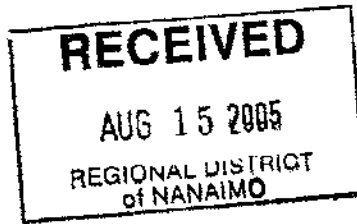
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August 15, 2005

Mr. Joe Stanhope, Chairman, and RDN Directors
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6N2

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Dear Chairman Stanhope and Directors:

Re: Review of Resource and Forestry Land Sub Division Regulations

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Area Directors for meeting with us on August 3, 2005 to discuss the "Review of Resource and Forestry Land Subdivision Regulations".

Although TimberWest's initial concern related to the process involved in this review, we look forward to working with your staff to ensure that equitable consideration is given to all "Key Stakeholders" during this review process.

As requested, TimberWest would like copies of the background reports relating to the financial and economic impacts of this initiative and any other documentation that may assist us in our review. Once we have had a chance to review the preliminary reporting, we will contact Bob Lampham to schedule a secondary meeting to further our discussions.

Given the magnitude of our holdings that may be affected by this proposed change, TimberWest confirms our request for a timeline of the end of this year to complete an impact analysis.

Yours truly,

TIMBERWEST FOREST COMPANY
by its Managing Partner,
TimberWest Forest Corp.

Per: Marianne Stolz
Manager TimberWest Properties

CC: Ron Fuller (RG Fuller & Associates)



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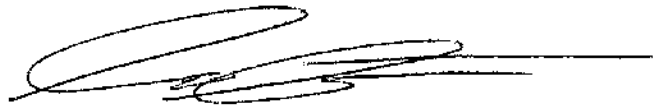
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Re: Notification of the development of a Pest Management Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter has been written on behalf of E&N Railway Company (1998) Ltd. to provide your organization with notification that a draft Pest Management Plan (PMP) has been developed to control vegetation along the railway. The plan developed is an integrated approach to vegetation control that involves both mechanical and chemical methods. The complete PMP document is available online at <http://www.streamline-env.com/e&nrailwaypmp/>. We are seeking response from all parties that may wish to comment on the proposed PMP. Please circulate this letter to all individuals or departments within your organization that may have some interest in this matter, including those associated with water resource management. For additional details please see the attached advertisement that has been circulated in local newspapers for public review and response.

Sincerely,
Streamline Environmental Consulting Ltd.



Adam Compton B.Sc., R.P.Bio.

DEVELOPMENT OF A PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

E&N Railway Company (1998) Ltd.
C/O Streamline Environmental Consulting Ltd.
786 Quilchena Cr.
Nanaimo, BC V9T 1P6
(250) 468-7503

Reference No. E&NPMP2005

E&N Railway Company (1998) Ltd. has developed a Pest Management Plan (PMP) to control vegetation along the privately owned and operated lands and right of ways of the E&N Railway. The railway intersects many of the communities from Victoria to Courtenay and from Parksville to Port Alberni. Vegetation control is required to continue to safely operate and maintain the railway. The proposed PMP recommends the use of mechanical vegetation control as well as the use of herbicides. Use of the following herbicides is proposed:

Active Ingredient	Herbicide Brand
Glyphosate	Roundup [®] , Vantage Plus [®]
Triclopyr	Garlon 4 [®]
2,4-D	2,4-D Amine500 [®] , Estaprop [®]

The proposed application methods for these herbicides are: broadcast application from high-rail track operated equipment, backpack sprayer, stem injection (hack and squirt), basal bark application and sprout-less[™] cutter head technology. The proposed term of this PMP is for the five year period from September 15, 2005 to September 15, 2010.

The proposed PMP including a map of the proposed treatment area may be examined online at www.streamline-env.com/e&nrailwaypmp/.

A person wishing to contribute information about a proposed treatment site, relevant to the development of the PMP, may send copies of the information to the applicant at the address above within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

Pearse, Maureen

From: Joe Stanhope [jstanhope@shaw.ca]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2005 8:12 PM
To: Pearse, Maureen
Subject: Fw: Proposed Pest Management Plan - E & N Railroad

For distribution,
 Joe

----- Original Message -----

From: Greta Taylor
To: Jo Stanhope
Cc: David Bartram ; Scott FRASER ; Hon. Barry Penner
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2005 6:53 PM
Subject: Proposed Pest Management Plan - E & N Railroad

Please be kind enough to copy this email to ALL DIRECTORS. Thank you.

Dear Mr. Stanhope,

This email is to register my protest and disgust that a company with the name Streamline ENVIRONMENTAL Consulting should be contemplating a FIVE YEAR CONTRACT to spray deadly poisonous chemicals along the length of railway rights of way from Victoria to Courtenay on this beautiful Island of ours. The company title is a total oxymoron. They obviously do not have the slightest regard for human, animal, bird or amphibian life. The company say they will post warning signs when spraying takes place. UNFORTUNATELY ANIMALS HAVE NOT LEARNED TO READ YET. They obviously do not take into account the deer, dogs, raccoons, bears, cats and other creatures that walk along and across the tracks, who, not liking the smell or feel of this obnoxious fluid on their fur, pads, paws, hooves etc, will lick it off and ingest the poison, get sick and possibly die. Then there are the birds who, not being able to read the warning signs, will alight on the bushes and grasses to eat the seed and bugs and any berries that still remain, who will also ingest the poison. Being so small, it will not take too long before the birds die. There are of course, newts, tadpoles, salamanders etc. in most of the pools alongside the railroad tracks. Roundup is totally lethal to these creatures. Also to be seriously considered are the numerous rivers and streams which the railroad crosses, most of these are fish bearing waterways. Also, I live in Deep Bay, Area HE, and depend on the exceptional quality of our water supply which comes from unconfined aquifers. Any contamination from these toxic poisons could result in the degradation of our drinking water. In addition, as all water flows to the ocean, any contamination could very adversely affect the lucrative shell fishing industry in Deep Bay and Banes Sound, where Sea birds could also be affected by these poisons.

I would like to relate an anecdote sent to me via email a few months ago which concerns two neighbours. One neighbour was spraying something along his lot line. His next door neighbour wondered what he was doing, so she politely asked him. The man replied "I am spraying with Roundup to kill the weeds along the fence." The woman was quite horrified because she had a fish pond in her garden stocked with very expensive Quoi fish. She told the man that Roundup was very toxic and should not be used near fish ponds. He just laughed and shrugged it off. The next day the woman was quite beside herself with grief as the Quoi were like her children (as she put it), and when she inspected her pond most of her Quoi were dead and the rest gasping for breath and at deaths door. She sought out her neighbour and berated him for using the Roundup. When he protested she told him to read the label on the container where it clearly stated that Roundup was toxic to fish and should not be sprayed within 50 feet of fish habitat. Measurements were taken and the womans pond was less than 50 feet from the neighbours fenceline! Let us all learn a lesson from this tragic episode and **BAN THE USE OF THESE TOXIC CHEMICALS ALTOGETHER.** They are no use to MAN OR BEAST, particularly when there are safe alternatives to use. There are no "safe" herbicides or pesticides!
 Besides, according to an email from Loren Duncan, Director for Area A, and I quote "The E&N has not used chemicals since 1989...15 years...this is not the time to start"

Therefore, I SUPPORT any motion made to the RDN Board to **DENY THIS PSEUDO-ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING CO.** the right to spray dangerous, poisonous chemicals anywhere at all, especially not for a FIVE YEAR PERIOD, not even for a year, and not even for one single day.
 P.S. I also live close to the railway tracks!

23-Aug-05

Yours truly,
Greta Taylor,
RR1.S156.C8,
Bowser, B.C.
V0R 1G0
Tel: 757 8909

Burgoyne, Linda

From: hourston.br@shaw.ca
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 11:13 AM
To: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: RDN General Contact Form

The following form contents were entered on 23rd Aug 5 Date = 23 Aug 5 18:12:50 subject = RDN General Contact Form
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email = hourston.br@shaw.ca
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submit = Send This Via E-mail To The RDN

Island Waterwatch

It's Our Water.

Why give it away?

Every day, when we turn on the tap, most Canadians take for granted the flow of safe, affordable, and publicly delivered water.

Most Mid-Island residents, too, have always had the confidence that this essential resource is in public hands. But in French Creek, things are a little different....

Did you know?

According to provincial water guidelines, the B.C. government "encourages regional districts to become the primary service providers in rural areas. The goals of this expanded role are to provide linkages between land use and servicing decisions and to achieve efficiency in the provision of rural services...."

Why is French Creek such an exception? Currently, the Regional District of Nanaimo is responsible for providing water services to the entire regional district—with the exception of some 1,600 users, including 1,500 single-family residences, in the French Creek area. The water supplier in this community is Breakwater Enterprises Ltd., a private company.

Earlier this year, Epcor—a private corporation based in Edmonton—applied to the Comptroller of Water Rights to purchase Breakwater and all of its assets. This application is now being reviewed without meaningful public consultation.

Under companies like Epcor, water resources are controlled by the private sector. This raises concerns about:

COST: As a private company, Epcor's costs for debt are much higher than those for public sector entities such as the Regional District of Nanaimo. Water users in the proposed Epcor private monopoly service area will be paying nearly half a million dollars (\$414,788.33) more over the next decade for the interest costs of debt than if the same debt was carried by the Regional District.

Under the Epcor plan, French Creek area residents would also be asked to shoulder an additional cost of about \$90,000 in income taxes for the first three years of the proposed contract. Why should the 1,600 water users in the French Creek area be forced to pay these additional, unnecessary costs when their close neighbours—including those in the Regional District's French Creek Water Utility District—do not?

SUPPLY: Most of the water supply for the French Creek area comes from underground wells, with 30 to 40 per cent of it coming from French Creek itself. But well water supplies in French Creek are depleting. In the French Creek and Parksville areas, water is being withdrawn faster than it is being replaced—an area of concern, given the decline in the Vancouver Island snow pack. Considering that 60 to 70 per cent

of the raw water in the Breakwater system is currently sourced from wells, Epcor's application is troubling: it says nothing about new supply. Plus, neither Breakwater nor Epcor are part of the municipal partnership that's getting bulk water from a new Arrowsmith dam.

QUALITY: In October of 2004, the Regional District of Nanaimo adopted a *Drinking Water Protection Action Plan*. If the French Creek system remains privatized, residents forced to get their water from Epcor

rather than from the Regional District will not benefit from key *Action Plan* items such as emergency response, certification and training improvements, integration with the local health region, and flood proofing, to name a few.

ENVIRONMENT: In 2001/2002, the provincial government issued a comprehensive study of the French Creek watershed. The watershed study highlighted the vital need for integration and coordination of issues related to French Creek,

particularly land and water use. It said that decisions about protection of wetlands, protection of the stream from residential pollution, integration between land use decisions and drawdowns of drinking water supplies from French Creek, and the general protection of drinking water quality should all be made in a coordinated way that is consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy—something that doesn't happen under private control of water resources.

There is a better way....

Evidence suggests that a water system publicly delivered by the Regional District of Nanaimo—rather than privately controlled by Epcor—would assure the continued high quality, safety and public accountability of water service, and at a reasonable cost, for all residents of the French Creek service area.

Water service delivery by the Regional District would:

- Ensure that water remained in public, not private hands
- Maximize the security of the water supply
- Reduce unnecessary costs for water users
- Ensure investment in needed infrastructure
- Protect the French Creek watershed and riparian areas

In recent years, the Regional District and area municipalities have been taking proactive steps to protect water supplies. Along with the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum, the Regional District has formed a joint venture called the Arrowsmith Water Service. This bulk water system, which draws surface water from the Englishman River, also features a dam, a reservoir and future capital investment plans including a new water intake system plus new water transmission systems and treatment facilities.

The Regional District provides an accountable, affordable and safe water distribution system for the rest of the region. Why should French Creek be any different?

If you care about the future of French Creek's water system—and would like to see a public forum on the issue—send your concerns to:

Comptroller of Water Rights
c/o Rick Couroux
Secretary to the Comptroller
Water Management Branch
P.O. Box 9340 Stn. Prov Govt
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9M1
Phone: (250) 387-6355
Fax: (250) 953-5124
e-mail: Rick.Couroux@gov.bc.ca

Joe Stanhope
Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo
(and Electoral Area 'G' Representative)
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2
Phone: (250) 390-4111
Fax: (250) 390-4163
e-mail: corpsrv@rdn.bc.ca

For more information, or to join our campaign, call us at
(250) 729-7557


Island Water Watch

This message from CUPE (Local 401) and concerned Mid-Island residents

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Burgoyne, Linda

From: Allan [ak13@shaw.ca]
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2005 7:09 PM
To: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: Attn: Joe Stanhope chairman

Just a short note to say that these are sad times for our democracy. The back room dealings (in camera??) that have been going on between

you guys and Epcor is despicable. Where is your head at??? I thought I was living in an informed Democracy, guess not. To give a for

profit corporation control of our water is just plain WRONG. To say they are not going to have control is naive. Please come to your senses.

Allan Kaario
ak13@shaw.ca

Burgoyne, Linda

From: Lorr [wsjostro@shaw.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 11:36 AM
To: Rick.Couroux@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: public forum request

am a Breakwater customer. I do believe that we should have a public forum on the Epcor water takeover. The Epcor sale doesn't seem to be the practical way to go from what I am reading. Sounds like the Regional district should be the primary service provider .. Sjostrom

Burgoyne, Linda

From: Martha/Jim [martha@bcsupernet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 12:03 PM
To: Rick.Couroux@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: Public Forum/Referendum

Yes, a public forum would be an excellent idea, residents are concerned and interested, and would like to know the true costs, the business pros and cons of EPCOR/RDN (in layman's terms), environmental and fisheries concerns (I trust that these agencies would be present at the forum) and what their plans are, etc. We have no input to the application regarding the purchase, have not been asked or notified about the procedure. We live here, why is this not happening? Thank you, in advance, for the public forum, which we are certain will be held, and a proposal for a referendum. There is much to consider.

Sincerely,

M and J Varney

Burgoyne, Linda

From: L. Bird [ljbird@nanaimo.ark.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 12:31 PM
To: Rick.Couroux@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: French Creek Water System.

wish to protest the sale of our water supply to Epcor. Evidence suggests that a water system publicly delivered by the Regional District of Nanaimo, rather than privately controlled by Epcor, would assure th continued high quality, safety and public accountability of water service and at a reasonable cost, for all we residents of French Creek. Before any further decisions are made on this subject would like to see a public forum on the issue. I am a very concerned resident. L.W Bird.

Burgoyne, Linda

From: Helen Riske [hriske@shaw.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 3:45 PM
To: Rick.Couroux@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: French Creek Water

We would like to voice our objections to the proposed buying and privatization of water services by Epcor in the French Creek area. This service should be under the control of the Regional District of Nanaimo. That this has not been done in the past, shows a lack of sound judgement by the Regional District, the Water Management Branch and parties concerned. Previous objections to poor private services, and costs have gone unanswered. This no doubt is a reflection on parties concerned. Hopefully common sense will prevail.
Yours truly,

Art and Helen Riske
151 Breakwater Road
Parksville, BC
V9P 1Z8
250-248-7194

Burgoyne, Linda

From: Sandra Dye [sandradye@shaw.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 6:19 PM
To: Rick.Couroux@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: Water management and Provision for French Creek area

Dear Sirs.

The residents of the French Creek area do, indeed, deserve to have their voices heard in regard to the privatization of water provision. While living in Alberta we were forced to deal with Epcor for our electrical power. During this time, the cost increased dramatically- the increases due to creative add-on charges ie: line charge, transformer charge, delivery charge, admin. charge etc. These charges became so onerous, our power bill for one month was well over \$200.00 before we used any power whatsoever. Near the time we left, they implemented a 'shortfall charge' of approx. 35.00 a month per customer to cover a 'shortfall' incurred by their company two years previous!

We believe when Epcor states that they will not increase the cost of water, they will, in all probability, create similar additional charges. Needless to say, we have no desire to be forced to deal with Epcor. It is in the best interest of the public to have utilities publicly owned.

Thank you for your campaign, we happily add our voice in support for the Regional District of Nanaimo to provide water distribution for our area.

Edward & Sandra Dye
320 Barclay Cresc.
Parksville B.C. V9P 1Z3

8/22/2005

Burgoyne, Linda

From: Desmond Davidge [desina@telus.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2005 9:37 AM
To: Burgoyne, Linda; Rick.Couroux@gov.bc.ca
Subject: French Creek water supply

Throughout my over 70 years I have always considered myself fortunate to live in a country where the water supply was a community resource and proper care was being exercised to protect our most precious jewel.

I find it absolutely unfathomable that we would allow a private company to profit from the supply of water. Raise my taxes if necessary to protect and ensure supply but please do not allow privatization.

I would like the opportunity to speak my concerns and here the concerns of my neighbours. Surely you should have the same priorities.


Des Davidge
1568 Dalmatian Drive
French Creek

Burgoyne, Linda

From: Peter Whiteside [peterwhiteside@shaw.ca]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2005 11:54 AM
To: Rick.Couroux@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: Island Waterwatch.

Dear Sir,
I have recently received a flyer "Island Waterwatch", published by CUPE, which I'm sure you're aware of. I'm always suspicious of this type of information published by special interest groups. However I do fully support their position that the water system here in French Creek (where I reside) should be in the hands of the RDN. If a public forum on the issue is necessary to achieve this, then I would urge you to arrange one ASAP.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

peterwhiteside@shaw.ca 

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Burgoyne, Linda

From: Marcelia & Kevin [mkhewco@shaw.ca]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2005 9:20 AM
To: Rick.Couroux@gov.bc.ca; Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: Re: French Creek Water Supply

Gentlemen,

I am writing you both as a concerned resident of French Creek regarding the future of our local water supply. This is as a result of some material that was circulated amongst the residents of our area by CUPE. Despite the fact that the "Island Water watch" may well be self serving union driven propaganda it has caused us concern regarding the future of the water system here and it's potential sale to EPCOR without any public consultation.

Our family has been satisfied with the manner in which the Regional District operates and the access that we have to them in the event that we have any concerns over their services. We are concerned that we may not have this same access to EPCOR after they take control of our water? Since moving here two years ago we have seen unprecedented growth and pressure exerted on the local water supply and this worries us. It is important that we have strict guidelines in place for future growth and standards for the maintenance of the water system. We are concerned that we may be held hostage so to speak from an unseen entity in Edmonton that can control our reserves without any input or consultation with those that are paying the bills.

The bottom line here is that it would appear entirely appropriate that there be some form of public consultation in place prior to any proposed sale of the Breakwater Enterprises water supply company. Although further information would be required I strongly suspect that we would rather see this resource managed and controlled locally by the Regional District for a variety of defendable reasons, not the least of which is cost.

Should you require us to forward information in support of public consultation elsewhere please advise and thank you for your consideration of our concerns. It is important to remember that you may only receive a handful of concerns via "e" mail or letter but this is likely not indicative of the concern present.

Regards,
 Kevin and Marcella Hewco
 586 River Crescent
 Parksville, B.C. (French Creek)
 V9P-1X8
 (250)752-5856

8/22/2005

Burgoyne, Linda

From: Cheryl and Gerry Normandeau [cherger2@telus.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2005 2:41 PM
To: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: French Creek Water System

Dear Mr. Stanhope,

I am currently a resident of French Creek and am becoming increasingly concerned about the articles I have been reading in the paper about Epcor wanting to buy Breakwater Enterprises. I am concerned as well about the rumours of a possible increase in cost for homeowners as well as a possible decrease in service and water quality. I would hope there will be a public forum on this matter before anything is decided that could impact our area. Sincerely, Gerry and Cheryl Normandeau

Finnie, John

From: Joe Stanhope [jstanhope@shaw.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 9:43 AM
To: Finnie, John
Subject: Fw: RDN Efforts to Adopt a Uniform Policy on the Supply of Water

From: "M Jessen" <mjessen@island.net>
To: "Joe Stanhope, Dir." <jstanhope@shaw.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 8:42 AM
Subject: RDN Efforts to Adopt a Uniform Policy on the Supply of Water

> Mr. Stanhope:
> The directors of Arrowsmith Watersheds Coalition Society met on August
> 18. Among the many subjects on the agenda was the sale of the
> Breakwater Enterprises water system to EPCOR. The directors agreed
> that I should send a short note to you.
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> As you well know AWCS has and continues to have a deep interest in
> water
> supplies within the four or five watersheds on the east side of Mt.
> Arrowsmith. In this particular situation we support the Regional
> District of Nanaimo's efforts to further influence the supply of safe
> and adequate water for all residents of the area and to at all times be
> mindful of the basic needs of the environment. We believe that if EPCOR
> is successful in its purchase of the utility it will make several
> significant improvements. However, we believe the need to improve the
> safety and access to sufficient water for all residents of the region
> goes way beyond making changes to one small utility. We hope the Region
> will continue to consider and adopt policies that take a balanced
> approach to the uses of water in the area.
>
> Michael Jessen
> Director, Arrowsmith Watersheds Coalition Society
>
> cc. All AWCS directors
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Burgoyne, Linda

From: Kathleen: [7charlie@telus.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 10:29 AM
To: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: French Creek Water Supply

Greetings Joe:

I am writing to you as my family and I am sure many other residents of this community are enormously concerned regarding the future of our water supply in French Creek and surrounding areas.

I must say we were quite ignorant as to the future plans of the Regional District of Nanaimo contracting out our water supply to the privately owned company EPCOR. Also this company's future plans aiming to control the whole of Vancouver Island's water supply in the future; which they are doing at a slow inconspicuous rate.

I am quite sure the Nanaimo Regional District Board Members are all aware of the policies and agenda of EPCOR Water Services so there is no need to go into details.

BC Hydro is currently being contracted out piece by piece. CN has been contracted out. Medical Services are being contracted out piece by piece. At this moment there is an ongoing dispute over Telus wishing to contract out communication services. The list goes on and on....

Water must not be contracted out to any company, water is a public, NUMBER 1, essential product for every living thing.

Stated in the Constitution of the Country of Canada:

Part III: Equalization and Regional Disparities

Section 36 (1)

Without altering the legislative authority of Parliament or of the provincial legislatures, or the rights of any of them with respect to the exercise of their legislative authority, Parliament and the legislatures, together with the government of Canada and the provincial governments, are committed to

- (a) promoting equal opportunities for the well-being of Canadians;
- (b) furthering economic development to reduce disparity in opportunities; and
- (c) providing essential public services of reasonable quality to all Canadians.

Section 36 (2)

Parliament and the government of Canada are committed to the principle of making equalization payments to ensure that provincial governments have sufficient revenues to provide reasonably comparable levels of public services at reasonably comparable levels of taxation.

It may be high time the Federal Government of Canada became involved in this extremely important issue of this essential public service. Public water distribution and environmental control.

Some one said to me next time you vote for our public officials vote for the right people. I have no faith in this prospect as an excellent example of the "right" people are the Parksville City Council who were all in favor of keeping Parksville Beach a "pristine" area.

I am not against development, however, if this lovely Island is over developed which is the future plans of many whom are in the position to acquire considerable \$. This Island will no longer be the desirable, "pristine", area in which people wish to settle.

No water for profit!

Sincerest Regards, Kathleen Mackenzie/French Creek

7charlie@telus.net

8/23/2005

Burgoyne, Linda

From: goodtom@shaw.ca
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 1:17 PM
To: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: RDN General Contact Form

The following form contents were entered on 23rd Aug 5 Date = 23 Aug 5 20:16:34 subject = RDN General Contact Form
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August 18th, 2005

Regional District of Nanaimo
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Attention: Joe Stanhope.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Considering of contracting out of water services.

A number of my constituents have contacted me and oppose any contracting out of services, a position I agree with.

I hope the board will not move in this direction and will ensure that water services are provided by Regional District staff only.

I would also appreciate an opportunity to meet with the board to discuss issues of general concern. I am sure Mr. Cantelon would also like to attend a joint meeting.

Yours sincerely,

**LEONARD KROG, MLA
NANAIMO**

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TO: To the Board **DATE:** August 15, 2005

FROM: N.Avery **FILE:**
Manager, Financial Services

SUBJECT: Renewal of Fire Protection Service Agreement, Errington and District
Volunteer Fire Department

PURPOSE:

To obtain approval for the renewal of a fire protection services agreement for a further five-year term and to permit further renewals of five years unless otherwise terminated.

BACKGROUND:

Fire protection services are provided to certain portions of the Regional District of Nanaimo by way of operating agreements with volunteer fire departments. The agreement with the Errington Fire Department expired on December 31, 2004. The agreement would have been renewed in due course however, the department was recently certified as fire hydrant rated and as part of the final certification requirements must submit its operating agreement with the Regional District. This report is therefore coming directly before the Board to expedite that application.

Only one change is proposed to the current agreement. Staff proposes that following the initial five-year term of the agreement, the agreement be automatically renewed for further five-year terms. Contract clauses provide for an orderly termination if necessary.

The extension of an agreement beyond five years without elector approval is permissible under the Community Charter in circumstances where the agreement does not contain liabilities of a capital nature. The Regional District beneficially owns all of the assets of the department and must authorize all major capital expenditures and their financing through its approval of the financial plan. The fire services agreements require a fire department to operate and maintain the equipment to standards reasonably expected of similar volunteer fire departments. Accordingly, staff believe that these agreements fall within the authority of the Regional Board to approve automatic renewals at five-year intervals.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Renew the fire services agreement with the Errington and District Volunteer Fire Department for a five-year term from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009 and provide for the agreement to be automatically renewed for further five-year terms.
2. Renew the fire services agreement with the Errington and District Volunteer Fire Department for a five-year term from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:


There are no new financial obligations imposed by the agreement.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS:

The Errington Volunteer Fire Department was recently awarded the highest fire protection certification available for a non-hydrant serviced area and as part of the final steps must submit a copy of its operating agreement with the Regional District of Nanaimo to the Fire Underwriters service. The current agreement expired at the end of 2004 and was due for renewal. Staff proposes that the agreement be renewed for an initial period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009 and that a new clause be added to the agreement which will authorize automatic renewals of further five year terms. The Community Charter now permits agreements to extend or be renewed beyond five years without elector approval where the agreement does not incur a liability of a capital nature. As noted above, under our fire protection agreements the Regional District owns and must approve all major capital expenditures and the fire department is responsible for operating and maintaining the equipment to a reasonable standard.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the fire services agreement with the Errington and District Volunteer Fire Department be renewed for a five-year term from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009 and that the agreement provide for automatic five-year term renewals.



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COMMENTS: