

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014
7:00 PM**

(RDN Board Chambers)

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Re: Development of the Well on Parker Road in Nanoose Bay

From: melissamacneill@shaw.ca

Sent: Friday, October 10, 2014 9:59 AM

Subject: Speaking at the October 14th meeting

I would like to be delegated a spot to speak at the October 14th meeting relating to the development of the well on Parker Road in Nanoose Bay.

Please confirm that I have been added to the addendum.

Thanks You,

Melissa

Melissa MacNeill

melissamacneill@shaw.ca

Home 250-821-8213

Cell 250-927-4242

Re: Water for Development Scheme

From: Stan Spence

Sent: Friday, October 10, 2014 5:32 PM

Subject: RDN water

My name is Penny Spence, and my husband and I live at 2494 Parker Road, Nanoose Bay.

I wish to put my name down to be another delegate speaking to the "water for development scheme" on Parker Road at the RDN meeting on Tuesday October 14, 2014.

Re: Nanoose Bay Water Issue

From: Kim Mauriks

Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2014 2:04 PM

Subject: Nanoose Bay Water Issue

My name is Kim Mauriks. My family owns a 145 acre farm at 2632 NW Bay Road. I would like to register to speak on this matter Tuesday evening.

Regards,

Kim Mauriks
250 618-0128 cell

Re: Water Development Project on Parker Road in Nanoose Bay

From: Bryan Little

Sent: Monday, October 13, 2014 11:17 PM

Subject: Board Meeting Petition Oct 24

I would appreciate being allotted less than 5 minutes to petition the RDN Board on behalf of the Residents of Richard Place against moving ahead at this time on the water development project on Parker Road in Nanoose Bay.

Thank You

Bryan Little
2498 Richard Place
Nanoose Bay

Re: Water Development on Parker Road in Nanoose Bay

From: Gareth Slocombe

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 8:39 AM

Subject: RDN Board Meeting

I am emailing to request that I be given a opportunity to speak at tonight's Board Meeting regarding the water development on Parker Road in Nanoose Bay.

Thank you,

Gareth Slocombe
2818 Parker Road
Nanoose Bay

Re: Residents Objection to Tie in Large Capacity Well on 2487 Parker Road, Nanoose Bay

From: Ken

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 9:08 AM

Subject: Speaking tonight on the Water for development agreement between the RDN and Maz-Can

Matt, further to our meeting in your office on October 9 2014 and our phone conversation this morning this is to confirm of my intention to speak to the petition we presented to you.

Please note that others that have indicated their intention to speak include Penny Spence, Melissa McNeil, Gareth Slocombe, Kim Mauriik, and Bryan Little.

Sincerely

KenCollingwood
2516 Richard Place
Nanoose Bay,BC

October 7, 2014

To: The Regional District of Nanaimo, Board of Directors

Copies to: The Honorable Mary Polak, Minister of the Environment
Dr. James Lunney, Member of Parliament Nanaimo-Alberni
Ms. Michelle Stilwell, Member Legislative Assembly Parksville-Qualicum
Mr. Richard Bullock, Chairman Agricultural Land Commission
Mr. David Bob, Chief of the Nanoose First Nations
Mr. George Holmes, Electoral Area E Representative
Mr. Ed Mayne, Electoral Area E Candidate
Mr. Robert Rogers, Electoral Area E Candidate
Ms. Elizabeth Sutton, Agricultural Land Commission

Subject: Residents Objection to Tie in Large Capacity Well on 2487 Parker Road, Nanoose Bay

As constituents of Electoral Area E, we the Residents of the Powder Point Road Area of Nanoose Bay, are alarmed by the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) intention to enter into an agreement with a Developer to bring on stream a large capacity water well situated on agricultural lands, in the vicinity of our own well intakes, which will possibly deplete water from the same aquifers. The Developer purchased the subject property solely for the acquisition of this high volume well. This agreement enables the developer to exchange the water supply from the well for RDN zoning concessions for waterfront property miles away from the subject property. Additional water from this well deemed as "surplus" for his development can be sold to other prospective developers, to facilitate further development. This exchange agreement creates a scenario whereby a public resource (the ground water in the aquifer) is being used by a land developer to gain development approval and a corporate benefit while the potential impacts are dumped on the unaware residents in the immediate vicinity of the new well. In the water transfer agreement, the developer is being given the right to sell for profit the balance of the well flow of 430 M3 per day (124,700 gal/day in total for a minimum of one year) to other contractors who need access to water rights to develop their lots. This is (566.9 cubic meters per day), able to supply up to 170 residential homes.

1. Our position is that water is a public resource that belongs to the Province and is neither the developer's nor the Regional District's to bargain away. The RDN is no doubt fully aware of the new Water Sustainability Act and its restrictions passed in 2014 yet chose to go ahead with a deal that flies in the face of the intent and spirit of the legislation. By doing so, the RDN has not acted with the integrity and responsibility that is expected of such a representative body.
2. It is our view that there was a lack of fair and due process with the above water for zoning deal. None of the residents in our neighborhood knew anything of this plan, or of the draft agreement. We only found out a couple weeks ago when the Developer started the excavation for the large diameter water pipe that will take the water from the Developers well and tie in to the RDN's water line nearby. Most of the residents of the Nanoose peninsula share a common aquifer #214/218/219 and the closer one is to this new large capacity well the more likely they are to experience a reduction in their water volume and in water quality. Further, and related to due process, we understand that the First Nations was not consulted on this use of ground water. In light of recent court rulings, it seems there is a clear obligation on the part of RDN to consult adequately.

3. Connectivity between the subject well and a neighboring well was established at the initial time of testing. Even more disturbing is the fact that only one of the many neighboring wells was monitored and no homeowners were made aware of the testing being done. There are additional home owners in the area that believe their wells were negatively affected during the testing period which took place in September of 2010, but they had not been made aware so were unable to correlate or report the effects they saw at the time. Neither the RDN, nor the Developer set to profit from this agreement, have any plans in place as to how they would or could compensate for damages caused to affected homes, farmlands or businesses. Waterline Resources Inc. Water Supply Study of June 17, 2013 was commissioned by the RDN and one of the real main threats identified to the aquifers in this area is that of salt-water intrusion as a result of drawing too much out of the aquifer and needs monitoring. With Englishman River Service (EMRS) planned to be in place within 2 to 3 years, we seriously question the need for the RDN to go ahead with such a project at this time.

We insist that RDN halt the completion of the well, well treatment center/pump house and the pipeline link to the main water pipe on Powder Point Rd, as well as a halt to any further trading of the water resources in exchange for development approvals related to this Project.

Should the Board of Directors and RDN fail to put an immediate moratorium on the project, we will consider all alternate avenues to prevent the project proceeding any further, including but not limited to possible legal action against the RDN.

Attached are signatures of Concerned Residents of Parker Road Water Development Well:

ATTACHMENTS 10 PAGES

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bob', with a small arrow pointing to the right above the final letter.

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Residents in Vicinity of Powder Point Road Concerned about High Capacity Well at 2497 Parker Road

Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
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Original petition submitted by Ken Collingwood, October 9, 2014
10 pages, 76 signatures
Names and personal information of signees not included for distribution

Rich

Re: Water for Development Scheme

From: D D

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 11:15 AM

Subject: re: Board Meeting/delegate

We are requesting to be another delegation relating to the water for development scheme.
My daughter Sue Davies will speak on our behalf.