

4366 Jim's Crescent
Cowichan Bay, B.C., V0R1N2
26 November, 2018

Cowichan Valley Regional District
Duncan, B.C.

Subject: Petition to Access CVRD Sewage Network

We, the homeowners of Jim's Crescent (and adjacent homeowners of Telegraph Road and Cowichan Bay Road (as indicated on the attached map), urge CVRD to add Jim's Crescent Sub-division (and adjoining homes) to the sewage network that presently includes Cowichan Bay Village and other sub-divisions south of the village adjacent to Cowichan Bay Road.

I have collected 25 signatures to date (of 33 homes) on a petition which I distributed around the subdivision, and I anticipate adding 4 or 5 more signatures to that in the coming week. Most members of the affected area have enthusiastically signed this petition. Please consider the following points:

- 1) Jim's Crescent is the only nearby subdivision not presently connected to the CVRD sewage system.
- 2) Jim's Crescent is the oldest sub-division in the area, ages of homes are 25-50 years, so that adding it to the sewage network makes good fiscal and logical sense.
- 3) Present septic fields at homes in Jim's Crescent range up to 40 years in age, so are mostly well past their half-life, and these septic fields are therefore at or near their end-of-life cycle.
- 4) A sudden breakdown of several of our current septic fields has the potential to result in sudden and pollution and health problems, especially with the adjacent pond nearby, which have hundreds of year-round waterbirds, including many varieties of ducks and Canada Geese (in excess of 300 during winter), with seasonal blue herons, and Trumpeter and other swans.
- 5) The present sewage network terminus, at the intersection of Cowichan Bay and Telegraph Roads is right at the northwest corner of Jim's Crescent.
- 6) The extension to the sewage network that we are requesting amounts to a total extension of approximately 0.75 km (see attached map); however, the bottom (southeast) end of Jim's Crescent may not need to be included (?), since #4366 Jim's Crescent (our property) and 4367 Telegraph Road could be serviced from the terminus along Telegraph Road; the total extension would then be only 0.60 km.
- 7) Our annual taxes range up to \$4257 (in my case at 4366 Jim's Crescent), while CVRD presently provides only water and garbage/recycling collection in our subdivision; e.g., we have no street lighting and no sidewalks in an around our subdivision.

I am requesting a hearing at your next meeting, to explain our position, to present the petition with signatures, and to respond to any other questions that your councilors might have. I would request access to a digital projector at that time.

Sincerely yours,



Geoffrey S. Strong

