

EMAIL - September 3, 2021

Honourable Katrine Conroy  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
Government of British Columbia

Dear Minister

Re: Your Ministry's handling of the SCR D Church Road water license application

For several years, the Sechelt & District Chamber of Commerce ("The Chamber") has taken an active interest in addressing the urgent need for additional water supply within the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

Our efforts have included organizing a very successful summit meeting of water experts to consider different potential solutions as well as identifying technology to help the SCR D remotely detect leaks in the water mains system (which the SCR D has since acquired.)

We also encouraged the SCR D to pursue the Church Road and other wells as what is, in fact, a way of providing only some of the water we need. (There is no doubt we need to move on additional supply solutions, now.)

The Church Road water license application was made in 2019 and we understand promises were made at the time by your Ministry that this matter would be given priority. The fact that two years has now gone by and we, the residents of the Sunshine Coast, are still awaiting approval (or any other decision, for that matter) is disappointing and unacceptable. Leaving us in limbo is impacting our community's health and wellbeing on many levels.

Accordingly, we implore you to take decisive action now – either approve the application or reject it.

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We also extend an invitation to you to join us for a gathering of the business community on the Sunshine Coast in the near future, perhaps to discuss how all levels of government can better work together so that such vitally important infrastructure projects can be implemented without these types of delays.

Sincerely  
SECHELT & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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cc: Sunshine Coast Regional District  
Squamish Nation