

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **AGM 2018**

In November 2016, the Drinking Water Office from the BC Ministry of Health, suggested to the trustees that we get three things:

1. a well protection plan
2. a setback bylaw
- and 3. Rezoning, which would involve the Regional District

The reason the Drinking Water Officer was requesting these things is because he was concerned about the rising nitrates levels in our water. Nitrates in high amounts are a health hazard. (But we're not even close to the danger level.)

By last year's Summer General Meeting, we had started to work on getting a well protection plan. And by September, the report was complete. That report, which I hope you've all had a chance to read, recommends that there be no development within 60 meters, or 200 feet, of either well. The report also identifies the catchment area, which is the area of land where water flows toward the wells. It is in that catchment area that the report recommends restrictions on land use. And those recommendations have helped us write the bylaw.

The work leading up this bylaw is my Administrative Report today.

It includes:

- Researching well protection plans, and hydrogeologists.
- Getting information to the hydrologist during the study.
- Researching bylaws, and attending an all-day bylaw writing workshop in Victoria.
- Researching funding.
- Researching nitrates, and nitrates removal systems.
- Researching several regulations including the Sewerage System Regulation, the Groundwater Protection Regulation, the Drinking Water Protection Act, and the Health Act.
- Talking to the Drinking Water Officer, the well driller, other water systems, associations, lawyers, the Ministry of Community, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Forests and Lands, and the Powell River Regional District.
- Getting signs made to identify the Drinking Water Protection Area.
- And updating the website on the status of this project.

In regard to the Drinking Water Officer's third note that we should pursue rezoning, this is something that will have to be addressed when Savary Island's Official Community Plan comes up for review in 2019 or later.

The bylaw we review with you today is the 7th version. It might be the final, or it might not, depending on the feedback we get from you, and from the Drinking Water Officer and other officials. We welcome your comments for discussion today.