



Sechelt Community Associations Forum

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Communicating to assist the District of Sechelt and all who live in it.

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Mayor and Council
District of Sechelt,
Sechelt, B.C.

Dear Mayor and Council.

It has been brought forward by members at the most recent Sechelt Community Associations Forum that we open the door to more extensive communication with Sechelt Council. Historically the Group of 8 was proposed by the District as an attempt to open communication between the various community associations under a single umbrella organization. This offered the various communities a venue to discuss concerns that may be arising in their neighbourhoods with the other neighbourhoods and then bring the issues, if warranted, to a quarterly meeting with the council in a round table format. It was felt to be a very effective voice for the community and an efficient way for council to hear the concerns in a concise and respectful environment.

The frequency of the meetings has diminished and it has now been a considerable time since last we met. SCAF would now like to re-initiate these meetings. We have always believed that they serve a very useful purpose for both the council and the community in opening an alternate line of communication between these two bodies. Good governance is developed through the asking of hard questions and the creating of viable solutions. We feel that we can contribute in both the questions and in the solutions if allowed the opportunity.

At present we are not proposing any particular format but rather inquiring as to whether the Council would consider scheduling some regular time slot to participate in meetings with the Sechelt Community Associations Forum. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Sechelt Community Associations Forum

Per:

Jason Herz,
Current Chair