



Sechelt Community Associations Forum

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

District of Sechelt,
2nd Floor, 5795 Cowrie Street
Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A3

March 17, 2010

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

Re: Clear Lighting Initiatives

The executive of the G8 support the proposal by Dr. Brian Lucas to develop a bylaw that contributes to creating a pragmatic energy efficient program. We encourage the leaders in our community to take a proactive approach to plans that are environmentally positive.

Because the clear lighting initiative allows for continued use of existing light fixtures it has a very positive financial impact for both commercial and residential users. The initial investments for new environmentally friendly lighting is quickly offset with the resource reserves gained by having much more energy efficient units.

The Coast Community Builders Association has acknowledged the significant energy and maintenance savings for new construction and also recommends this initiative. The concept of sustainability is only made possible when those that possess decision making authority show the transformational leadership qualities needed to make it happen.

The number of communities introducing bylaws to specify full cut off lighting is increasing substantially. A model ordinance is available through the Dark Sky Association and the Illuminating Engineers Society. The benefits to the residents of Sechelt would be in the form of friendlier night skies as well as substantial tax and energy savings for everyone.

We would certainly be prepared to become actively involved in an educational campaign with the residents in our Associations to increase the level of awareness in the communities.

Sincerely,

K. Douglas Smith - Chair

This letter is on behalf of and with the strict approval of **all** the "Active Members" of the G8 Sechelt Community Association Forum. They meet stringent standards confirming they are valid representatives of their communities.