

Report of the Chair for SSID - 2019

The last two years have been a very frustrating time for the trustees and staff of the Savary Shores Improvement District!

An overly zealous Drinking Water Officer convinced the improvement district to carry out a wellhead protection plan by threatening to make it a requirement of our operating permit.

We hired a hydrogeologist to prepare a plan for us and he made a number of recommendations for us to implement in order to protect our water supply. We spent almost a year researching and preparing a bylaw to attempt to implement those recommendations.

Our government advisors and our lawyers both raised concerns regarding the bylaw and advised us to put the bylaw on hold.

We have since had discussions with Vancouver Coastal Health officials for advice on these matters and they have indicated to us that they cannot be proactive on water issues; they can only be reactive when the water regulations are not adhered to.

We can be proactive, so we are presently researching alternate ways of addressing our two major concerns: protection of our water supply and ensuring that our nitrate problem doesn't get any worse.

In closing, I would like to express a special thanks to my fellow trustees and all of our staff for their efforts over the last year to carry out the mandate of the improvement district. Thank you.