

November 16, 2021

To: Invitees and Participants in the November 3, 2021 Watershed Dialogue

**OUR WATERSHED – OUR WATER  
HELP US PROTECT IT THROUGH  
'IMMEDIATE-COORDINATED-ACTION'**

Thank you for your interest and participation in the recent dialogue on the Elphinstone-Gibsons Watershed. For me, it was time well spent and I greatly appreciated that so many knowledgeable and experienced people representing so many organizations and interests were able to attend.

What counts now is **What We Do Next**. The following actions were suggested during discussions and in subsequent conversations with participants:

1. That the SCRD and Town of Gibsons investigate the costs to develop and install signage to inform the public of the watershed and aquifer areas and need to protect them. (Similar to Campbell River).

2. That the Town of Gibsons staff compile information and presentations from the dialogue on a new webpage. This has been done and the page may be found at: [gibsons.ca/watershed-dialogue-2021](https://gibsons.ca/watershed-dialogue-2021)

I encourage you to access and review this information, and to share it as widely as possible. Additional information, like reports of current initiatives and relevant legislation, along with a summary of the Dialogue will be added to the webpage shortly, as will other information as it becomes available.

Please also feel free to contribute to this webpage by submitting additional information by email to [equayle@gibsons.ca](mailto:equayle@gibsons.ca). This will be our resource for future meetings and follow-up activities.

3. That legal research be conducted into options available under provincial Acts and Regulations to protect the watershed and aquifer area. The SCCA has offered to coordinate this work.

4. That the Town and SCRD consider ways to harmonize bylaws that are intended to protect the watershed-aquifer areas from the impacts of development or other activities.

5. That the SCRD, Town of Gibsons and others form a committee to continue to work with the Squamish Nation and the provincial government to develop an overall strategy for the long-term protection of the watershed and aquifer areas.

Please let me know what else you think we need to do at this time, and what you are prepared to do, as we move forward to protect the watershed area unencumbered by artificial boundaries or jurisdictions. The only way to do this is by taking "Immediate-Coordinated-Action", and I am prepared to work with you to do that.

Thank you again for your support,



Bill Beamish  
Mayor of Gibsons

