



The Sunshine Coast Water First Society

Founded in 1997 to advocate for protection of the Chapman/Gray Community Watershed
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WATERSHED AT RISK *Special Bulletin to Sechelt Residents*

The SC Water First Society is urgently concerned about the District of Sechelt's Community Forest Application.

Are you aware . . .

- ◆ that your Sechelt Municipal Council has applied for a logging license that includes the Chapman/Gray community drinking watershed?
- ◆ that this "community" forest license will require logging to take place in our drinking watersheds? (The provincial government is very clear that Community Forest Licenses are not to be used to prevent logging).
- ◆ that logging in the Chapman/Gray has already caused more than 400 landslides and cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars for restoration and new infrastructure?
- ◆ that the Sunshine Coast Regional District (licensed water purveyor to 23,000 people), vigorously opposes this logging proposal?
- ◆ that 11 community associations, citizen's groups and concerned citizens throughout the Sunshine Coast water service areas have also vigorously opposed this proposal?
- ◆ that more than \$180,000 of public funding has been spent on this application?
- ◆ that the "community" forest application was delayed by the provincial government for lack of public consultation and later rejected for failing to report public opposition?
- ◆ that your Sechelt Municipal Council nevertheless re-applied for this logging license on October 18, 2005 without any further public consultation?

Do you believe the current council of the District of Sechelt can protect the drinking water source for 23,000 coast residents under a Ministry of Forest logging license?

The Sunshine Coast Water First Society urges you to become more informed about this issue and to make your opinion count on November 19, 2005.

For more information and documentation see the *Community Forest Briefing Note* and the *SCCA Letter to the Community Forest Advisory Committee* at:

www.thescca.ca

Thank you for caring about our drinking water.