

**UPDATE (09/09/04)  
TO OPSRRA'S SEPTEMBER 2004 NEWSLETTER**

**EXTENSION OF THE CRD WATERLINE  
ALONG OTTER POINT ROAD**

CRD Executive Director, Bill Jordan, has confirmed a number of points concerning the application by De Mamiel Estates to extend the CRD waterline across the Urban Containment Boundary at the District of Sooke/Otter Point boundary at 2900 Otter Point Road.

In reply to a written request by OPSRRA dated September 3rd 2004, Mr Jordan stated that:

1. The extension of the waterline can be approved without reopening the Regional Growth Strategy for amendment. The Regional Growth Strategy does make provision for an extension of a waterline beyond designated official community plans to provide for fire suppression.
2. The CRD Board has not discussed the issue of the De Mamiel Estates Otter Point Road waterline extension.
3. The waterline extension can only be done within the urban containment boundary of an official community plan. An exception is provided as set out in 1) above.
4. If the Land Use Committee approves the request at their September 15th meeting, then the recommendation will go to the Board for a decision on Wednesday, September 29th.

This updated information from the CRD Executive Director is significant and varies from what OPSRRA has been saying about the process in its recent newsletters.

Also, the September newsletter incorrectly stated that the CRD Board had refused an offer by DeMamiel estates to pay about \$800,000 towards the cost of extending the waterline from Laronde Road in Sooke to their development. Although the CRD Board heard a presentation from the CRD Regional Planning Staff and the CRD Regional Solicitor on March 17, 2004, advising against the extension of "urban standard services" into the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area, until Official Community Plans were completed, the CRD Board did not make a decision at that time and will only do so if the waterline extension application is approved by the JDF Land Use Committee. The JDF Land Use Committee will consider the request to use the fire suppression exemption to the CRD Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw at its September 15th meeting.

The **JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee** meeting will be held:

Wednesday,  
September 15

7:00 p.m. District of Sooke Council Chambers  
2225 Otter Point Road

The CRD Planning Services staff report is available from the CRD Office at 2205 Otter Point Road or on the CRD web site: [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)