

**COMMENTS RECEIVED WITH THE OPSRRA WATER SURVEY  
(By Community)  
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**Otter Point:**

1. allowing the expansion of water systems where development is allowed to reduce pressures on existing wells
2. Aquifer contamination, encroachment, diversion
3. concern regarding impact of upland development on deep groundwater
4. Currently we are fortunate to have great water, and through good management practices, enough to meet our needs. If the trend holds with more "4 on 10" development in our area, we may be at risk of a diminishing water resource, despite our own careful management of our water supply.
5. I am concerned that the watershed around Kemp Lake is not protected from pollution. Specifically, the industrial area east of the lake and the dumping just above the lake of potentially toxic materials from dredging the new marina below Butler Main on the West Coast Highway.
6. I am concerned with the encroachment of houses and septic tanks around Kemp Lake and the lack of some type of security or scrutiny of activities on or in the immediate proximity of the lake that could threaten the water quality.
7. I believe that development should not be allowed unless there is existing adequate water supply. New development/building could compromise the water supply of current residents. Just as we should not allow building in flood plains, we should not allow building where there is no water supply.
8. I live in the Demamiel Creek subdivision, some of my neighbor's wells have gone dry. We would support pursuing city water to our area.
9. I would like to know if anyone has control over what folks do to King Creek.
10. I would urge everyone on a well to have their water tested for chemistry at least once, and regularly for pathogens
11. I'd like to see the pros and cons of having the Kemp Lake WW system fed by the CRD Water system. Locating the drinking water source in the middle of the community strikes me as far from ideal. Drinking watersheds are usually protected from residential and farming pollution sources; Kemp Lake is in the midst of them. It does not seem a sustainable source for the long run.
12. I'm also very concerned with the cost of water
13. More building in the area makes us wonder how good the water supply will remain. We have full treatment (UV, filters, softener, etc. etc. as found lead content over the minimum in our shallow well water.
14. On Kemp Lake water. Worse colour, odor, taste than in 3rd world countries.
15. plans should be made for expansion of CRD water into outlying areas
16. These concerns were amplified when attending the meeting with Brotherston about the proposed new housing development up Clarke road. I attended a workshop a few years ago where the CRD showed the mapping of water sources for wells in Saanich; but I understood at that time that nothing like that was available -- yet -- for our area.
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19. We are in Demamiel Creek Estates and our water supply has diminished since drilling at The Woods. Since then we have had to have water trucked in. The CRD has a responsibility to ensure an adequate water supply to the residents of Otter Point when it is considering the approval of subdivisions in the area.
20. We are on 10 acres surrounded by properties with deep wells. Some never produced or did at one time but don't now. Water can be hard to get for some even at 500 feet or more. Bringing piped water to parts of the community with 2, 5 and 10 acre properties might be desirable - especially for fire protection, but will be a huge expense. Allowing infill development without demanding that adequate water is available is unacceptable, dishonest and harmful to both the unsuspecting person who buys that property and the surrounding property owners who may see their well's productivity diminish.
21. we have a high end filtration system for our drinking water
22. we have seasonal water restraints, adequate during all but the late summer early fall. We would like to collect rain water for farm use.
23. Well has run dry for 3 weeks in November previously. Have to monitor spacing of water use and volume each day (choose between laundry, bathing, dishes, etc.).
24. What about fire protection??We need water now..!
25. Would like to see movement towards installing CRD water system

Submitted after survey closed:

26. Water woes in Otter Point are not a recent thing. We had our well drilled almost 25 years ago. We didn't find water until the 800 foot level and drilled to 825 for insurance. That well produced about 100 gallons a day, which barely met the needs for two of us and so we supplemented with water delivery. Fifteen years ago we had the well drilled 25 feet deeper and had it hydro-fracked. This has improved our water supply considerably but we rely on the well being able to recover to within 150 feet of the surface which gives us up to 700 gallons of water storage in the well hole.

## Shirley

1. development and climate change are real factors that can affect our water supply
2. future infrastructure repairs may not be adequately funded
3. Have good quantity (Goudie Creek) however due to high dissolved solids contents UV filter won't adequately function - need to put in a much bigger pre-filter setup. Limited future concerns about quantity, quality only in relation to new development in the upstream in the Goudie Creek Watershed.
4. I am only concerned about the dry season, which leaves me short of water. This year has been exceptionally dry, and I am hanging on, expecting rain any time. I hate to spend a lot of money on water and then have the rain come once my tank is full.
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7. The Goudie Creek Watershed should be protected. it is contained within WFP lands on both sides of Hwy 14. An agreement should be reached with WFP by either the JDFFA or CRD to have this land set aside to protect the quality and quantity of water into the future.
8. We will be building a home in Shirley that does not have a connection to the community water system and our main source of water will be rainwater collection. Lower Vancouver Island does not have a water supply problem, it has a water storage problem. Rainwater collection can be a much less expensive option than drilling a well - and no risk of not hitting water. I think residents with wells and on community water systems should be concerned about the local watersheds. More pressure needs to be put on the provincial government to protect our watersheds, not just for humans but for our wildlife and the ecological systems that support us.