

Meeting and Tour of Nenagwas June 29th 2023

I would like to thank both Darrell Smale from Chatwin Engineering and Councillor Thomas Smith from Tlowitsis for the very informative tour of Nenagwas, Henry Rd and the surrounding area. This tour was arranged so I could better understand what has been happening with the construction on Nenagwas so I can better answer questions that I receive from Area residents. This was also an opportunity for me to get some very technical information from Chatwin Engineering on items like the sewage treatment plant, the sediment ponds and the work that they have done on Henry Rd.

I know that over the past several months residents have seen the steady heavy truck traffic, the work being done on the Ocean front in connection to the Fibre Internet Landing site and of course the work on Henry Rd to lay the outfall pipe and the boats and divers working in the bay to complete all this work.

While there is still considerable work to be completed before any homes are to be built I have to say that I am very impressed.

While there was a mishap during the heavy rain storms that we all saw last Dec and Jan 2023 which flooded Henry Rd I have been assured that this should not happen again. With the help of Tlowitsis and Uplands Contracting a number of long standing issues on Henry Rd have now been fixed or soon will be and the entrance to Island Hwy South is now probably the best of all the roads in Area D. I know that considerable care has been taken to ensure that those affected driveways are all properly paved.

I would also like to thank the folks on Henry Rd who have been patient and supportive to the work being completed by the Tlowitsis.

I would also like to remind the community that while the construction is still at its early stages I am very optimistic that there will be opportunities coming down the road that will benefit the community.

At a very high level there is an opportunity for Area D to explore with the Oyster River Fire Department and Tlowitsis over the possibility of using their Water Towers on York Rd to refill a tanker truck in emergencies. At the SRD Board I have already been looking into last mile funding opportunities that could see Area D have an alternate internet service that can leverage the fibre landing site that the Tlowitsis have. It would be so nice to see those areas on York and Craig Rd that are currently undeserved for Internet options finally have reliable affordable internet services.