

SOSBOWSER ASKS MINISTER TO PUT MARINE SEWAGE PIPELINE ON HOLD

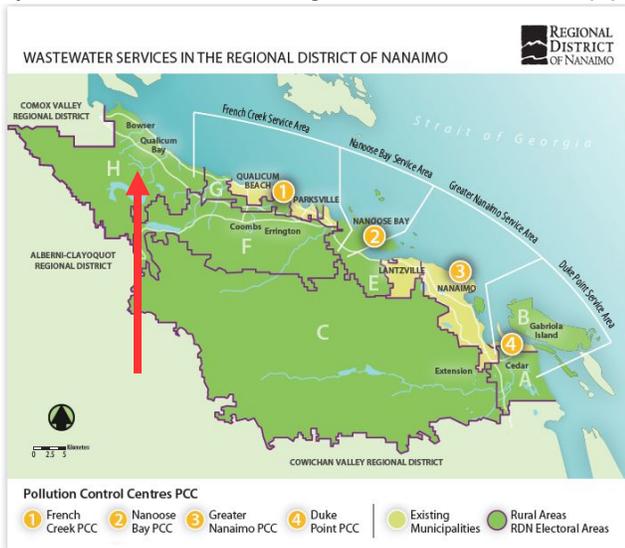
STOP BOWSER OCEAN SEWAGE met with local MLA Scott Fraser (Minister of Indigenous Affairs & Reconciliation) on Friday Sept.15 regarding our August 31 letter to Selina Robinson (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) to put the Bowser marine sewage outfall legally on hold.

In our letter to Minister Robinson, we requested the Inspector of Municipalities find the RDN Bowser petition for a sewerage system with a marine outfall to be NOT certifiable and thus invalid for bylaw approval (per the BC Local Government Act).

We also asked that the Ministry direct the RDN to conduct an AREA H REFERENDUM so that the impact community has at least a fighting chance to STOP Bowser sewage from entering the ocean.

WILL NEW BOWSER SEWAGE SYSTEM BECOME THE FIFTH RDN POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE?

On review of the sewer system marine outfall design, we found the outfall pipe



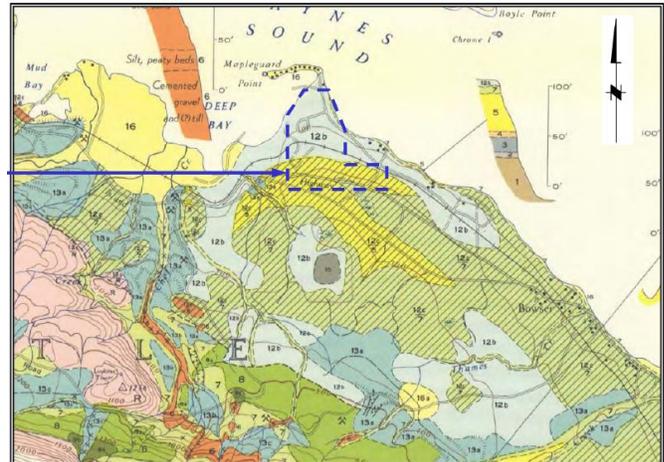
over-sized by at least three times and now believe this to be the genesis of a soon to be expanded "RDN No. 5 Pollution Control Center PCC" (see RDN map above). We don't want another stinking French Creek PCC boondoggle in our backyards dumping into the Salish Sea! Cumulative Environmental Impacts from "unsustainable development" need to stop now!



BOWSER CONSULTATION WAS EXCLUSIONARY AND MISLEADING

We explained to Minister Fraser that the impact community in the receiving environment of the sewage marine outfall (which is outside the Pollution Control Center area) had "no consultation" and therefore no opportunity to protect the precious public beaches and the Salish Sea ecosystem from the damaging toxic, pathogenic, and chemical effects of secondary treated sewage before the Bowser sewer petition was issued.

We contended that the RDN and Stantec 2017 provided misleading information to Bowser Developers and Residents who voted for a marine outfall having been told that on-land disposal was not possible due to challenging groundwater and soils, yet there were no soil test pits and percolation tests done. The **facts** are that in 2011 both the Chatwin Engineering and Kala Geosciences feasibility studies found local soils and water table depths suitable for on land disposal (see



Kala 2011 soils map dotted line area).

Since there clearly is suitable land, we stated that a well sited, on-land disposal system with water recycling for park or green space irrigation would protect both our precious groundwater and the Salish Sea ecosystem (and shellfish and fish food sources) from unwanted contamination left behind in treated effluent.

We closed the meeting with Minister Fraser saying "preserving marine water quality, protecting environment and health, and by extension the Bowser area economy, is of vital importance to all our futures."

Scott Fraser is meeting with the MAH Minister this week..stay tuned! 2017-09-21. [Http://sosbowser.ca](http://sosbowser.ca)