

## **Sechelt Community Associations Forum QUESTIONS FOR PATRICK WEILER, MP**

Meeting in person at noon, Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2024– location tba

**Housing:** Please explain the new federal rules and the ways that they align with BC provincial approaches? Are local strategies being considered for those communities with special needs? As an example, downtown Sechelt has increasing concerns with homeless issues and the need for a detox centre (Totem or Shorncliffe?). Very important issues to citizens include infrastructure issues like water, sewer, road and other transportation limitations, and secondarily, thousands of view homes threatened by broadly-based density increases.

And related to the housing issue, how do we increase the housing stock with such a **water shortage**? Can the Federal Government provide funding as part of its infrastructure monies to address that water shortage?

**Sechelt Inlet:** a) derelict boats and unlicensed live-aboard vessels. Discussions have taken place between concerned citizens and the federal government in the past. What actions will be taken and in what time frame? Of major concern is the old ferry which sank and may have chemicals leaking into the water.

b) The Sechelt Inlets Coastal Strategy (three levels of government) has not been reviewed as planned. Environmental protection is needed for the Inlet, preceded by studies, updating of baselines and mapping, as well as monitoring cumulative impacts of foreshore and upland development on marine values. What actions can be taken to move this project forward?

**Emergency Planning:** How will the new monies on emergency planning from the Federal govt be distributed? Will communities that are more likely to be highly affected (e.g. ones like ours with encroaching forests, drought conditions, no extra water to fight a wildfire) be given priority? What will the money supply for a community like ours?

**RCMP:** How do we qualify for more federal dollars, needed to increase RCMP presence on the Coast. There exists no trained person to do traffic/speeding work, for instance.

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