

July 10, 2008

Mr. Stuart Cohen  
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Reference: Your letter of July 7, 2008 to Sheree Sonfield

Dear Mr. Cohen:

**Thank you for confirming that there are no existing golf courses in designated community drinking watersheds in British Columbia.**

I'm trying to understand the significance of the reference in your letter to the fact that "39 golf courses in BC **drain** to drinking water sources". You note that there are 13 golf courses within 10-15 km of Okanagan Lake. Are you implying that this is an equivalent situation to the proposed RMV golf course in Rossland's Topping Creek Watershed?

From a layman's perspective, I don't see the relevance. Have you identified the communities that use Okanagan Lake as a water source? What type of treatment plants do those communities use? The same as Rossland, or perhaps something much more sophisticated since the water in Okanagan Lake is contaminated by many sources, not just golf courses?

Perhaps you're trying to point out that it is possible to use a polluted water source such as Okanagan Lake because technology exists that will remove virtually any type of contaminant. I'm sure that's true, but what is the relevance to Rossland?

You state that there are dozens of examples of golf courses in BC and US drinking water watersheds. That's interesting information, but hardly sufficient. What are the surface and groundwater monitoring practices at those golf courses? How often does the monitoring reveal unacceptable level of contamination? What are the water treatment systems for the communities involved? What is the capital and operating cost for water treatment for those communities? Are there private wells in those watersheds, as there are in the Topping Creek watershed?

Please direct your response to: [bechaud@telus.net](mailto:bechaud@telus.net)

Sincerely,

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