



Scotch Creek Community Water System Phase 1 Construction

Proposed Service Area SNAPSHOT



84
Parcels



124
Users



Annual Parcel Tax: \$301
Annual User Fee: \$650
Total/Year: \$951

The CSRD is waiving the one-time connection fee for the initial service area.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The CSRD is proposing the completion of Phase 1 of a community water system which will service users in Captain's Village Marina, Anchor Bay, Peterson Court and other surrounding parcels, with potential expansion in the future.

This project follows the 2018 update to the Scotch Creek Water Master Plan, which outlined options for a new water system in the community. With recommendations from this report, the CSRD applied for Provincial and Federal funding to advance the project, however the first application was not successful.

The CSRD applied for a second round of funding in February 2020. This application was successful, with a funding commitment of \$2.34 M towards the project value, which was estimated to be \$3.63 M in 2020. Given the current market and extraordinary inflation since 2019, the CSRD proceeded with a negotiated request for proposals process to select a contractor at the design stage. This process has allowed the CSRD's engineering firm to work collaboratively with a contractor to develop a more detailed cost estimate. The project is now estimated to cost \$3.63 M. This was undertaken to provide the community with better cost certainty prior to public assent. The parcel tax and user fees noted above reflect this higher construction cost. The team will also endeavour to find additional cost savings when the work proceeds.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A NEW COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM?

- Provides the community with safe, reliable drinking water.
- Increases property value and opportunities for economic development.
- Removes the requirement of maintaining and upgrading individual water systems (where capital and operational costs could be significant).
- Eliminates the need to be personally responsible for adhering to Provincial water regulations.
- Supports the vision set out in the Official Community Plan.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Pre Grant Application
Community Information Session
and public engagement

February 2020

Grant Application Deadline

February 26, 2020

Funding Confirmation

December 2021

Post Grant Application
Community Information Session

Aug 17, 6:30 pm, Scotch Creek Community Hall

Public Assent Process

August/September 2022

Design & Contractor Confirmation

October 2022 to January 2023

Construction

2023

WHY NOW?

- The BC Comptroller of Water Rights has stated that no more private water utilities will be permitted in Scotch Creek unless they are managed by local governments
- There is funding available now to cover up to 73% of the costs of developing Phase 1 of the New Scotch Creek Water System. Without this funding, the project will not go forward.

THE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM

The new water system will utilize some infrastructure from the existing Captain's Village Marina system, which will be acquired by the CSRD as part of this service area establishment. The new system will build off of this existing infrastructure, and will include a new pumphouse and treatment plant, and additional distribution piping servicing the users outside of Captain's Village. The system is sized for potential future development and expansion, and future plans will allow for eventual connection to the already established Saratoga Water System.

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