

Regional District of Nanaimo San Pareil Water Service Area

Winter 2010

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## FUTURE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS INFORMATION MEETING

San Pareil • Shorewood Residents March 3rd, 2010 • 7pm to 9pm Parksville Community Centre (Gary Oaks Room) 132 Jensen Avenue East

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss proposed water system upgrades for the San Pareil Water Service Area including improvements to the existing reservoir, pump station, system piping and fire fighting capabilities.

RDN staff will provide information on the costs associated with the improvements, the process to obtain the approval of the residents and the proposed construction dates should the project be supported.

### Why do we need improvements to our system?

Upgrades to the system are for fire protection purposes. The water distribution system which largely consists of aging asbestos cement (AC) pipe, a pump station and a reservoir are undersized and reaching the end of their serviceable life and are unable to provide the volume required for fire fighting.

#### How much will the improvements cost?

The improvements are estimated to cost \$1.4 million. This estimate will be dated once final design has been completed. The estimated annualized cost to residents will be

provided at the information meeting. While grant funding will be pursued to support the project, grants are not assured so such funds cannot be calculated as part of the funding support at this time.

#### When would the improvements be completed?

Improvements are estimated to be complete by the summer of 2012 assuming an approval to proceed by the fall of 2010. Project timing could be affected by the senior government grant applications and selection process. Grants cannot be given to projects where construction has already begun.

#### We have our own private well and are not part of the San Pareil Water Service Area, should we attend the meeting?

While residents on their own well will not share in the initial costs for the proposed improvements to the existing system there will be a capital charge established to join the system in the future. Once the improvements are made to the existing water service area then RDN staff will meet with residents to discuss potential expansion to properties not currently serviced. Nonetheless all residents are welcome to attend the meeting.

#### What happens after this meeting?

The RDN Board will be provided with an update of the proposed improvements, estimated costs and feedback from the public at a Board meeting later this Spring. At that time a determination will be made on whether or not to proceed with the project and how the assent of the residents will be obtained.





