

RDN Receives Grant for Whiskey Creek Water Supply Upgrade

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is pleased to announce \$931,000 in approved grant funding for phase two of the Whiskey Creek Water Supply Upgrade project. The RDN will install a transmission main from the existing well to the reservoir to replace the temporary overland main, modernize the distribution pumping and control system and install backup power. When phase two of the project is complete later this year, the Whiskey Creek Water Service Area will have a secure, permanent and resilient water system. The grant was awarded through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure and Rural and Northern Communities Program by the Government of Canada and Province of British Columbia.

The Whiskey Creek Water Service Area serves a community of approximately 284 residents who are currently lacking a long-term, reliable drinking water source. To begin to address the issue, a groundwater well was drilled in 2019. Designing a system to use this new water source followed in 2020. This first phase of the upgrade project was completed in December 2021 and includes a new well, temporary, overland transmission main and ultra-violet treatment to provide drinking water to the service area. A \$290,532 grant through the New Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund in 2015, along with \$450,000 of Electoral Area F Community Works Funds in 2014 helped fund phase one.

Quotes

“The RDN is grateful to our funding partners for helping to provide this upgraded drinking water source to Whiskey Creek Water Service Area customers,” said Tyler Brown, RDN Chair. “It is funding partnerships such as these that allow the RDN to improve essential services our residents rely on sooner than would otherwise be possible.”


“Residents in the Whiskey Creek Water Service Area are looking forward to having a permanent, reliable water supply,” said Leanne Salter, RDN Electoral Area F Director. “We appreciate the assistance of both the Government of Canada and Province of British Columbia for funding this important project in our region.”

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