

RDN and Qualicum Beach Sandpiper Water Supply Project Now Complete

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) and the Town of Qualicum Beach are pleased to announce the completion of the Sandpiper subdivision water supply project. Residents who have been enjoying high-quality drinking water via a temporary link since November 2021 can now celebrate a permanent connection.

Through the water supply agreement signed in 2021, Qualicum Beach provides bulk water to the RDN's Sandpiper reservoir. The RDN allocated \$970,000 from the Electoral Area G Community Works Fund to cover the capital costs to bring water to the reservoir. The funds will also support future water supply improvements for the Chartwell and Eaglecrest neighbourhoods in Qualicum Beach as well as Sandpiper. The RDN will continue to operate and maintain its Sandpiper reservoir and pumphouse.

Although Sandpiper residents will see an increase in their water rates, the new water supply eliminates longstanding water quality concerns associated with groundwater supply wells that had been in use by the residents since 1980.

With the completion of the permanent water connection, landscape remediation at the Sandpiper reservoir site will begin in the coming weeks.

For more details on the project visit qualicumbeach.com/sandpiper. For information on RDN water services, visit rdn.bc.ca/water-and-utility-services.

Quotes

"The RDN is pleased to work with the Town of Qualicum Beach to provide Sandpiper Subdivision residents with a new water supply. Partnerships with our valued member municipalities help the RDN to deliver essential services to residents across the region."

Tyler Brown, Chair – Regional District of Nanaimo

"Thank you to our project partner, the Town of Qualicum Beach, for helping bring a new water supply to the Sandpiper subdivision. I am delighted that residents now have a permanent water source they can rely on."



Lehann Wallace, Electoral Area G Director – Regional District of Nanaimo

"The residents of Qualicum Beach have funded and built an excellent water system and I am proud of this example of regional cooperation to find an equitable solution to the Sandpiper water problem."



Brian Wiese, Mayor – Town of Qualicum Beach

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