

Construction of New Pumpstation to Begin on Northwest Bay Road

Construction will begin shortly on a new pumpstation that will bring drinking water from the Englishman River to Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) residents of the Nanoose Bay Peninsula Water Service Area (NBPWSA) on a year-round basis.

To help alleviate the demand from municipal groundwater wells, the RDN supplies surface water from the Englishman River to the NBPWSA on a seasonal basis typically from May to October. The water supply currently goes through an existing pumpstation located on Northwest Bay Road at the edge of Parksville. The existing pumpstation is not able to supply the required flows to the NBPWSA to accommodate future development within the service area. The Englishman River Water Service (ERWS) will provide water to the City of Parksville and NBPWSA which is also under construction as a separate project being managed by the City of Parksville and the RDN.

Construction of the new RDN pumpstation will cost approximately \$2.2 million. The contract was awarded to Windley Contracting Ltd., is scheduled to begin this October and continue through to the end of March 2019. This new pumpstation will be constructed on City of Parksville property, on the west side of Northwest Bay Road near Craig Bay. The corresponding water transmission main will be constructed along the west side of Highway 19A between the intersection of Northwest Bay Road and the railroad tracks. Please see attached map.

The RDN wishes to thank the communities of Parksville and Nanoose Bay in advance for their cooperation while construction is underway. There will be no interruption in water service and there will be minor traffic disruptions intermittently throughout the construction period. The RDN would also like to remind residents to observe and obey all posted signs, speed limits, and traffic control personnel during construction of this important infrastructure. Being aware will help to ensure the safety of the construction crews and the travelling public.

For more information on both projects including timeframes costs and funding sources, please visit: rdn.bc.ca/englishman-river-water-service or send an e-mail to rcu@rdn.bc.ca.

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