

ERWS Drinking Water Project Update

With the recent assent voting approval from Parksville residents for the borrowing of \$5.6 million, the Englishman River Water Service will now proceed with final design and construction of the new in-river intake, water treatment plant and transmission supply mains. These upgrades will service the needs of the City of Parksville and the Nanoose Bay Peninsula Water System within the Regional District of Nanaimo as well as providing additional flow for fisheries benefits.

The proposed new water treatment plant is a phased approach which includes water treatment capacity of 16 million litres per day of membrane filtration, ultra-violet light and chlorine disinfection to meet Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines required by Island Health. The ERWS has requested an extension to the December 31, 2016, deadline for new water regulatory treatment standards imposed by Island Health in 2014.

Design of the intake is well underway with tendering scheduled for spring 2016.

Meetings of the Arrowsmith Water Service and Englishman River Water Service management boards are scheduled for December 9 at 1 pm in the Board Chambers at the Regional District of Nanaimo, 6300 Hammond Day Road, Nanaimo. The meetings are open to the public.

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