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Upgrades to SCADA -- our water monitoring software - now fully link the pumphouse, North Reservoir, Kitsuksis Reservoir and the Darnley Pumping Station.

This will provide 24 hour/365 days a year monitoring for the entire system from one central location.

The radio meter reader for our new meters has arrived. BCID training on how to operate the new equipment is now getting underway.

We do expect heavy rainfall this winter and likely boil water advisories as a result.

Bruce Forsyth, Water Supervisor

News from the office

We have a new billing system. RightWater is a complete Water Utility billing program for small to medium size utilities (up to 15,000 accounts.) Your Water Toll accounts now show your water consumption, and penalties or credits on the bill.

Parcel Tax accounts are still separate. Please note that Water Toll customer IDs start with a W and Parcel Tax accounts start with a P.

Beaver Creek Improvement District water board regular monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month, starting at 7 pm in the Improvement District Office, B-6038 Beaver Creek Road. Public attendance and input is welcomed. Upcoming meetings are: Jan. 16; Feb. 20 and Mar. 19.

Agendas are available for monthly meetings; minutes for prior meetings will be available after they are adopted by the board. If you want to speak at the meeting please inform the office one week prior and you will be placed on the agenda as a delegate.

Special Meeting: a reminder that the by-election of a new trustee will be held at the board offices, 6 pm, Jan. 16.

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Chairman's Report

The referendum decision to convert the Improvement District to a regional district Service Area was taken at the end of October by the people of Beaver Creek. The conversion process is now underway. Kelly Schutte and I will be working with Glenn Wong and our newly elected regional director, John McNabb, on this historic

undertaking. Not many get the opportunity to participate in a change of governance - it's both daunting and rewarding at the same time.

Prior to the referendum a trustee resigned from the board. Because we strongly believe that a full board should participate in the conversion process, we called a by-election to fill this vacancy. A Special Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on January 16 in the board offices for this election.

The board has been challenged over information we published in our previous *Quarterly Report* regarding the Bamfield Water System. The people of Beaver Creek mandated this board to present all information pertinent to the decision to continue as an Improvement District or convert to an ACRD service area.



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To meet this obligation, we included public information in circulation on the Internet which we believe had a rightful place in the discussion.

However, we failed to include Internet links to these information sources. We regret this oversight and extend our apologies to the people of Beaver Creek.

2012 promises to be an interesting year as we work our way through the details of conversion. We are still faced with resolving our Kitsuksis reservoir leak, failing infrastructure and continuing the day-to-day business of running the water system. Fortunately, we have the support of excellent staff members and a very resourceful water supervisor to pull us through.

Best wishes for peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Wayne Hasler, Chairman.

Water Supervisor's Report

As we begin the move toward conversion in earnest, it's good to look back over the past year to note both the strong points and weaknesses of our water system. For example, over the past 12 months, we experienced 16 water main failures which are complete interruptions of water flow. This is an indication of our aging infrastructure. An even stronger indicator is the 45,000 gallon a day leak from the Kitsuksis Reservoir, which both the BCID and the ACRD agree is an immediate priority.

On the plus side, 2011 saw only two boil water advisories issued; one on March 9 and the second on November 24.

As well, we underwent two full Canadian Drinking Water Standards test series. Both met the standards for the chemical makeup of water. Our 250 bacteriological samples all met their requirements, as well.

Beaver Creek water is safe by Canadian standards; we have yet to meet the VIHA 4-3-2-1 requirements.

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Letter from John McNabb, Reg. Dir.

The Beaver Creek Improvement District and Alberni Clayoquot Regional District are moving forward with the conversion of the Improvement District to a local service area of the Regional District following the outcome of the October referendum.

A joint committee has been established to ensure that all the steps are covered for a smooth process. Members of the committee include Wayne Hasler and Kelly Schutte from the Improvement District and John McNabb and Glenn Wong from the Regional District. The first meeting will be early this month.

This committee has been tasked with preparing recommendations on how to proceed and will deliver these recommendations within one month. We will consider options for future administration and how to realize efficiencies in operations, mindful of the need to provide quality services at an affordable price.

Both organizations realize the need to undertake works in a timely manner to address water quality and the ailing Kitsuksis reservoir. To this end, engineering services are being commissioned to develop the design and tendering process for the reservoir.

The Alberni Clayoquot Regional District's commitment of \$800,000 for water system improvements can assist with the costs of a new reservoir. The objective is to realize these works in 2012.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the people of Beaver Creek as our Regional Director. I wish you all the best in the New Year.

John McNabb, Beaver Creek Regional Director