

BCID QUARTERLY REPORT

Beaver Creek Improvement District
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News from the Board

The first BCID board meeting of the summer brought two major changes.

After seven years of service to the community, Wayne Hasler has resigned his position as trustee and chair due to health reasons. Wayne's cheery nature and dedication will be sorely missed.

Because almost two years remain in Wayne's term, our elections officer has had to call a new election.

The advertisement for nominations is being published locally, and you'll also find it on page 4 of this bulletin.

We also welcomed a new face to the board. Elected by acclamation in May, Tracey Neuwirth took her seat as a BCID water board trustee.

Tracey is a 10 year resident of Beaver Creek with one son in Gill School and a husband born and raised in Port Alberni.

Tracey stood for election because she felt not enough information or clarity about the VIHA 4-3-2-1 was available to the public.

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She believes there are numerous options and while the ACRD service area option has some advantages, over all Beaver Creekers would wind up paying more for water should that happen.

In light of the VIHA proposal just submitted, the option to work with the City on a back up supply is the most feasible and economical in her view.

A reminder that the infrastructure fee of \$2 per month will appear on your July billing, a summary of new water restrictions, and the gist of our submitted proposal to meet the VIHA 4-3-2-1 standards are also included.

Please note, we're going onto Summer Office Hours to accommodate staff holidays. The office will be open only half days from July 19 through August 3, from 8 am to noon daily.

Have a safe, happy summer, everyone.

Regular monthly meetings of the Beaver Creek Improvement District water board are held on the third Monday each month, starting at 7 pm, Improvement District Office, B-6038 Beaver Creek Road.

Public attendance and input is welcomed.

Upcoming meetings are: July 19, August 16 and September 20, 2010.

B.C.I.D. SUMMER WATER RESTRICTIONS

Effective June 15, 2010 to September 30, 2010, restrictions for both AUTOMATED AND NON-AUTOMATED irrigation systems within the Beaver Creek Improvement District are implemented as follows:

- ODD NUMBERED CALENDAR DAYS - HOUSES WITH ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES can sprinkle between the hours of 8:01 PM - 9:59 AM.
- EVEN NUMBERED CALENDAR DAYS - HOUSES WITH EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES can sprinkle between the hours of 8:01 PM - 9:59 AM.
- ABSOLUTELY NO SPRINKLING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

All residents are responsible for their water usage as well as overages, whether they are due to leaks or over usage.

Water Conservation - think water smart! Water is a precious commodity and we owe it to ourselves to use this resource wisely and to minimize waste.

Please check out the Beaver Creek Improvement District website at:

<http://www.beavercreekwater.ca>

In the interest of water conservation and possibly saving yourself from a large water bill, the BCID has the following request.

Please check your yard for wet spots; turn off all water sources on your property and check your water meter. If everything is shut off but the meter is running, you may have a leak that should be repaired.

We remind you that all water through the meter is billable.



Water Saving Tips

- For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month
- You are more likely to notice leaks indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, sprinklers and hoses for leaks.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.

Please note Summer Office Hours are in effect from July 19 - August 3, 2010.

8:00 am to 12:00 p.m. weekdays.

Regular hours will resume on August 4, 2010.

*Bruce Forsyth, Operations Supervisor***BCID has submitted proposal to meet VIHA's 4-3-2-1; awaiting notice of compliance**

Based on the April 2010 Koers & Associates' "BCID Water Source Options and Treatment Study," the BCID has submitted a proposal to comply with VIHA's 4-3-2-1 Treatment Policy, as per VIHA request.

In essence, we have proposed to construct a new connection with a water booster pump station to service the entire BCID system with City water during periods of high turbidity in our current water supply. BCID staff and City engineering staff have discussed this option informally. The City staff is supportive of the connection as part of a regional water system.

We already have an emergency connection to the City system, but it only serves a small area of the improvement district since the City system has a much lower operating pressure.

The Koers & Associates review of water source options for the BCID included continued use of the Stamp River with filtration system, developing a groundwater source, and connecting to the City.

Costs associated with the first two options are quite high - about \$3.69 million to \$6.09 million, depending on the filtration system. Land purchase costs aren't included in those estimates. To meet the second option would require drilling and testing additional wells and would run about \$2.57 million, again not including land purchase costs.

The proposed connection to the City would remain under \$1 million, excluding land purchase costs.

For comparison, current estimates of BCID's portion of developing a regional water supply service ranges from \$2.67 million to \$5.38 million depending on water sources to be used.

The benefits of the proposed connection to the City include improved water quality, lowest estimated construction costs for sources requiring filtration,



the least amount of new infrastructure and securing the smallest land area.

It's also the option that could be operation the soonest, and still supports the development of a regional water system.

The plan is now in the hands of VIHA; we expect we will be in compliance with their requirements shortly.

Report on Works in Progress

NORTH RESERVOIR PUMP STATION

- Water flushing went well. It's a water quality issue. Think of it as spring cleaning.
- Upgrades of electrical pumping station. This increases water volume to the north end of the district. It's a better system. The next stage is to increase pipe dimension past the Kackaamin Family Development Centre (the old Beaver Creek School site.)
- Construction of building addition and all electrical upgrades.

Revised 2010 Tolls & Charges Bylaw

In order to collect the announced infrastructure fee, the Beaver Creek Improvement District needed to revise its Schedule "A" Tolls and Charges.

Accordingly, the board met on April 19, 2010 and passed the revised 2010 Tolls and Charges Bylaw.

Bylaw 229 repeals bylaw 228, reflecting the \$2 charge on all classifications.

Every classification basic charge per month allows 12,000 gallons.

For residential water users, the basic monthly charge is \$31.00.

For each additional water use on the same lot: \$38.00.

For commercial users listed below, the basic monthly charge is \$38.00.

- Auto Courts & Motels, each unit
- Trailer Courts, each unit
- Stores
- Restaurants

- Garage & Service Stations
- Public Schools

For consumption in excess of basic gallonage, the following charges apply:

- \$4.00 administration charge per billing period
- \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons or part of 1,000 gallons over allowable consumption

Also be advised, that where a customer is responsible for a water use overage charge, the customer must pay the charges as defined in the district bylaws.

The policy is as follows:

1. A customer may request a review of an overage charge if they feel the charge is unwarranted.
2. A request for review must be made in writing within 30 days of receipt and include the customer name, phone number, address and location of water service and the reasons for review.

BEAVER CREEK IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF AN ELECTION ONE TRUSTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A THREE-YEAR TERM

An election has been called for Monday, August 16, 2010.
Janice Klein has been appointed the Returning Officer for the Beaver Creek Improvement District.
Nominations will be accepted from June 28, 2010 until 12:00 pm on July 26, 2010.

Eligibility criteria for trustees, nominees, nominators and voters:

- A Canadian Citizen;
- Aged 18 years or older;
- Entitled to be registered as a voter under the Election Act (British Columbia); and
- An owner of land or spouse of an owner of land within the Improvement District;
- A resident of the Province for the prior six months. (This is a Requirement stated in the Elections Act)

Nomination forms must be accompanied by a statement from the nominee consenting to the nomination.

Election procedures and nomination forms can be picked up at the water board office at 6038 Beaver Creek Road during business hours: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The Special General meeting will be held on August 16, 2010 at the water board office.