

# *Beaver Creek Improvement District*

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## **B.C.I.D. TRUSTEE REPORT UPDATE**

**MAY 2009**

At BCID's Annual General Meeting on April 27, 2009 there were two motions made by the taxpayers.

The first motion was for BCID to apply for Federal and Provincial infrastructure grants through the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District to upgrade the water system.

A special meeting was held on May 7, 2009 at the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District to explore BCID's options for safe potable water through the granting process.

BCID, Cherry Creek and the City of Port Alberni are all participating in the Alberni valley Regional Study costing each participant \$5,000.00.

There are no grants available at this time. We will look into this further in the fall.

The second motion was for BCID to apply to the Ministry of Community Services for funding to undertake a study of the pros and cons of converting the improvement district into a service area under the Regional District. That way the people will have all of the information required to make an informed decision.

A letter was sent to the Ministry of Community Services and we were advised that the Ministry does not provide grant funding to study the implications for converting an improvement district to a regional district service.

BCID has created a web page: <http://beavercreekwater.ca>. A copy of the letter from the Ministry of Community Services can be found there, 4-3-2-1 Drinking Water Treatment for Surface Water Policy as well as the Government Links for the Improvement District Conversion Guide, Improvement District Restructure Guide and A Guide to Regional District Board Delegation To Committees & Commissions.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the process for transferring the Beaver Creek Improvement District to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the office and we will direct your questions and or concerns to the staff and/or Trustees.

BCID Board of Trustees

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## **PROCESS FOR TRANSFERRING THE BEAVER CREEK IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO THE ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT**

The Beaver Creek ID Board of Trustees passes a resolution in favour of transferring responsibility for the water system to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (the RD). A copy of the resolution would be sent to the RD and the Ministry of Community Development.

The RD Board considers the Beaver Creek ID resolution. If the RD Board is in favour of taking over responsibility for the water system and fire department, they will need to pass a resolution and send a copy to the Beaver Creek ID and the Ministry of Community Development. At that same meeting, the Regional Board will also need to consider when they will pass service area establishment bylaws.

**Option 1.** If the Regional Board passes the bylaws at that meeting, they can be given three readings and then submitted to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. Following approval by the Inspector, the bylaw will require approval by the electors of the Beaver Creek ID. The RD can obtain the approval of the electors by referendum or by holding an alternative approval process. Both processes would take from six to eight weeks.

**Option 2.** If the Regional Board does not pass the bylaw at that meeting, it can be passed after Cabinet approves the transfer. The Cabinet Order can provide the RD with an exception to the requirement for the approval of the electors. This option is usually chosen if the RD or ID has undertaken a public consultation process (not necessarily a vote) and the landowners generally support the conversion.

When the resolutions from the Beaver Creek ID and the RD are received by the Ministry of Community Development, a Cabinet Order is drafted to transfer all of the Beaver Creek ID assets, liabilities and bylaws to the RD. It generally takes five to six weeks from the time the Order is drafted to the time that Cabinet considers it. The Order can either provide that the transfer is effective from the date of Cabinet approval or at a future date. At the same time as the Order is drafted, a letter is sent from the Ministry to the Beaver Creek ID and the RD outlining the administrative considerations for transferring responsibility for the fire department from one jurisdiction to the other.

If the RD Board decided to go with Option 1, then they can adopt the service area establishment bylaw.

If the RD Board decided to go with Option 2, then the RD Board will need to give three readings to a service area establishment bylaw and submit it to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. Once the Inspector has approved the bylaw, it can be adopted by the RD Board.

If the RD Board has agreed to it, they can establish Beaver Creek water and fire protection advisory committees or commissions.

The Ministry of Community Development sends a grant to the RD to cover the administrative costs for transferring services from the Beaver Creek ID to the RD.

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