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TO: Chair and Directors
Regional District Board

FROM: Debra Oakman, CMA
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: Letter of support for boundary extension – Graham Lake Improvement District

Purpose

To support a request by the Graham Lake Improvement District (GLID) to the Province of BC to extend the GLID boundary over an additional 15 properties.

Policy analysis

Bylaw No. 1567, being the “Denman Island Water Local Service Area Conversion and Establishment Bylaw, 1993” converts the service into a local service.

Executive summary

The Denman Island water local service area (DIWLSA) provides drinking water service to 23 properties located on the east coast of Denman Island. The service was originally constructed in 1969 as part of a development and utilized water from two ground water wells that were installed by the developer. The well water did not meet a number of the parameters of the *Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines* and consequently the system was placed on a permanent boil water advisory.

In 2011, after evaluating several options for improved water quality, the regional district installed new infrastructure which connected the DIWLSA water system to the GLID water system located approximately 2km to the north (see Appendix A). The interconnection project was funded by a combination of provincial Towns for Tomorrow and community works funds grant funding. Following the interconnection of the systems and the removal of the two original wells, the boil water advisory was removed in 2012.

The interconnection of the two systems has provided an opportunity for 15 previously unserviceable properties to connect to the newly installed infrastructure and be provided water. In an effort to facilitate this opportunity 14 of the 15 property owners have petitioned GLID to extend the improvement districts boundary over their properties. GLID trustees have in turn approved each of the petition letters and also approved a motion to add the properties to the improvement district. On November 24, 2014 the GLID provided the above approval documentation to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for their consideration (see Appendix B).

Expanding the GLID boundaries to take in the additional properties, rather than adding them to the DIWLSA, is considered the most cost effective and sustainable option for residents. The GLID has resources in place on Denman Island to operate and manage the water system where as regional district operations are remote and cannot respond to water customer issues in an expedient or cost effective manner. For this reason it is recommended that the regional district support the GLID in their efforts to complete the boundary extension.

Recommendation from the chief administrative officer:

THAT the Comox Valley Regional District provide a letter supporting the Graham Lake Improvement District application to extend their boundary over 15 additional properties along East Road on Denman Island.

Respectfully:

D. Oakman

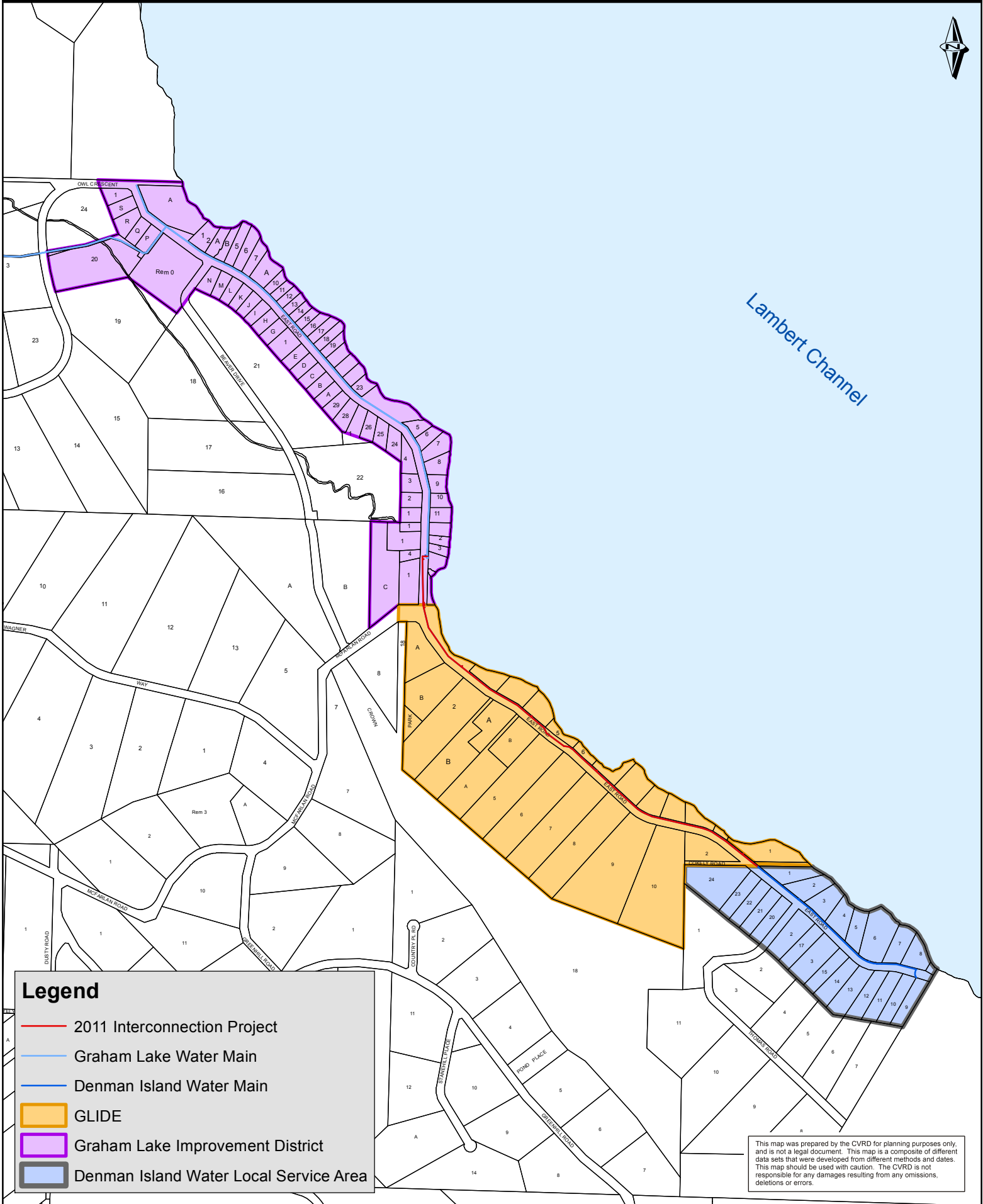
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Attachments: Appendix A – “map of subject area”
Appendix B – “letter from GLID, dated November 2014”



Legend

- 2011 Interconnection Project
- Graham Lake Water Main
- Denman Island Water Main
- GLIDE
- Graham Lake Improvement District
- Denman Island Water Local Service Area

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Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development,
Victoria

November 27 2014

Att: Liz Andersen, Local Government Structure

Dear Liz,

I write enclosing 14 Petitions to Extend a Boundary from property owners on Denman Island whose Lots adjoin the Graham Lake Improvement District.

Trustees have approved the Extensions both by signing the Petitions & by a Motion Made and Passed at their September 17 2014 Meeting

Your acknowledgment of this request would be much appreciated.

Sincerely

Simon Palmer - Manager