

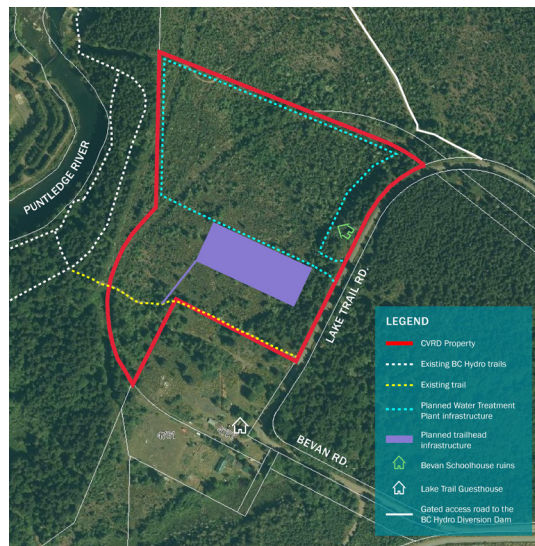
COMOX VALLEY WATER TREATMENT PROJECT UPDATE



Welcome to our new Comox Valley Water Treatment Project Update. We know there is a lot of interest in the work underway to build a new system for the 45,000 people currently connected. To keep you informed of project progress, we'll be producing this newsletter every few months. Questions? Email us at: engineering@comoxvalleyrd.ca.

Public Guides Design for Water Treatment Plant Property

With the location of the future Comox Valley Water Treatment Plant off Lake Trail Road confirmed, the CVRD undertook a public engagement process between Oct. 2018 and Feb. 2019 to seek input about proposed recreational facilities at the property, which offers access to Bevan Trail and the Puntledge Trail Network. It was important to the regional district to hear from the community so any amenities created meet the needs of those who use, or live near, the trails in the area.



Water Treatment Plant site map

The outreach process resulted in interaction with approximately 370 people, with 105 actively engaged through meetings or completing the online survey. Some key results from area residents and survey respondents included:

- wanting to see the site and trail head remain as natural as possible
- a desire for minimalist infrastructure, some information boards and parking that blends with the forest
- focus on security to limit partying and unauthorized use of the trails by motorized vehicles

This information has been provided to the three design-build proponents to incorporate into the design of the water treatment plant site.

For those interested in reading more, a summary report of the engagement process may be found at connectcprd.ca/WaterTreatment.

Maintaining a natural setting with minimal infrastructure and a focus on security was the main focus of feedback from the public when asked about how they would like to see the property around the water treatment plant used in coming years.

RFP Update

The project is in the final stages of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The project team has been working with each of the three design-build teams to ensure their proposals are compliant and provide the best value to the regional district. Here are the next steps:



May 2019
Proposals due from the three shortlisted proponents



June 2019
Review of proposals



July 2019
Award of contract



Recent Approvals Mark Major Project Milestones

The CVRD has been working to finalize permits and land use agreements over the past number of months, with great success.

After receiving an Environmental Assessment Office Exemption Certificate for the project, the CVRD's water license application was reviewed and approved by the Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development in April 2019. The CVRD now holds water licenses for the new Water Treatment Project infrastructure as well as enough additional water to serve the community for 25 years, achieving yet another significant project milestone.

In addition, the CVRD recently signed land use/right of way agreements with all land owners impacted by project infrastructure. Over the coming months final land transfers will be completed and statutory rights of way will be registered as required.



Comox Lake: the water source for the Comox Valley Water System

Pre-Construction Phase

- ✓ Received Environmental Assessment Office Exemption Certificate
- ✓ Approval of CVRD's Water License application
- ✓ Land use/rights of way agreements finalized
- May 2019: Proposals due from Design-Build proponents
- June 2019: Review submissions from proponents
- July 2019: Award Design-Build contract

Construction Phase

- Calendar icon: Construction schedule confirmed to 2019
- Surveying icon: Surveying/land clearing begins
- Excavator icon: Earthworks begins
- Explosion icon: Construction kick-off celebration event
- Waves icon: Piling in Comox Lake begins for new lake intake
- 2021: New System in Operation

*Dates to be announced once construction schedule confirmed

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