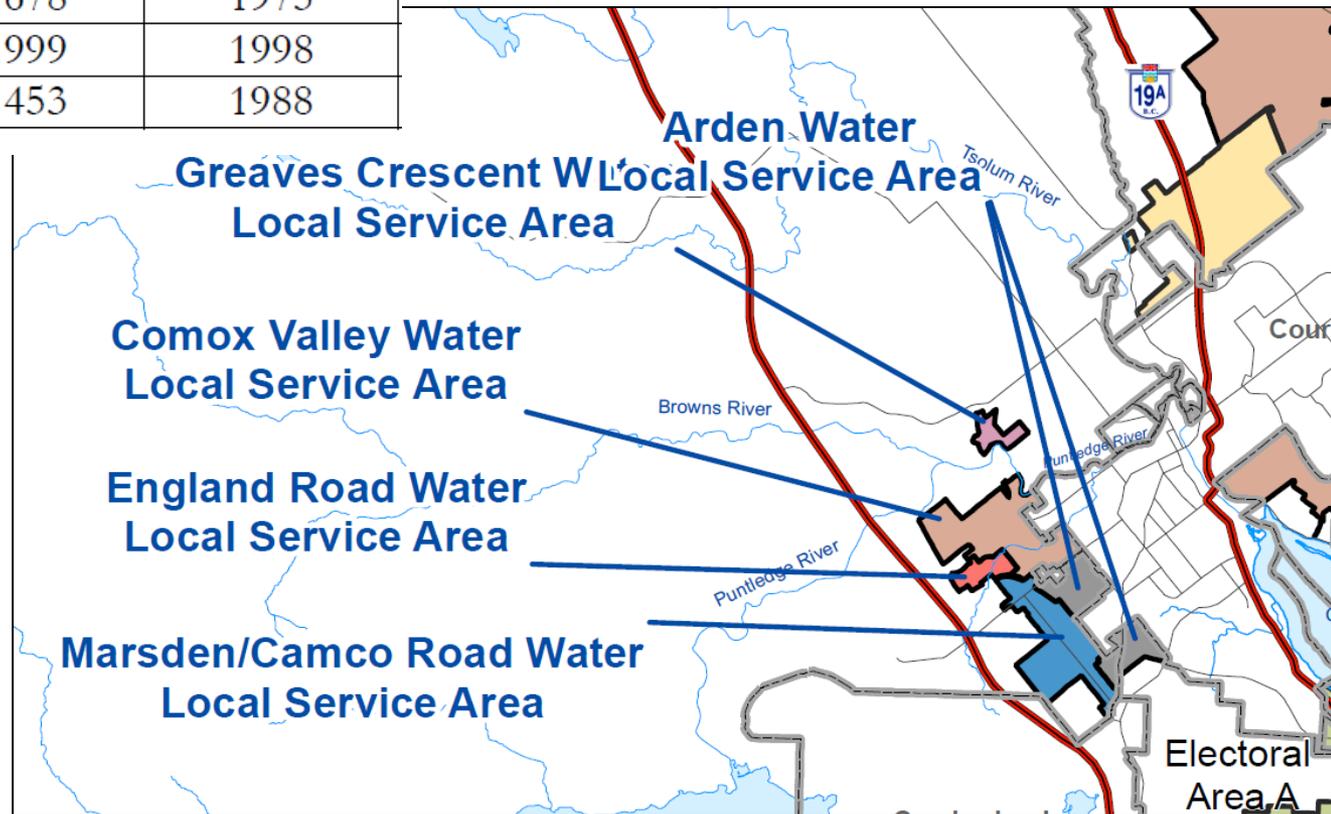


Comox Valley Water Services – Proposed Merger

November 20, 2017

Six Water Distribution Services

Service	Bylaw No.	Year Est'd
Comox Valley	559	1982
Sandwich	OIC 921	2016
Greaves Crescent	1494	1994
Arden	1678	1975
England Road	1999	1998
Marsden/Camco	1453	1988



Proposed Merger

- Coordinated revenue and expenses
- Fairness and equity to all ratepayers
- Improved ability to manage reserve funds, respond to emergencies
- Reserve funds coordinated – asset management principles

Process

Concept Approval at EASC (Nov 2017)

- Inform public on research, process, impacts

Research (Nov to Feb 2018)

- Determine equitable reserve fund merger/disposition
- Develop merged financial and asset management plan
- Develop merger bylaws for service, reserve funds (capital and FFE), parcel/frontage taxes
- Develop amendments to related bylaws (1783, conservation, bulk rates, etc)

Legislative (Apr 2018)

- Bylaw Readings and EA director consent
- Inspector of Municipalities approval
- Bylaw Adoption (effective date Jan 1/19)

Recommendation

- Approve process to merge six water distribution areas (Comox Valley, Sandwick, Greaves Crescent, Arden, England Road, and Marsden/Camco), to be effective Jan 1/19
- Return to EASC in spring 2018 with mechanism to equitably distribute reserve funds