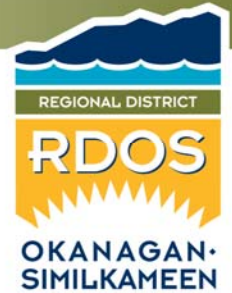


Keeping the Community Informed on the Proposed Water System for Tulameen



February 2017

Summary on Public Meeting

A Public Information Meeting was held at the Tulameen Community Hall on November 29, 2016 where RDOS staff, engineering consultants and Electoral Area 'H' Director, Bob Coyne, discussed a proposed plan for installation of a Water Distribution System in the Tulameen community. The intent of the informal meeting was for the Electoral Area Director to gauge the interest level from property owners for establishing a Local Service Area for the purpose of installing a Water System to deliver fire protection and potable water to the Tulameen community. The meeting was very well attended by local residents and several property owners travelled from the Lower Mainland to attend. A number of questions were received from the feedback and it is the intent of this Information Update to answer these questions put forward for all the property owners.

Message from Electoral Area Director 'H' Bob Coyne

"I would like to thank the nearly 150 people that replied to the proposed water system survey. This is a very good response with close to 50% of property owners responding, good on you for being part of the process. The results were varied from some extremely negative to very positive. Your comments and questions have given staff a lot to work on in the coming months, as there is significant interest in the community especially for fire protection. We will proceed with further planning and will have some hard numbers on cost and answers to most of your questions at the up coming public information meeting in June. I would also like to thank the staff who have been working so diligently on your behalf on this project. Thank you."

Questions from Feedback Surveys

Why is this project being brought up again?

With the recent fire in Tulameen, RDOS received requests for fire protection in the area. Staff investigated options and high level cost estimates that includes fire protection with or without the installation of a complete residential water system.

Will there be a vote open to all residents?

Yes. The property owners have to give assent before the project moves forward. This is expected to be done through the referendum process.

What about our existing wells?

Individual residential wells can not be hooked into the proposed public water distribution system due to cross connection contamination threats.



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How much will the water system cost?

Preliminary costing was broken down into three phases:

Phase 1	Water Supply wells, Core distribution system for fire flow and 38 potential domestic services	Estimated \$ 1,052,000 (\$ 231.76 / year for 20 years)
Phase 2	Water Reservoir and Supply Main	Estimated \$ 983,000 (\$ 216.55 / year for 20 years)
Phase 3	Installation of remainder of distribution system for community	Estimated \$ 3,225,000 (\$ 654.68 / year for 20 years)

NOTE: These estimated costs are expected as the worst case scenario if no grant funding is received for any of the three phases

Is there any grant funding available to help offset the cost?

Yes, with the RDOS assuming the system, grant funding would be available. There is a potential of acquiring a \$500,000 grant for Phase 1 which will offset the costs to property owners.

Will chlorine be added to the system?

Interior Health Authority determines the final design and have indicated that some form of treatment (ie. Chlorine) will be required.

Do all residents have to pay for the system or can I opt out?

If approved by the community all property owners will have to be included.

What if I own multiple lots? Do I have to pay for each lot?

If the system is installed, it is determined that it benefits all property owners.

Will the fee be based on property assessment?

This is undetermined at this time and will require public consultation outlining the various cost scenarios for each property owner.

What are the next steps?

RDOS staff have anticipated the following steps would occur:

- Complete a more detailed design with a more accurate estimate of costs for residents
- Hold a Community Informational Meeting to present the design and updated costs—June 2017
- Prepare for a community referendum to receive assent to create the service area
- If referendum passes, the service area will be created

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