

New Strick Road Pump Station Completed!



This month the new pump station becomes operational helping to satisfy Island Health's Drinking Water Treatment Objectives for the Beaver Creek Water System by connecting to the City of Port Alberni's (City) water system.

The City is upgrading its infrastructure and will be providing ultra violet treated water by the end of 2014. The water supplied from the City will also greatly reduce the chance for Boil Water Advisories, which have historically affected the system.

Flushing —April 14-17

Fine tuning of the pump station and flushing of the system will occur between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm using the current Stamp River source.

New Pump Station Operational—April 22-25

With the pump stations the flow of water in the distribution system will be different from the previous direction and there may be pressure fluctuations. **Please, ensure you have your Pressure Reducing Valves (PRV's) in place to protect your plumbing system, as required by the BC Building Code.**

Future Plans

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District will begin to investigate Sproat Lake as an Alberni Valley Regional water source over the next couple of years to determine if it is a possible alternative source that would avoid Island Health's filtration requirements, while meeting all drinking water standards.

Contact information:

- For general water system inquiries contact (250)720-2700
- For billing inquiries contact (250)720-2702 or accounting@acr.d.bc.ca
- For after hours water supply EMERGENCIES ONLY contact (250)206-0021 or (250)206-0023

Water Quality

During this transition there may be times when your water may be cloudy and/or brown as a result of the project. Flow changes and water main flushing can also cause silt in the system to become suspended. While your water may not have a pleasing look, it is safe and acceptable to drink however, if you are immune deficient it is recommended to boil your water if cloudy. To assist in removing any suspended particles please run only your COLD water tap until it is clear again.

New Rates Bylaw Adopted



The Board of Directors adopted a new rates bylaw for the Beaver Creek Water System that came into effect on April 1, 2014. These new rates were initially presented to the community in the fall public meeting and then reviewed by the Beaver Creek Water Advisory Committee earlier this year. The rate increases are necessary to fund the improvements required to meet the conditions placed on the Water Systems operating permit by Island Health. A copy of the bylaw can be found on the ACRD website at www.acrd.bc.ca. A summary of the new rates is provided below:

- Basic quarterly charge per single family dwelling

\$129

- Basic quarterly charge per each commercial unit

\$150

- Each additional use on single parcel per quarter

\$150

- Quarterly water consumption threshold per use

135m³

- Consumption in excess of threshold will be charged

\$2/m³

All payments must be made out to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. Please note the following payment options:

1) Internet or Telephone Banking—Use the 17-digit account number located on your utility bill. To set it up initially, search ‘Alberni’ and then select vendor ‘Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District—Utilities’.

2) Payment at Bank or Other Financial Institution

3) By Mail or in Person—at the Regional District office

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The ACRD is looking to appoint two new members to the Beaver Creek Water Advisory Committee. Interested volunteers are requested to submit a letter outlining their interest in joining the committee and any relevant experience by Wednesday, April 30th, 2014 by e-mail to wendy.thomson@acrd.bc.ca or by mail to 3008 5th Ave. Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3.