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Bamfield Water Treatment Facility receives funding support from the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) has been awarded a Federal/Provincial contribution of a maximum of \$1,409,174 in funding for the Bamfield Water Treatment Facility project through the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF). The Government of Canada has provided funding up to 50 % of the eligible project costs and the B.C. government has provided funding of an additional 33 % of eligible project costs.

The Bamfield Water System (BWS) has been under a water health advisory since November 2013. The BWS is required to meet the terms and conditions, as set by Island Health, within the operating permit. The Dissolved Air Flotation System facility will meet the BWS's operating permit while improving drinking water quality to meet the Surface Water Treatment objectives in the BC Drinking Water Protection Act and the Drinking Water Protection Regulation. Construction has commenced and the water treatment facility should be operational by early 2018.

As part of the bilateral agreement between Canada and British Columbia, the Bamfield Water Treatment Facility is one of 179 projects approved to date for federal funding amounting to more than \$225.1 million. Combined with provincial funding and local government contributions, more than \$450 million will be going toward projects across the province.

"After years of uncertainty and concern regarding water quality in Bamfield we can be assured that upon completion of this project our water will meet the standards of the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality," said Keith Wyton, Electoral Area 'A' (Bamfield). "Our community is very appreciative of the support we have received from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, the Province of British Columbia, and the Government of Canada. The ability to deliver safe water is a critical component of our community infrastructure. This investment will create an asset that will enhance our quality of life and support future growth and development. Our residents will finally be able to say to our visitors, without qualification, Yes, you can drink the water!"

"Having access to safe and reliable drinking water is essential to developing healthy and sustainable communities," said the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. "The Government of Canada is pleased to provide support to Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District to address their water quality issues so that families can safely and confidently drink, bath and cook, and the community can grow and prosper."

The CWWF supports the rehabilitation of community drinking water and wastewater infrastructure and the planning and design of future systems to meet drinking water treatment and wastewater effluent standards.

Associated links

- March 17, 2017 [News Release](#) and [Backgrounder](#)
- September 30, 2016 [News Release](#) and [Backgrounder](#)

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