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Submarine watermain to West Bamfield complete

Bamfield – On Friday, March 6, the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) celebrated the completion of the new \$1.2 million submarine line replacement project. This project was made possible thanks to the funding from three levels of government. The new main replaces the previous underwater transmission line, supplying West Bamfield with a more reliable source of potable water.

The ACRD contributed \$313,436, while the Government of Canada provided \$470,095, and the Province of B.C. provided \$391,707. The federal and provincial funds were provided through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Environmental Quality Stream, an infrastructure program, directed to infrastructure assets that provide a public benefit.

“Providing communities with modern, reliable water services is a top priority,” says Will Greaves, Member of Parliament for Victoria. “The completed West Bamfield Submarine Water Main will help protect the health and wellbeing of residents in this community. Our government will continue to work with our provincial and local partners to invest in projects that benefit both residents and the environment.”

“It is exciting to complete this critical infrastructure project. It ensures this essential service will continue, and it protects the Bamfield Inlet from the release of treated water,” explains ACRD Board Chair John Jack. “The line that was replaced was built in 1981 and has exceeded its usefulness life and served the community well. But recent issues made us realize it was time to replace the aging infrastructure to ensure West Bamfield’s essential service is protected.”

The project replaced the existing 400 metres of pipeline that was 150 millimetres in diameter, with 400 metres of 300 mm pipeline. The installed design includes a mixture of continuous concrete weights, and the installation of rock armour, to improve the protection of the pipeline from the previous installation.

“Water is a very important aspect to every community,” says Bob Beckett, ACRD Director for Electoral Area “A” Bamfield. “Being a remote community with a small taxbase, Bamfield is very appreciative of the funding from the three levels of government that made this project possible. We also want to recognize the efforts of the ACRD staff who went above and beyond to ensure the viability of the project.”

“People in West Bamfield will benefit from a more reliable supply of safe, clean drinking water, ensuring families can count on this essential service for years to come,” says Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs Christine Boyle. “By replacing aging infrastructure with modern, environmentally protective systems, we are supporting both the community and the inlet it depends on. This is how all levels of government are coming together to support the well-being, resilience, and quality of life of the residents who call B.C. home.”

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