



## REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George Community Services

Willow River Sewer & Water  
Project Update #6      March 2011

### RESIDENTS VOTE IN FAVOUR OF A SEWER AND WATER SERVICE FEBRUARY 5, 2011

Willow River residents have taken another important step towards the development of a sewer and water system to service the Willow River Community. A referendum was held on February 5, 2011, where service area property owners voted on funding 1/3 (\$2.28 million dollars) of the estimated project cost of bringing sewer and water to Willow River.

<b>Referendum results:</b>	<b>In Favour:</b>	<b>67</b>
	<b>Against:</b>	<b>25</b>

### WHAT IS NEXT?

As property owners are aware, the referendum is only **one** of the many steps in the journey towards bringing sewer and water to Willow River. Property owners have consented to funding up to \$2.28 million dollars – 1/3 of the project cost, so the next step is to **find funding for the remaining 2/3 of the cost of the project (\$4.47 million)**. Staff is actively pursuing grant programs to find this funding.

**Residents are eager to know when construction of the sewer and water systems could occur. This will be dependent on when grant programs become available and how successful applications to these programs will be.**

There are many worthwhile projects waiting for grant funds to become available, therefore, it is very important that when funding opportunities are announced, we are able to provide the justification in our application that makes it a deserving candidate for funding.

For this reason, we will have to illustrate the need for the community sewer and water systems, by proving past failures and problems. **Please keep this in mind as we anticipate asking for input from the community in the near future.**

For more detailed information and background regarding the Willow River Sewer and Water Project, please see the Regional District website at:

[http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Environment/Wastewater\\_systems/Willow River/](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Environment/Wastewater_systems/Willow_River/)  
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