



SUMMIT LAKE
COMMUNITY SEWER
PROJECT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009
7:00 P.M.
SUMMIT LAKE
COMMUNITY HALL



A public meeting will be held at the Summit Lake Community Hall on Thursday, July 16, 2009 to give residents an update on the status of the sewer project. Members of the Sewer Steering Committee, Regional District staff and the project engineer from Dayton & Knight will be available to answer questions.

PROJECT UPDATE

The last community meeting regarding the sewer project was held on October 5, 2008, and was attended by approximately fifty members of the public. An overview of the project was presented and residents were informed that the project was in the pre-design stage and that geo-technical works would soon begin in the area, such as the drilling of test pits. Since that meeting, the following has occurred:

- Geotechnical work done in the fall of 2008, reported that soil conditions in the disposal lagoon area indicate a liner will be necessary for the lagoon – a cost not originally accounted for. The geotechnical report also noted concern regarding conditions for directional drilling in the Adams Road area. There may be issues with directional drilling in some areas of Adams and Summit Lake Road due to rocky soil conditions, but many of the construction tenders received are optimistic that directional drilling is still an option for most areas.
- Applications were made to the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) for Crown land tenures on the property proposed for the lagoon system and wetlands disposal area. In late June 2009, the Regional District received the tenure offers from ILMB and anticipates securing them by the time the public meeting has occurred on July 16th.
- The Design Brief and Environmental Impact Assessment was completed earlier in the year and submitted to both the Province and the Federal Government.
- The access to the lagoon area has been changed from the original proposal. Originally, the access was going to come off of Summit Lake Road, across from the mailboxes and through the logging clearcut that is being used as access to the six cabins at the south end of the lake. Now access will occur using Minabubi Bay Road which will make for a more favourable route in winter weather conditions.

- The Invitation to Tender for construction services was made available on May 15, 2009. A pre-tender site meeting was held at Summit Lake on May 22nd and the deadline for receipt of submissions was June 11, 2009. The submissions are currently being reviewed and it is expected that the contract will be awarded at the Regional Board meeting on July 16, 2009.
- Construction activities on the disposal lagoon and Adams Road collection system are expected to start in August, more details will be forthcoming.
- In the future, during the annual summer discharge, treated effluent from the lagoon will flow into a large wetland located outside of the Summit Lake watershed.
- A monitoring program for the wetland is in progress for this year.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT:

- Staff is currently in discussions with several residents for possible rights-of-way necessary for the placement of the main sewer line on Adams and Summit Lake Road. In addition, negotiations with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure are underway regarding the location of the sewer main and connections.
- It is proposed that those properties that wish to connect to the collection system on Adams and Summit Lake Roads or that wish to acquire holding tanks for Tallus Road, pay for their individual 1/3 cost of the on-site equipment up front. (The other 2/3 cost being paid for by the Canada/BC Municipal Infrastructure Grant.) The original cost estimate accounted for pumps and tanks being purchased to serve every property in the service areas. By purchasing equipment strictly for those properties interested in connecting to the system and having those individual properties pay up front for the costs, the properties that choose not to be serviced won't be sharing in any equipment costs on private property that doesn't benefit them.

A deadline to commit to, and pay for, the 1/3 up-front cost will be set for some time in 2010.

- The purchase of a pumper-truck is being considered for pump and haul service to Tallus Road properties.

Tentative Implementation Timetable

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
July 2009	Construction contract awarded
August 2009	Construction begins
Late Fall 2009	Construction complete
2010	Connections to occur
2010	First year of taxation

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