



## Next Steps

The next steps will include direct consultation with property owners which is essential in finalizing the project details. Regional District staff is hoping to meet with owners on their properties from April 20 – May 8, 2009. Property owners are requested to call the Regional District for an appointment at 250-615-6100. Alternatively, we will contact you to set up a time.

The project will be tendered in April 2009 and construction is expected to commence in late May 2009.

## Environmental Assessment

An Environmental Assessment has been completed and specific mitigation works has been established to carry out this project with minimal disruption to the environment. This assessment included working in and around water, wildlife issues such as bird nesting and an Archeological Impact Assessment.

## Property Owner Consultation

Consultation will essentially be an exchange of information. Regional District representatives will meet with owners or representatives to complete a Water Connection Permit Application. Information confirming the property's registered owner(s) and property type (single family, duplex, multi-family) will be recorded and the preferred service connection location will be examined and confirmed. Septic tank and field location along with other on site utilities will need to be confirmed by the property owner to assist with determining water service connection location. Regional District representatives will also be providing owners with their pressure reducing valve and shut off valve required to complete the connection to the system. These fittings are typically located in the residence where the water service enters the building prior to internal plumbing.

Owners will be provided with all other service connection specifications (water pipe types, depth of bury, proximity to sewers, buildings and property lines). Property owners will be required to hire a qualified contractor for the private property component – installation of water line to residence and connection to District System.

## Additional Composting Consultation

The Regional District will also want to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with property owners and learn about their composting habits. Backyard composting is currently being promoted by the Regional District and we want to be in a position to offer assistance with this issue in the best way possible and avoid nuisance and wildlife conflicts. We are hoping to come away with some good advice from residents on how we can help.

## Water Conservation

Regional District staff will also be providing residents with water conservation tips, other Zero Waste information and offering low flow shower heads where appropriate. In addition to water wise advice, residents will be required to adhere to the City of Terrace Watering Restrictions. The Regional District Zero Waste web page provides a wealth of information on reducing your energy consumption, water use, garbage and many other every day conservation strategies.

## Existing Water Fees & Charges

Currently, property owners provide their own capital and operating costs for their individual systems.

## Future Water Fees & Charges

Residents can expect total annual costs in the order of \$850-\$1050 in parcel tax and other fees and charges. Final details of this breakdown will be set later in the process by by-law and will depend on:

- 1) City of Terrace for use of its water supply and storage facilities and systems operational and maintenance costs;

- 2) The actual capital costs associated with expanding the City of Terrace's water utility works throughout the service area amortized over 20 years.
- 3) The annual operations and maintenance costs associated with the extension works; and the required contribution.
- 4) Whether the parcel is actually connected to the system and a water user customer.

Note: In addition the property owner will be responsible for the on-site property installation costs associated with the new service line between the house and the property line service connection

## Fire Protection & Lower Premiums

Residents are reminded that this water service will meet typical municipal standards including the installation of fire hydrants. This will improve the level of fire protection and will result in lower fire insurance premiums in most circumstances. When the North Terrace/Brauns Island Water System is operational, residents should consult with their insurance agent for insurance premiums reductions.

## Questions:

- Will I have to connect to this water system? Property owners will not have to connect but every property will be required to contribute to the capital component and some system costs. Each property will be provided with a property line service connection.
- If I am able to subdivide my property will service be provided to the new parcel(s)? Yes, subject to paying the required connection charges to be set by by-law.
- I am not sure where my septic tank and field are located, who can help locate? Northern Health may have a copy of the permit on file. Contact an Environmental Health Officer at 250-631-4222.
- What should I do with my water well after I am connected to the community system? Regional District staff will be providing information on how to properly decommission your well during our consultation meeting. The Regional District prohibits connections between the District supply and any private, auxiliary and emergency water supplies. Maintaining a private system for irrigation purposes may be permitted.

The Regional District appreciates some citizens do not support or want this service. However we still need to consult with everyone to obtain important information and thank everyone in advance for their cooperation and understanding. Thank you.



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## Further Information

For further information, call Roger Tooms at the Regional District @ 250-615-6100.

## For Appointments

For on-site consultation appointment information, call Reception at the Regional District @ 250-615-6100.

**We look forward to meeting you.**

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