

# **Big Eddy Water**

#### **Engineering & Development**

**Public Meeting Monday 14 December 2015** 

### City staff

#### Mike Thomas

- Director of Engineering and Development Dawn Levesque
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#### Allan Chabot

- Chief Administration Officer

#### Dean Strachan

- Manager of Development Services

#### Big Eddy Water District

#### **Board Members:**

- George Buhler
- Don Hall
- Brian Dyck

#### Other Agencies

#### Interior Health

- Rob Fleming. Drinking Water officer
- Ivor Norlin. Drinking Water Program Manager

#### MMM Group

- Jim Roe. Engineering Consultant

#### Background

#### **Project Triggers**

- Water Quality
- System sustainability
- Fire protection

## **Current Situation**

#### Big Eddy Water District

#### System Analysis

- Pump Capacity
- Storage Capacity
- Distribution System
- Fire Hydrants

#### Governance

- Big Eddy Water District
- Interior Health

### **Current Situation**

#### City of Revelstoke

#### City Departments involved:

- Council
- Engineering and Development
- Administration
- Finance

#### The Goal

"Improve the water and sewer system to accommodate future growth and infill, and manage environmental and public safety (e.g. fire hydrant protection) impacts".

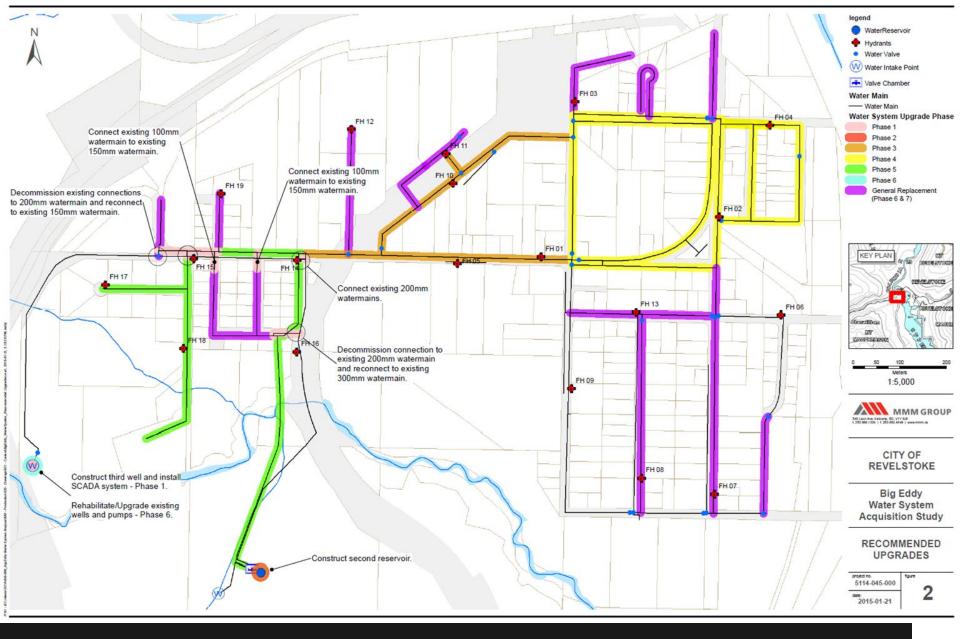
Revelstoke Official Community Plan Big Eddy Neighbourhood

#### Objectives

Water quality
Future domestic demand supply
Fire flows and fire protection
Replacing aging/inadequate infrastructure

#### Works involved

- 1.Dedicated supply line to reservoir
- 2.Construct second reservoir
- 3.Improved controls
- 4.Construct third well
- 5. Upsize transmission watermains from reservoir to community
- 6. Upsize watermains for fire flows
- 7. General watermain upgrades



**Big Eddy Water - Proposed System Upgrades** 

# The Project Costs Involved

**Estimated cost:** 

\$5,690,000

Building Canada Fund maximum:

\$3,785,354

Total approximate cost to owners:

\$1,900,000

#### Cost Recovery

- Parcel tax based on "taxable frontage"
- Example 80' x 240' lot (e.g. Olhausen / Tum Tum) has a "taxable frontage" of ~23m or ~75'

$$TF = \frac{\frac{2F + R}{3} + \frac{4F + TP}{10}}{2}$$

# The Project Cost Recovery

**Estimated Total Annual Cost:** 

\$130,750

Estimated total taxable frontage:

11,372m

Estimated annual cost per meter of Taxable Frontage:

\$11.50

# Big Eddy Waterworks

Rob Fleming
Health Protection



## Interior Health Perspective



- \* >1/2 systems in BC
- \* 1,438 permitted in 2004, now 1,929
- \* ~426 currently on advisory

need for consiste requirements



1 in 5

#### **National Context**

#### Walkerton, 2000; North Battleford, 2001

- \* Provided a national impetus to refocus attention on drinking water safety.
- \* Legal responsibility on provincial governments for ensuring public safety.
- \* Provinces responded by addressing drinking water issues and making legislative changes

## BC Legislative Mandate

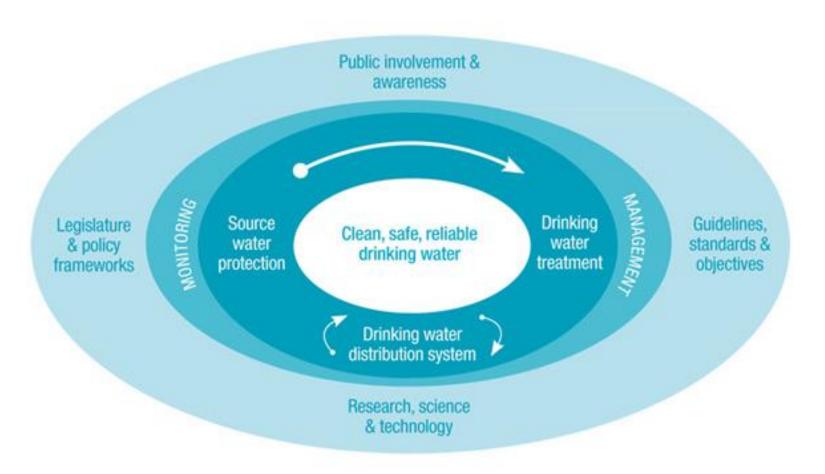
- \* Public Health Act
- Drinking Water Protection Act & Regulation
  - Delegated Drinking Water Officer
- \* Water Sustainability Act & Regulations
  - Regulations under development



#### Other Influences

- \* Action Plan for Safe Drinking Water in British Columbia
   2002
- \* BC Ombudsperson (Kim Carter) 2008 Report Fit to Drink: Challenges to Provide Safe Drinking Water in British Columbia
- \* BC Provincial Health Officer Annual Reports: Progress on the Action Plan for Safe Drinking Water in British Columbia
- \* Report on the Review of Drinking Water Resources
- \* Guideline for Canadian Drinking Water Quality

## Multi-Barrier Approach



#### **Big Eddy Current Status**

- \* Water Quality
  - Deep vs shallow
  - Dolan Creek Intake
- \* Operational Challenges
  - Current Water Quality Advisory
  - Communications
- \* Compliance Conditions of Permit

#### **Conditions on Permit**

- 1. Source Assessment & Protection Plan
- 2. Certified Operator for Systems Classification
- 3. Operate according to Water Quality Monitoring Program
- 4. Cross Connection Control Program
- 5.Long-term Asset Management Planning/Water Master Plan
  - BC Drinking Water Treatment Objectives & GCDWQ
- 6.Emergency Response Plan
- 7.Reporting Annual & Monthly

## Interior Health Expectations

- Ensuring suppliers comply with Drinking Water Protection Act & Water Sustainability Act and all associated Regulations
- \* Use a progressive compliance approach
  - Education & working in partnership to gain compliance
  - Administrative action (e.g. Compliance Letters, Orders)
  - Enforcement (Ticketing, Legal Prosecution)

#### Government Investment

- \* During the period of 1990 2000, provincial funding for water infrastructure was about \$86M
- \* During the period of 2001 2010, provincial funding for water infrastructure was about \$222M
- \* Governmental shift in municipal infrastructure from distribution systems to supporting treatment and source protection

# **Funded Water Projects**

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	Proponent	Project	Category	Funding
1	Kamloops, City of	North Thompson River Emergency Water Intake	Drinking Water	\$6,064,000
	Parksville, City of	Englishman River Water Service (ERWS) – Regional Water Intake, Treatment Plant, Aquifer	Drinking Water	\$6,000,000
2		Storage and Recovery and Transmission Supply Mains		
3	Ashcroft, Village of	Ashcroft Community Water Treatment Plant	Drinking Water	\$5,725,356
4	Summerland, District of	Jones Flat and Garnet Valley Water System Separation	Drinking Water	\$4,526,666
5	Prince Rupert, City of	Prince Rupert Raw Water Supply Project	Drinking Water	\$4,386,056
6	Revelstoke, City of	Big Eddy Water System	Drinking Water	\$3,785,354
7	Sunshine Coast Regional District	Regional Water Cross Connection Control and Universal Metering Program - Phase 2	Drinking Water	\$3,446,666
8	Dawson Creek, City of	City of Dawson Creek - Zone 1 Potable Water Reservoir	Drinking Water	\$3,333,332
9	Central Kootenay, Regional District of (Erickson)	Arrow Mainline and Erickson Open Reservoir Replacement - Phase 4	Drinking Water	\$2,921,302
10	Rossland, City of	Washington Water Main Replacement	Drinking Water	\$2,181,700
11	Cariboo Regional District	108 Mile Ranch Water System	Drinking Water	\$1,962,236
12	Central Okanagan, Regional District of	Killiney Beach Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	\$1,900,666
13	Fernie, City of	James White Well Project	Drinking Water	\$1,652,516
14	Houston, District of	Construction of Water Reservoir and Transmission Line	Drinking Water	\$1,560,000
15	Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Savona Community Water System Reservoir Project	Drinking Water	\$1,122,000
16	Fraser Valley Regional District (Hatzic)	FVRD Electoral Area G - Hatzic East Water System	Drinking Water	\$939,082
17	Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Black Pines Community Water System Intake Project	Drinking Water	\$896,666
18	Lake Country, District of	Universal Metering 2016 Agricultural Meters and Backflow Preventers	Drinking Water	\$788,036
19	Tofino, District of	Barrs Mountain Reservoir Upgrade	Drinking Water	\$776,860
20	Logan Lake, District of	No. 3 Well Replacement	Drinking Water	\$450,000
21	Newstern Besteral Bioteter of	Whiskey Creek Water System - Treatment	Drinking Water	\$290,532
22	Nakusp, Village of	Pressure Reducing Station and Supply Mains for Sleepy Hollow	Drinking Water	\$173,332
23	- 1 - 1 - 11	Pressure Reduction System (PRV) Relocation and Safety Upgrade	Drinking Water	\$133,332
24	5 1/11 5 1 15:1:1/01: 111	FVRD Electoral Area H - Parkview Water System Upgrades	Drinking Water	\$126,500

## The Future...Key Messages

- \* Big Eddy Waterworks needs corrections and upgrades to remove the existing health hazards/risks
- \* All of the residents of Big Eddy deserve Clean, Safe and Reliable Tap Water
- \* Clean, Safe Reliable Tap Water is Valuable

#### Questions

#### Clean, Safe and Reliable Tap Water for All

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# **Big Eddy Water**

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#### Petition

Must be signed by 50% of property owners and represent 50% of the assessed value of land.

Multiple Owners

John Smith	Residential Address		
Mary Smith	Residential address		Signature
		Signature	

\*\*Both owners must sign for a majority

- Trailer Parks
- Strata Land

#### Process

Public Meeting
December 14, 2015

- Information
   session with Big
   Eddy Residents
- Introduction of petitions to BigEddy Landowners



Petition Process finishes on February 05, 2016

Determine sufficiency of petition

#### Process

#### Local Area Service and Loan Authorization Bylaws to Council

- Loan Authorization Bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval
- Bylaws back to Council for final approval
- 30 day quashing period
- Dissolution of the Big Eddy
   Improvement District (Province and Big Eddy Water Board)



Detailed Design and begin construction of water service utility

### If the Process is Successful...

#### City of Revelstoke

Big Eddy Water District assets will become part of the City of Revelstoke's water utility.

The Big Eddy Water system would be managed and operated by the City of Revelstoke Utilities Department.

## If the Process is Successful....

City of Revelstoke

Water rates for Big Eddy residents are proposed to be the same as other residents

Proposed 2016 water rate.

\$385 for residential use

## **Alternatives**

#### Considerations must include

- Finances and ability to borrow
- Asset Management
- Interior Health Requirements
- Limitations on development

- 1. Will water meters be required?
- No, at this stage the City does not have a bylaw requiring the installation of water meters.

- 2. Will there be water restrictions?
  - As the Big Eddy system is separate from the City's system, the water restriction requirements will likely be different. The existing Big Eddy restrictions appear to be working and would likely be adopted in Bylaw.

- 3. When can I subdivide/build?
  - The project will focus on upsizing watermains on trunk lines and to higher demand areas.
  - Some residential properties already have adequate fireflows and distance to nearby hydrants. These properties can still develop.
  - For other properties requiring higher flows or closer hydrants, these will require system upgrades prior to development approval.

- 4. When will construction start/finish?
  - Some construction may start in 2016, design and tendering would need to occur before this.
  - The project will be phased, and likely completed in 3 years.
  - The City will communicate with the Big Eddy community on the construction schedule as it is developed.

- 5. What if my parcel does not currently use water?
  - A parcel tax applies whether water is used or not. However, the annual water rates would not apply unless the parcel has an active connection.

- 6. What about Dolan Creek?
  - The City would maintain a water licence on Dolan Creek for the Big Eddy's use. This watershed would be able to provide an alternative emergency supply, or may be necessary to supply future growth with a small treatment plant.

- 6. What if I am a property owner in the Big Eddy and I disagree with the City taking over the water system for the Big Eddy Water District?
  - You would not sign the petition and notify the City that you do not intend to sign.





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