

January 20, 2014

Presentation on City's boundary extension—sewer service at upcoming Council meeting

Consulting firm Urban Systems will present a report at the January 21 City Council meeting to provide the analysis and rationale of the proposed boundary extension and sewer service in the northern portion of Area D. Further background information with preliminary details from the proposal will be available on the City's website after the Council meeting.

The next step in the process would be to share information with residents and property owners within City limits and within the proposed boundary extension area, as well as with the Strathcona Regional District, provincial agencies and First Nations.

The report has been sent to the Strathcona Regional District for review, and Council will formally request that regional district and City staff work together to apply for an extension to the grant deadline and arrange to transfer the grant to the City, subject to Area D residents supporting the boundary extension proposal.

Over the coming months, there will be a number of opportunities for residents, property owners, and the Strathcona Regional District to provide feedback and comments on the proposed boundary extension, including potential impacts on the remaining portion of Area D. The City would then finalize its formal boundary extension proposal, and provide any additional information required to help property owners and residents make informed decisions in a referendum to be held later this spring.

Background:

At an in-camera meeting on December 3, Council confirmed the City will offer sewer service to Area D properties closest to Campbell River's southern boundary if the property owners agree to a boundary adjustment proposal that would bring those properties into the municipality.

The proposal to extend the City boundary and offer for sewer services will be:

- Conditional upon the Strathcona Regional District agreeing to transfer the existing \$3.4 million grant, and on senior governments agreeing to extend the availability for the grant
- Offered to 537 properties south to McGimpsey Road (estimated population: 1,235)
- Phase 1 sewer services would be offered to 208 properties (estimated population: 480)
- Offered at a \$9,300 contribution rate (the amount contemplated in the Area D referendum in 2006), plus a connection fee, currently \$1,800
- Conditional upon the availability of an existing \$3.4 million grant for Area D sewer services
- Council also agreed that Henry Road would be the long-term limit of the City's southern boundary because this area most closely represents urban land use and density that is consistent with what is found within City limits.

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