



## **News Release**

### **Water Supply Projects Actioned by the Sunshine Coast Regional District**

Sechelt, BC— July 30, 2018—Four key projects are outlined in the Sunshine Coast Regional District's (SCRD) Comprehensive Regional Water Plan (CRWP) to address the water supply deficit. These projects include, the Chapman Lake project, a groundwater investigation, a raw water reservoir and universal water metering. With the recent award of contracts to move forward with Phase 2 of the groundwater investigation and the feasibility of the raw water reservoir, all have now been actioned by the SCRD Board.

The SCRD has awarded contracts to Associated Environmental in the amount of \$263,401 to conduct Phase 2 of a groundwater investigation study, and to Integrated Sustainability at a cost of \$142,966 (plus applicable taxes) to lead a raw water reservoir feasibility study.

"These decisions show that the SCRD Board is actively responding to the priorities we have heard from our community," says SCRD Board Chair Bruce Milne. "By working together with all of our members - municipalities, electoral areas and First Nations - we serve the interests of our residents: to supply, conserve and maintain a sustainable drinking water supply."

The CRWP outlines the need to investigate supplementing the Chapman Creek water supply with a reliable source of groundwater. Phase 1 of the groundwater investigation study was conducted in 2017 where eleven potential sites were evaluated and the four highest ranked sites were recommended for further investigation.

Associated Environmental will implement Phase 2 of the study which consists of drilling test wells at the four recommended sites. The objective of the study is to determine sustainable yield, water quality, potential impacts on neighboring water users and the environment, and infrastructure requirements in order to develop a production well at each site and connect to the regional water system. The SCRD is currently working with the Town of Gibsons on a number of water initiatives including a review of the Bulk Water Agreement.

The CRWP also proposes the development of a water reservoir for the storage of water from Chapman Creek to augment the supply during extended periods with less precipitation.

Integrated Sustainability has been commissioned to lead a raw water reservoir feasibility study that includes the assessment of potential reservoir locations and the evaluation of the benefits and constraints of potential sites.

A copy of the regional water plan can be found by visiting: [www.scrd.ca/Comprehensive-Regional-Water-Plan](http://www.scrd.ca/Comprehensive-Regional-Water-Plan).

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