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Test Drilling of Groundwater Well Sources to Begin

Sechelt, BC —September 16, 2020—The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) will begin test drilling groundwater well sources beginning September 21 at four proposed sites on the Sunshine Coast.

The test drilling of the sites is part of phase two of four phases of the Groundwater Investigation program to supplement and diversify current water sources.

“Phase 1 of the project consisted of a feasibility study to identify aquifers that could function as an additional water supply source”, says Remko Rosenboom, SCRD General Manager, Infrastructure Services.

In 2018 test drilling as part of Phase 2 (Part 1) of the project occurred on four sites and this ultimately resulted in the decision to develop the Church Road well field.

“This time, four different sites were selected also with a high probability of yielding high quality water at a volume significant enough to justify development costs,” says Rosenboom.

Drilling is scheduled to commence as early as September 21 at Maryanne West Park, October 5 at DL 1312 in Upper Roberts Creek, October 26 at the Langdale pump station, and November 31 at Gray Creek.

Phase 2 (Part 2) involves drilling 6” diameter test wells on the four identified sites and testing for maximum yield, water sampling to determine water quality, sustainable production, assessment of potential impacts on environment and other groundwater users, preliminary conceptual infrastructure requirements to connect to distribution system, and cost estimates for budgeting purposes to develop production wells and ancillary infrastructure.

“A multi-criteria analysis will be completed to rank the four well sites and a final report will be produced later this year to summarize the results of the Phase 2, (Part 2) activities and recommend site(s) to develop,” says Rosenboom.

Investigating and developing new water supply sources is one of the tactics identified in the 2019-2023 SCRD Strategic Plan and more information on the Groundwater Investigation program can be found at www.scrd.ca/ground-water-investigation.

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