



## News Release

### New Water Source Gets Go-Ahead

Sechelt, BC – December 20, 2021 – After three years of studies, applications, ongoing work and discussions with the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Nation, the Provincial Government and other local governments, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has received a water license for the Church Road Well Field in Granthams Landing.

Once in use, the Church Road Well will provide a projected additional supply just short of five million litres of water per day to the Chapman Water System.

“This water license has been a long time coming so we are delighted to see that it has finally been issued by the Provincial Government,” says SCRD Board Chair Darnelda Siegers. “I want to recognize the efforts of our staff who have worked hard to move this project forward and I would also like to thank government partners on the Sunshine Coast for everything they have done on this project to date.”

The contract award for the construction of the Church Road Well will be voted on at the SCRD board meeting on January 13, 2022. The contracted amount is up to \$9 million dollars and the company who are awarded the contract will be provided incentives to finish the work ahead of schedule.

“While we are hopeful that this water source will be available in late Summer, we cannot commit to a firm date and we will provide regular updates to our community as the construction continues,” says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager of Infrastructure Services at the SCRD. “It is intended that the addition of this water source, along with water conservation in our community will result in the community not having to exceed Stage 2 or Stage 3 water regulations through the Summer months.”

The construction of the Church Road Well will result in traffic disruption for a number of residents in the Granthams and Upper Gibsons Areas. In the coming weeks, the SCRD will be reaching out directly to affected residents and will be available throughout the project to address any concerns which may come up.

Background to the Church Road project can be found at <https://letstalk.scrd.ca/church-road>

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