



News Release

State of Local Emergency Extended

Sechelt, BC—November 15, 2022— The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is continuing work to secure water supply for users on the Chapman Water System. An update on our current water supply situation is below.

The State of Local Emergency (SOLE) has been extended. You can [read the SOLE here](#) and the second order which is still in place can [be found here](#).

Chapman Water Supply

Due to freezing conditions at Chapman Lake, the watershed is not recharging. This has resulted in a considerable decline in the amount of water entering Chapman Creek. As of Monday, November 14, there was just over 200 litres per second flowing in the lower reach of the Creek. In comparison, usually at this time of the year, creek flows can be up to 1,500 litres per second.

Last week the SCRД released a video explaining the current situation at Chapman Lake. Watch this video [here on YouTube](#).

Rain that is in the forecast next week will provide a short-term improvement in supply for Chapman Creek, however we depend on recharge of the entire Chapman watershed, including the filling of the Chapman Lake for our long-term supply. Until the entire watershed receives a lot of rain and Chapman Lake fills considerably, Stage 4 Water Regulations must remain in place.

Other Water Sources

Work is continuing at the Church Road Well Field site as staff work to bring that source online this week to further supplement the Chapman Water System. The emergency water supply from the Town of Gibsons can also be activated if required.

In addition, if there is a substantial decline in supply through Chapman Creek, the SCRД may bring other water sources such as Grey Creek or Trout Lake online. If either of these sources are brought online, a boil water advisory would be issued for residences that are serviced by those sources.

The SCRД will ensure that any communication around boil water advisories is provided with as much notice as possible via news releases, social media, local media and radio announcements. In addition, signage would be placed in affected areas to make residents aware of the need to boil water.

Leaks

The SCRD continues to work on resolving leaks with property owners. We have seen some recent success with a leak fixed last week saving 30,000 litres of water per day. Five properties have been sent water shut-off notifications this week. When these leaks are fixed, a further 40,000 litres per day will be saved in the Chapman Water System.

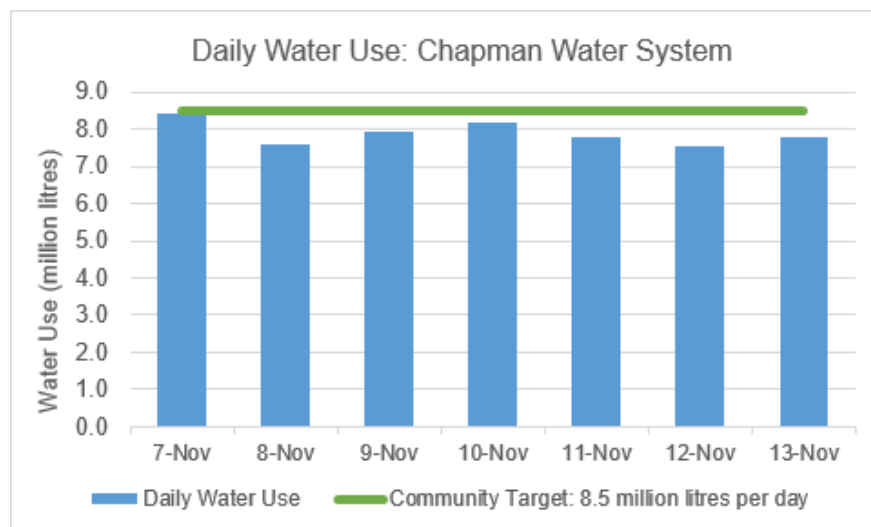
Business Information Session

Tomorrow (Wednesday), morning, the SCRD, in coordination with the Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Organization (SCREDO) will host an information session for businesses. This session will focus on how businesses can help the water supply situation through conservation and will also serve to give a sense of what the outlook is like on our current supply.

While the focus of this session is on the business community, other community members are also welcome to join. Information on the session, including how to view it on YouTube can be found at www.scrd.ca

Community Use

Last week community use stayed below the targeted 8.5 million litres per day. Thank you to everyone who has reduced water use at home and work.



Diversifying the water sources of the Chapman Water System is required to provide safe and reliable water supply to the community. The SCRD is currently working on multiple groundwater and surface water projects to bring further redundancy to the Chapman Water System. Learn more about current water supply projects at letstalk.scrd.ca/water

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