



# Media Release

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## Water Main Replacement Project Completed for the Duhamel Water System

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is pleased to announce the Duhamel water main replacement project has been completed for the Duhamel Water System in Electoral Area F.

The project included replacing 400 metres of 4” asbestos cement pipe with 8” industry standard PVC, upgrading service connections to affected properties, and installing a fire hydrant. The project was completed over two years to coincide with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure’s North Shore repaving project, finished in 2023, and the completion of construction of the new water main in 2024.

“This project supports recently adopted RDCK policy for the decommissioning of asbestos cement pipe in RDCK owned water systems, and is a proactive approach to minimizing legacy contamination for future generations,” said Alex Divlakovski, RDCK Water Operations Manager.

To date, there is no Federal or Provincial legislation that requires the removal of abandoned, buried, and unexposed asbestos cement pipe.

The RDCK wishes to thank Electoral Area F Director, Tom Newell, for contributing \$150,000 in Community Works Grant funding. The project also received \$84,624 from the Provincial Growing Communities Fund. The total cost of the project was \$593,000.

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