

Project Information

Background

- Ownership of the Balfour Water System was transferred to the Regional District (RD) from the Balfour Improvement District in January 2011.
- Despite the completion of a new treatment plant in 2011, the water system continues to face capacity, aging infrastructure, reliability and financial challenges.

Proposed Project

- Reservoir Replacement - \$1,011,000
- Universal Metering - \$475,000
- District Metering - \$30,000
- Treatment Plant Standby Power - \$50,000
- Lake Pump Station Standby Power - \$90,000
- Upper Zone Pump Station Replacement - \$59,000
- Distribution System Upgrade (within existing service area boundary) and Looping - \$695,000 (includes Hydrant & Valve Infill)

We have received a \$2.8 million Clean Water & Wastewater Fund Grant (CWWF) to undertake these capital upgrades contingent on the RD providing the balance of the project costs, \$583,323.

Project Benefit

- Improved system reliability and fire protection (with replacement of structurally unsound reservoir and addition of standby power).
- Improved demand side management (with metering) will lessen the need to issue stage 3 water conservation measures & reduced water consumption can extend the life of water system infrastructure, thereby reducing costs to the users.

Costs

Project Costs

\$2,410,000	Estimated Project Costs
\$361,500	Engineering & Management @ 15%
\$602,500	Contingency @ 25%
<u>\$23,000</u>	Project Communications
\$3,397,000	Total Project Budget

Project Funding

\$577,490	=	17% Project Borrowing**
\$1,121,010	=	33% CWWF Grant Provincial
<u>\$1,698,500</u>	=	50% CWWF Grant Federal
\$3,397,000	=	100% project funding

**\$583,323 Actual borrowing which includes the required \$5,833 Municipal Finance Authority project borrowing fee

Project Timeline

- Subject to public approval of borrowing, the project will commence in Summer 2017 with a project completion date of March 2019.

Assent Voting Process

- The Assent Voting (Referendum) Process is being used to gain public approval for the Balfour Water System project borrowing.
- **If the borrowing is not approved, the RDCK will lose the \$2.8 million in grant funding. All project components must be completed in order to receive the grant monies.**
- Without grant funding, the RDCK Board may elect to revise the scope of the project & undertake short term borrowing on behalf of the system for upgrades, which does not require elector assent. The implications of this will be a much greater increase in future user rates than what is currently being proposed.
- **General voting day is Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the Balfour Seniors Hall. Advance voting is on June 7 at the Seniors Hall.**
- All eligible voters are encouraged to vote.

Potential Single Family Dwelling Water Rates

- The forecasted cost for Balfour customers is listed below.
- Other billing categories not shown are proposed to have the same percentage change as a single family dwelling.

Potential Rates	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Rate	%	Rate	%	Rate	%	Rate	%	Rate	%	Rate	%	Rate	%	Rate	
Water Parcel Tax	248	0	248	30	322	0	322	0	322	0	322	0	322	0	322	
Single Dwelling	611	14.1	697	-8.8	636	2	648	2	661	2	675	2	688	2	702	
Total	859	10.1	945	1.4	958	1.3	970	1.3	983	1.4	997	1.4	1010	1.4	1024	



Need More Information?

Project and Assent Voting (Referendum) information is available on the Regional District Website:

www.rdck.ca/watervote

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Public Meeting

Balfour Community Hall
 Busk Road and Charles Street
 (534 Charles Street)

6:30 PM - Monday, May 15, 2017

Please join us at the Public Meeting to discuss the project and have your questions addressed.

Balfour Water Service Customers

ASSENT VOTING (REFERENDUM)

Water System Upgrades & Universal Metering Project

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