

Water Report..... Oct 2014

Referendum The RDN have chosen to initiate a program of replacing water main piping in Nanoose. The reason for this is that the current asbestos concrete piping is failing in some locations. The reasons for this are ground movement locally and excessive loading on top of the pipe from rock cover. This replacement is divided in 3 phases: 1) the area around Fairwinds up to Dorcas Point Rd

2) the area from area 1 to Madrona

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Phase 1 will cost \$2.6 million of a total of \$13 million for all 3 phases. The time frame for phase 1 is to 2020 with all three phases done by 2031. The tax burden is \$90 per parcel for phase 1 only. The approval of Phase 1 is the current referendum question. There is an obvious issue regarding the likelihood of approval of expenses occurred in an area not affecting the particular taxpayer casting the vote.

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The work on the Englishman River water system project continues. The funding for the project is still in question. Parksville are reexamining the extent of their involvement. Namely the project will be divided into 2 phases. Phase 1 would be limited to \$20 million or so. The RDN share would be 26% or about \$5 million. Since \$4.6 million borrowing approval exists under the older Arrowsmith Dam original borrowing approval. Hence the RDN will not go to referendum on this issue. Parksville will require a referendum at some point. The notification from the 2 levels of govt. will be available in spring in regard to any govt. funding of this project. Net costs to the taxpayer will be known subsequently. The tax burden for phase 1 is estimate at \$120 per year. Currently source of cost reduction are being sought including downsizing. The outcome of the current mayoralty election in Parksville may also affect this process. However the project in some form is not in doubt as Parksville needs the water and VIHA requires additional water treatment.