



## News Release

### **SCRD Board Approves Additional Budget for Chapman Lake Expansion Project**

Sechelt, BC— July 14, 2016 —At the July 14, Board meeting, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Board approved additional funding of \$125,425 for further environmental assessment work related to the Chapman Lake Expansion Project.

In April of this year the SCRD applied to the Province to amend its Chapman Lake Parks Use Permit and Water Licence to allow the installation of a gravity fed withdrawal system to provide additional water supply from Chapman Lake.

“In June, BC Parks informed us that further field investigation work was needed in order to support the Parks Use Permit Amendment,” says Bryan Shoji, SCRD General Manager, Infrastructure Services.

In addition to the BC Parks requirement, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations requested that a new water license application be submitted along with a Chapman Creek Environmental Flow Needs study as part of the Chapman Lake Water Supply Expansion project.

“The Chapman Creek low flow assessment work could begin in July or August 2016 and most likely continue into the fall where higher water levels are required to complete parts of the studies,” says Shoji.

The SCRD estimates that the additional field work will be completed by the end of August and the final report and Parks Use Permit application will be completed and submitted to the regulatory authorities by the end of September. Agency approval would be expected by early November 2016.

“It was important for us to approve this additional funding in order to continue to move forward with this important initiative,” says Garry Nohr, SCRD Board Chair. “This project supports our strategic priority to embed environmental leadership through responsible management of our water supply.”

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