

**REPORT TO THE ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY, 2011**

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**SUBJECT**      **WILDERNESS MOUNTAIN WATER TREATMENT PLANT - JUAN DE FUCA (JDF)  
ELECTORAL AREA**

**ISSUE**

Funding of \$30,000 is required to supplement the resources currently available for construction of the Wilderness Mountain Water Treatment Plant in the JDF Electoral Area.

**BACKGROUND**

The need for a water treatment plant to improve the Wilderness Mountain Water Service drinking water quality has been identified several years ago. The updated cost of the plant is \$783,000.

The project is being funded by a BC Community Water Improvement Program (BCCWIP) grant of \$472,000 awarded in 2006 and a loan of \$281,000 based on loan authorization Bylaw No. 3504 that the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board approved in 2008. This leaves a funding shortfall of \$30,000 in the project's budget.

At the request of JDF Electoral Area Director, a contribution of \$30,000 in Community Works Funds (CWF) is being requested to close the project's funding gap.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. That the CRD Board authorize a contribution of \$30,000 from the JDF portion of the Community Works Fund (CWF) to the Wilderness Mountain Water Treatment Plant construction project.
2. That other sources of funding be sought to cover the project's funding shortfall.

**IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications**

The JDF portion of the CWF can provide the funding of \$30,000 to cover the project budget shortfall. This allocation is considered eligible under the water and wastewater category of Federal Gas Tax Agreement (GTA). As of December 31, 2011, JDF has accumulated \$747,296 (excluding interest earned) in CWF and the Board has allocated \$120,000 of this funding to eligible projects in the JDF Electoral Area. A current balance of \$627,296 in uncommitted funds (excluding interest earned) remains for GTA eligible projects in the JDF Electoral Area.

**CONCLUSION**

The Wilderness Mountain Water Service needs a new water treatment plant to improve the drinking water quality. All the funding is in place, except for a shortfall of \$30,000 which can be covered by Community Works Funds available to the JDF Electoral Area; the JDF Electoral area concurs with this allocation.

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Capital projects aimed at improving drinking water quality are eligible for Gas Tax funding under the terms of the Federal Gas Tax Agreement (GTA).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommend to the CRD Board:

That the CRD Board authorize a contribution of \$30,000 from the JDF portion of the Community Works Fund (CWF) to the Wilderness Mountain Water Treatment Plant construction project.

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