

DISTRICT OF LAWIEN AND MEET STEPS OF LAWIEN AND MEET STEPS WATER: REVIEW AND MEET STEPS

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Thursday, June 2, 2016 Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road, Lantzville, BC

PRESENTERS

Fred Spears: Director of Public Works

Rob Hoffman: Koers and Associates Engineering Ltd.

Brad McRae: Chief Administrative Officer

OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- Water System History
- Current System
- Council's direction and initiatives since September 2015
- What is a Water Master Plan?
- Next Steps
- Public questions to Council

MEETING FORMAT

Staff will provide information in the **OVERVIEW** section of the presentation.

This will take approximately 30 minutes.

At the conclusion of the staff presentation, attendees are encouraged to ask questions either by:

- a. Approaching the microphone and asking Council directly;
- Writing questions on the form provided at the entrance and submit to staff to relay to Council;
- c. Email/call/ fax the District of Lantzville your question for review and response; or
- Make an appointment with the Mayor, a Councillor or staff to discuss your particular questions.

COMPLIANCE WITH DISTRICT POLICIES

The District of Lantzville Town Hall Meeting on Water complies with the 2016 District of Lantzville Public Participation Policy:

Access: Accurate information made available to residents

Transparency: Open access

Engagement: Opportunity to participate

Communications : Timely and accurate

Respect: Open, unbiased information sharing

Integrity: Decisions based on input from all parties and sound, factual information

WATER SYSTEM HISTORY

- Water Studies (1972-Present)
- Well Drilling Program
- Lantzville/Nanaimo Emergency Agreement
- Lantzville/Nanaimo Water Agreement
- Potential Capacity Increase in the Wellfield
- Well Rehabilitation
- Investigation into current water connection design standards



WATER STUDIES (1972-PRESENT)

A number of studies on water issues in the Lantzville area have been completed for various entities during the last 40 years, including:

- Regional District of Nanaimo
- Lantzville Improvement District
- District of Lantzville

Studies have reviewed water supply, storage, treatment, and distribution aspects as the District has evolved from a rural settlement to a more suburban community.

WATER STUDIES (1972-PRESENT)

The studies have reviewed various improvement options within the community including:

- Assessment of groundwater supply
- Investigation of surface water sources
- Connections to neighbouring communities
- Improvements to the storage and distribution system

Common Theme: The District has been looking for ways to secure additional water supplies.

WELL DRILLING PROGRAM

- A substantial number of wells have been drilled throughout the entire District, including those drilled by developers.
- The locations range from the west end of Southwind Drive to the east end of Clark Drive East.
- While increased water has been found in the act of well drilling, finding a well with adequate supply, ability to be cost effective, and in an accessible location has been difficult.

CONNECTION TO THE CITY OF NANAIMO

- The District looked to Nanaimo and requested an emergency connection that could be used on a temporary basis only.
- An emergency water connection agreement was developed in 2005, (expiry 2017) which consisted of two separate underground flush-outs at the District's boundary on Schook Road that can be connected with a metered assembly on an as-needed basis.
- This connection is meant to provide limited residential demands only, and discussions on a more permanent connection continued.
- Nanaimo and Lantzville signed an Agreement in 2014 to allow for water connections with a number of conditions attached.

POTENTIAL CAPACITY INCREASE IN THE WELLFIELD

- □ Field testing and computer modelling resulted in an updated hydrogeologist study which identified a potential increase in the capacity of the Wellfield (2015).
- The Wellfield has more capacity than originally thought, and the suggested maximum capacity was estimated to be 2,424 cubic meters per day.
- To utilize this supply, replacement of Well #6, and the rehabilitation of the other Wells (4, 9, and 12) was recommended.

DESIGN STANDARDS

- Council noted that the standards governing the allotment per connection needed further investigation.
- A comparison to existing jurisdictions was undertaken.
- Prior to altering the existing standards, more storage and a back-up/alternate supply should be secured to address potential issues within the wellfield (Koers & Associates Engineering Ltd. 2016)

LANTZVILLE'S CURRENT SYSTEM

- Piping and Storage
- Current Connections
- Current supply
- Water standards
- Water Deficit



PIPING AND STORAGE

Currently the District has:

- 26km of water pipe
- 2 storage reservoirs
- 2 pressure zones
- 1 Pressure Reducing Valve
- 1 Booster Pump Station and Chlorination Facility

CURRENT CONNECTIONS

There are currently: **885** connected customers

There is a commitment to service: 7 additional properties (no dwelling on lot)

Close to 90% of the customers are single residential dwellings.

CURRENT SUPPLY SYSTEM

- The District's Harby Road Wellfield is located north of Highway 19.
- There are 4 main production wells that pump through a dedicated line to the Ware Road Reservoir.
- ☐ The District's Wellfield is estimated to be able to provide a maximum of flow of 2,424 cubic meters per day on a sustainable basis (subject to redevelopment and testing).

CURRENT WATER STANDARDS

Current Water Standard used for planning within the District Water System:

3,400 liters per day per connection

Points of note:

- Current standard is conservative which results in a numerical deficit as previously mentioned;
- 2. Current standards limits the ability to extend the system to meet the service area noted in the *Official Community Plan* (OCP) boundaries.

Requested amendments to the Lantzville/Nanaimo Water Agreement

Section 6.2: Ability to participate with Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the City of Nanaimo in water discussions

Section 6.6: Removal of references to Upper Lantzville and new development and replaced with language allowing for water to all existing residents of Upper Lantzville

Section 14.1: Changes to future capital costs ("5% rule")

Requested staff to re-drill and redevelop wells



Requested staff to review current Water Standards



Development of a Request for Proposal for a Water Master Plan



What is a Water Master Plan?

- A key document that will form the guiding principles for an integrated water utility over a 20 year span
- Provides guidance on how to best serve current and future needs of residents
 - Upgrading, renewal and expansion



What will the Water Master Plan accomplish?

- Provide an outline and summary of the process undertaken;
- Summarize comments from community feedback; and
- Identify and prioritize deficiencies that require capital improvements, which include estimated costs and staging timelines;



What will the Water Master Plan accomplish?

- Identify and prioritize areas for service expansion, which includes costs estimates for required works;
- Provide a conceptual plan;
- Discuss options including costs/benefits; and
- Provide recommendations for next steps including graphic representation, guiding policies, and suggestions for extending lifecycle.



Limitations of the Water Master Plan?

- "Needs and Wants" need to be balanced by budget and capacity
- Information within the report will be affected by the level of engagement of residents.



What is a "Class D" estimate?

- high-level, and are developed without the benefit of preliminary or detailed engineering design.
- suitable for program planning, and to obtain approval in principle to assist the decision making as more detailed information is gathered.

What is a "Class D" estimate?

■ should be considered plus or minus 30% to 40%, depending on the complexity of the project, and include allowances for engineering design, tendering and construction services and construction contingencies.

■ As further investigation and design work is completed, the accuracy of the cost estimate should improve.

Council Motion (April 15, 2016)

THAT Staff incorporate into the Town Hall meeting in June 2016 the Class D costing information for providing water to the local cost area based on the 2015 Koers Water Supply and Distribution Study Clarification and with no developer contribution.

Based on:

- 1. The definition of a "Class D" estimate; and
- 2. The April 25, 2016 Council motion; and
- 3. The assertion of 124 homes included as per the Koers and Associates Engineering Ltd Report; and
- 4. The understanding that all the below noted numbers are **approximate**:

Capital infrastructure costs to be paid by property owners: \$3,800,000 Cost per resident (no external financial support): \$30,645 Connection cost to Nanaimo: \$5,912

Total Approximate Cost: \$36,600

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



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