



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board
From: Director of Development and Engineering Services
Date: February 20, 2025
Subject: Infrastructure Planning Grant – North Westside Regional Water Line

Voting Entitlement: All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

Purpose: To request authorization for RDCO staff to submit a grant application for a BC Provincial Government Infrastructure Planning Grant to support the pre-planning work for North Westside Regional Water Line Project (NWRWL).

Executive Summary:

The [Infrastructure Planning Grant Program](#) is a provincial funding stream that is focused on projects related to the development of sustainable community infrastructure that will improve public health and safety, encourage resilient communities, and protect the natural environment.

Staff have prepared a regional application to request grant funding to support the development of design options to economically improve drinking water systems to meet current drinking water objectives in the Killiney and Westshore water systems.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board supports the submission of an application under the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program to support the development of the North Westside Regional Water Line Project to a maximum of \$10,000;

AND THAT the Regional Board supports staff to spend the funds when they are authorized through a successful application.

Respectfully submitted by: Mike Wyman, Manager of Engineering Services

Report Approved by: Travis Kendel, Associate Director of Development and Engineering Services

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Truth and reconciliation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health and wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment and climate – Regional priority only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth and development – Electoral Area priority only |

Background:

The North Westside Regional Water Line Project (NWRWL) will be a multi-year project with specific pre-planning tasks required in 2025-2026. In the Board update report dated November 28, 2024, the following tasks were identified to be completed in 2025:

1. Advance regulatory approvals
 - a. Engage the BC Environmental Assessment Office to provide commentary on Environmental Assessment or Certificate of Exemption Process
 - b. Apply for a water licence amendment to accommodate the planned expansion
 - c. Apply for Crown Tenure for portions of the pipeline alignment on crown land
 - d. Initiate WFN consultation
2. Secure pipeline alignment
 - a. Engage land agent to negotiate with private landowners to secure pipeline right of way.
 - b. Adjust alignment as required
 - c. Apply for Crown tenure

Of note, these tasks were included in the Proposed 2025-2029 Financial Plan at a budget value of \$200,000.

This grant fund of \$10,000 will assist in lowering the total pre-planning costs for this project, and aid in the creation of a 'shovel ready' project should larger grants become available in the next couple years for its next stage of implementation.

Considerations:**Organizational/External:**

Future provision of a Regional Water System may create opportunities for un-serviced or privately serviced areas to be connected to a high-quality, government run water system.

Financial:

The development of the North Westside Regional Water System shovel-ready project is planned to be fully funded through Financial Reserves, with future construction works to be funded up to two-thirds through grants.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Establishing Bylaw 695 and 434 include works to operate and maintain the water systems servicing Killiney Beach and Westshore Estates.