



Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

FROM: David Komaike
Director of Engineering Services

DATE: May 6, 2021

SUBJECT: 4370 June Springs Road – Water Service Agreement

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Weighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority – LGA 210*

Purpose: To seek Regional Board approval to enter into an agreement with the City of Kelowna to facilitate the continuance of water services to 4370 June Springs Road.

Executive Summary:

The South East Kelowna Irrigation District (SEKID) was dissolved by the Province in June 2018, and all assets and liabilities were transferred to the City of Kelowna. Since this time, the City has embarked upon an ambitious program of upgrades and system improvements needed to ensure that the water meets Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines.

During the upgrading of the water system, the City discovered a water service connection which does not conform to its long-standing policy of not providing City Services to properties lying outside of its incorporated limits. The property, located at 4370 June Springs Road, was previously serviced by the SEKID and in recognition of this fact, the City is proposing an agreement to allow the services to continue.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regional Board agrees to continue the provision of water services to 4370 June Springs Road;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board approves entering into a Water Service Agreement with the City of Kelowna for the property located at 4370 June Springs Road in Electoral Area East.

Respectfully Submitted:

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David Komaike, P.Eng.
Director of Engineering Services

Approved for Board's Consideration

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Brian Reardon, CAO

Background:

The South East Kelowna Irrigation District (SEKID) was an improvement district incorporated under letters patent by order in council of the British Columbia legislature Nov. 2, 1920. SEKID was one of five major public water utilities serving Kelowna. The District has a rich and varied history, with roots pre-dating the Kettle Valley Railway at the turn of the last century. The District was taken over by the City of Kelowna on June 4, 2018.

SEKID's service area encompassed almost 9,000 acres of land and accounted for over 20 per cent of Kelowna's total area. Most of the land in the former district is agricultural land. The 20-acre property located at 4370 June Springs Road was serviced by SEKID at some time after it was constructed in 1968.

The City has a long-standing policy that any property wishing to tie into city services must be part of the City i.e.: lie within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Kelowna. Since the property located at 4370 June Spring Road was already serviced by SEKID well in advance of the City acquiring the water utility, administration is proposing to formalize the water service via an agreement.

An agreement is required anytime one jurisdiction's authority crosses into another. The City will retain ownership of the water network up to the property line. No additional connections will be permitted to join this service area or obtain water without the permission of the City.

Alternative Recommendation:

That the Regional Board accepts the report on the 4370 June Springs Road Water Service Agreement for information.

Attachment(s): 4370 June Spring Road Agreement