



VILLAGE OF BELCARRA

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Belcarra Potable Water Infrastructure Project

Progress Update

The Village staff continues to work on providing the required information stipulated for the Environmental Assessment Document (EAD) set by Western Economic Diversification (WD). The last component is First Nations consultation on the project. To that end the Village of Belcarra is located in the traditional territory of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. We have entered into agreement with them to review and provide comment on our EAD and project location, as required by WD. TWN has begun the review process and we await their comments. TWN is unable to determine the estimate of how long it will take them to complete the review and provide comment to the Village.

We are hopeful that TWN comments will be received within the next month or so. Simultaneously, the Village plans to also conduct elector assent for the local service area establishment and loan authorization bylaw.

WD requires that any concerns raised by the TWN with respect to the infrastructure location or construction methodology be mitigated. When WD is satisfied this component is complete, they will sign off on the grant funding agreement, forward it to the Province to include its grant conditions and sign off, then forward to the Village for execution. It is at this point, the Village will be able to spend monies for our engineers to finalize the detailed design, making any modifications necessary to mitigate TWN concerns and then tender the project.

We would like to tender the project this summer with construction beginning in the Fall to meet the Fisheries construction window, however this objective and timelines hinge on completion of the events outlined above.

Please contact Larry Scott or me if there's any additional information we can provide in this regard.

Lynda Floyd
Chief Administrative Officer