



VILLAGE OF BELCARRA

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Belcarra Potable Water Infrastructure Project

Progress Update

Since our June report, staff efforts have focused progress on the following:

- The Village has entered into a letter of commitment with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation (TWN) for the ongoing consultation component required in the Environmental Assessment Document (EAD) which will occur throughout the project phases;
- Western Economic Diversification (WD) accepted the letter of commitment, signed-off on the Federal Grant Funding Agreement and forwarded the EAD conditions to the Province to append to its agreement;
- The Village is currently reviewing the Provincial Grant Funding Agreement for signature;
- The Village received the TWN interim response addressing a number of points of concern following review of the EAD document;
- The Village staff met with TWN, reviewed the interim response and addressed the concerns identified;
- TWN is undertaking the Comprehensive Use and Occupancy Report which will inform their final response. TWN estimates completion of this report in mid-October, after which comment will be provided to the Village;
- Department of Fisheries Draft Fisheries Act Sec.35(2) authorization for the Belcarra Potable Water Infrastructure Project is being reviewed by our Engineers, after which it will be sent to TWN for comment; and
- Preparatory work and property owner records verification required in order to conduct elector assent for the local service area establishment and loan authorization bylaw.

TWN comments will enable 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/fall with construction beginning in the fall/winter 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.

Lynda Floyd
Chief Administrative Officer