



# WATERnews

## FIRE PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS

The final phase of the San Pareil water system fire protection improvement project is now underway. The project has been awarded to Windley Contracting of Nanaimo and includes the construction of an additional reservoir and a new pump station. It is estimated that the project will be completed in April, 2014. Between now and April residents may experience occasional service interruptions, and will receive advance notice from the RDN if this is anticipated.

Once this phase of the project is completed, the San Pareil water system will be able to provide the required water flow and volumes to meet current standards for firefighting purposes.

A letter will be mailed to all property owners when the project is certified to be complete.

The costs for Phase 2 of this project came in higher than estimated, which resulted in a delay to the work plan while staff assessed those costs, the scope of the project and availability of any additional funding. In a report to the Regional District of Nanaimo

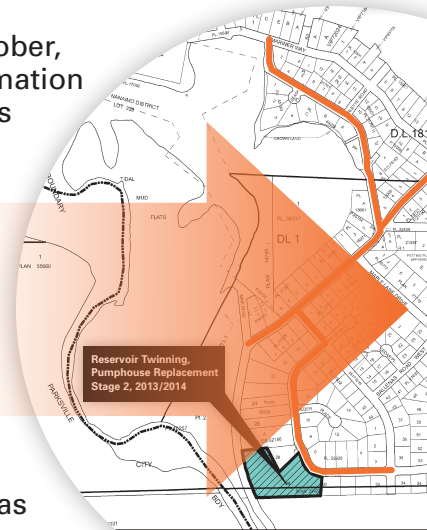
Board of Directors in October, RDN staff provided information on the additional costs, as well as a recommended funding approach. The Board subsequently provided the additional necessary funding through the Community Works Fund, a grant program available for specific water infrastructure improvement projects. This additional funding has allowed the project to move forward at no additional cost to residents.

In 2014 there will be an interim interest cost on the future borrowing, resulting in 2014 parcel tax of approximately \$145 to finance the project. Information on lump sum payments for resident's share of the improvements will be provided to residents once the project is complete and final costs are known.

Stage 1 of the San Pareil water system improvements was completed on budget in 2012 with the installation of upgraded hydrants and larger watermains along Shorewood Drive, San Malo Crescent, and Terrien Way.



Fire protection in San Pareil will meet standards for reduced insurance rates once adequate fire flow is made available with the construction of the new pump house and increased water storage capacity.

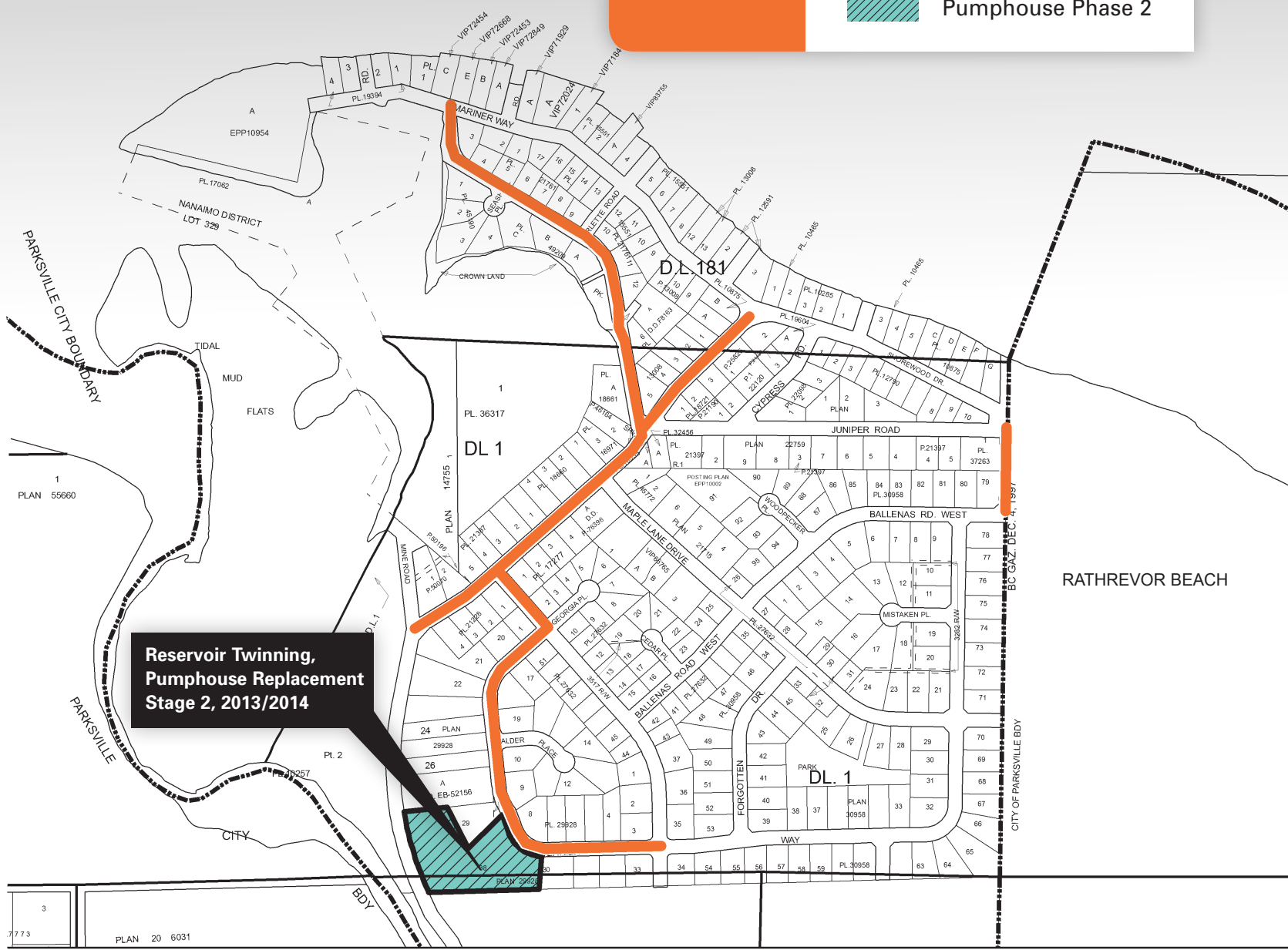
*For more information about this project, San Pareil residents may contact the RDN Water Services Department at (250) 390-6560.*





# San Pareil Fire Protection Improvements

-  Water Main Phase 1
-  Reservoir & Pumphouse Phase 2



**Reservoir Twinning,  
Pumphouse Replacement  
Stage 2, 2013/2014**



## Questions?

If you have any questions please contact Water & Utility Services at 1-877-607-4111, [rcu@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:rcu@rdn.bc.ca) or visit the WaterSmart website at [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca)