

Water Report - 2007

There is an old Chinese proverb – “*A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step*”. It is something I kept repeating to myself many times. “There is an end to this project. I know there is, somewhere.” Well, after countless thousands of steps, there is actually light at the end of the tunnel. Or should I say, there’s water in all those pipes.

The winter of 2006 saw winter water delivered to each and every lot in the subdivision. It didn’t come a moment too soon. By the time we had water pumped to the upper tank farm, winter decided to make an early call to the Pemberton valley. There were a few vulnerable areas that were still exposed to the elements as we were waiting for manhole risers, but some insulation and poly did the trick. Luckily, we managed to survive any major damage from the cold.

There were a few minor glitches along the way, but the system is performing remarkably well. The pumps are still manually operated, but automatic controls will be functional later this year. There are a few areas to clean up; the micro-hydro system, turbidity meters, chlorinator, and other controls still need to be installed. But overall, it is starting to resemble a finished product.

The debate with Coast Garibaldi Health Authority still continues. They are still insisting the spring is ground water under the influence of surface water, so the demands they are placing on us for a multi-barrier disinfection system is the same as if our source was Cataline Creek. As mentioned in earlier newsletters, any testing on the spring water demonstrates consistent results with no detectable turbidity at all. We will soon be setting up a turbidity assessment program to analyze the quality with the online turbidity meter we have purchased. The assessment period will be for one year. I hope that after this testing, we can convince CGHA that we do indeed have a pristine water source.

Taking this project from a concept to fruition would never have been possible without the dedicated effort of the water committee. I would like to thank all of my fellow members for a job well done. I would especially like to thank my partner in crime, Cliff Zaste. There was more than one occasion he had to kick my butt into the trenches. It’s one of those jobs that you are so happy when it is completed.

If there is enough interest among the lot owners, the water committee will host an open house at the treatment building as well as the pump house on a weekend in spring. Give it some consideration between now and the AGM, we will take a poll at the meeting.

Enjoy the water!

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