

HATZIC PRAIRIE COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM

Public Information Meeting

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HOUSEKEEPING

- Presentation by FVRD to be followed by discussion.
- Please hold your questions until after the presentation is complete.
- Meeting is being recorded. Meeting minutes will be transcribed and will be made available along with all other material presented.
- To be recorded you must speak into the mic, our equipment will not be able to record otherwise.

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MEETING OBJECTIVE

- Provide an overview of the existing Hatzic Prairie Water System, inform residents about the upgrades currently taking place and what can be expected in the future.
- Discuss the hydrogeological studies that have been conducted.
- Provide an overview of the Provincial water licensing process.
- Provide an overview of the potential for development.
- Provide residents with an opportunity to ask questions.

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WHO IS THE FVRD?

The Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) is comprised of 6 Municipalities and 8 Electoral Areas.



The Hatzic Prairie/McConnell Creek community is within Electoral Area F.



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ROLE OF THE FVRD

- The FVRD is a local government that delivers over 100 separate services to over 275,000 residents throughout the Fraser Valley and Fraser Canyon.
- The FVRD currently operates 14 water systems and 3 sewage systems. All of our systems are operated by FVRD Utility Technicians.
- FVRD utilities are paid for by "Service Areas", which are comprised of the various users of the service. Service Areas are a user pay model whereby a service is paid for only by the people who receive it

HATZIC PRAIRIE WATER SYSTEM

- The Hatzic Prairie area was previously serviced by several privately owned small water systems.
- > There were concerns regarding the quantity and safety of the water supplied.
- Residents approached the FVRD for a water servicing solution. The FVRD secured financing to construct a new community water system.
- A service area was established through a petition process and the water system was constructed in 2008.
- Construction was financed through a combination of grant funding as well as borrowing.

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- In 2011 the system was further upgraded with the construction of a reservoir.
- Water is currently sourced from two supply wells located at Durieu Elementary School, located on Seux Rd.
- The system currently has 147 properties within its service area of which 127 are active users. The Average Daily Demand is ~1.5L/s
- The system provides residents with domestic drinking water as well as fire protection.
- Water consumption is metered and users are charged on an escalating scale depending on usage.



UPGRADES TO THE HATZIC PRAIRIE WATER SYSTEM

- The FVRD has secured \$1,476,298 in funding through the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund to upgrade the Hatzic Prairie Water System.
- The upgrades to the system include the development of a new water source as well as the installation of ~3,800m of new watermain.
- The purpose of the project is to access the Miracle Valley Aquifer as a new water source and to provide service to an additional 14 properties on Sylvester Rd.
- The current water source is on the Hatzic Prairie Aquifer. This aquifer is significantly smaller and is an unconfined aquifer. As a result it is much more susceptible to contamination.



PROJECT FUNDING

- The FVRD has secured \$1,476,298 in funding through the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund to upgrade the Hatzic Prairie Water System.
- Grant funding was awarded in April 2017 and project deadline of March 31, 2018
- The grant funding was awarded on a shared cost basis and covers 83% of the costs. In other words 83% is paid for by the grant and the FVRD is responsible for paying the remaining 17%.
- For the new water source this funding is coming from the Hatzic Prairie Water System's Capital Reserve.

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> The Sylvester Rd extension is being paid for by the benefitting properties.

WORK TO DATE

- The well for the new water source was drilled in August of 2017. The well was drilled by Field Drilling Contractors Ltd.
- Testing and monitoring was started shortly thereafter. The well report by Piteau and Associates was finalized in November of 2017.
- Detailed design of civil work was undertaken by Urban Systems. The design was finalized in December of 2017.
- Construction commenced in December of 2017 and is scheduled to last until the end of March 2018.



The FVRD is acting as the general contractor for this project.

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Arnd Burgert, P.Geo. Sr. Hydrogeologist PITEAU ASSOCIATES

GEOTECHNICAL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Siting

- Productive aquifer
- Water quality
- Minimize well interference
- Avoid reducing stream flows
- Elevation with respect to reservoir
- Avoid flowing artesian conditions
- Access to property
- Water main constructability





Well Construction

- Drilling with dual mode air rotary well drilling rig
- Grain size analyses
- Well screen design
- Well screen development

Aquifer Pumping Test

- Variable rate test
- Constant rate test
- Monitoring other wells
- Analysis: well yield; interference





Stream flow monitoring



Visualization









ROAD

PIEZOMETRIC SURFACE AT 10 L/S

INFERRED DIRECTION OF CROUNDWATER

PREDICTED DRAWNDOWN OF

(LOWER CASE INDICATES MINOR COMPONENT)

Legend SPRING (APPROXIMATE LOCATION) REGISTERED WELL INFERRED DIRECTION OF GROUNDWATER FLOW INFERRED GROUNDWATER FLOW DIVIDE STREAM CROSS SECTION ELEVATION CONTOUR (100m) ELEVATION CONTOUR (20m)

POAD

200



WATER LICENSING

- Groundwater is a Provincially owned resource. Accordingly, they are responsible for its regulation.
- In February 2016 changes to the Water Sustainability Act came into place requiring that anyone who uses groundwater for non domestic purposes (local governments, industry, agriculture, etc.) obtain a water license. The FVRD will not be permitted to extract water unless a license has been obtained.
- The requirement for water licensing applies both new and existing ground water users. For existing users no license fee will be charged if they apply prior to March 31, 2019
- Groundwater licensing is done through the Ministry of Forests,
 Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development (FLNRORD)

WATER LICENSING

- As part of the processing of a water license application FLNRORD will send out referrals/notifications to other water users.
- The Province will send out notifications to other water users. Registered well owners with in the zone of influence of the application/pumping well will receive a notification.
- In addition, if the application well is likely hydraulically connected to streams, then current surface water licensees on those streams will also be notified.
- The Ratepayer group has been quite involved since the beginning of the process, and has a lot of local knowledge, the Water Officer assigned may also notify them.
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MIRACLE VALLEY AQUIFER USERS

- There are 300 properties that are either partially or entirely situated on the Mircale Valley Aquifer
- Of those properties there are 255 with homes built on them
- There are 143 wells registered on the Provincial Well Registry
- http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/sv/imapbc/

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Current Developments

Learn more about development happening in your community.

Zoom in using the + and - buttons on the map.

To view a specific category, deselect "All Categories" and choose the category that is of interest to you.

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🖉 Development Variance Permits 🔍	🗷 Zoning Amendmente 🥮	
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		MAP VIEW

www.fvrd.ca/EN/main/services/planning-development.html

LIST VIEW







Zoning

Parcel Sizes for new Lots

- A-1 10 ac
- A-2 40 ac
- R-1 5 ac
- R-1 10 ac
- R-3 20 ac
- RS-2 2.47 ac



ALR

ALC must approve subdivision and non-farm uses.

ALC mandate to preserve agricultural land limits subdivision on the valley bottoms.

Hazards

Slopes, floodplains, streams & hazards constrain development on the valley sides.





Development Prospects

- Modest subdivision of rural lots on lower hillsides
- Minor tweaks & infill subdivisions on the agricultural valley bottoms
- 1996-2008 average annual rate of development:
 - 1.5 parcels/year
 - 7 dwellings/year

 $\approx 0.9\%$ annual increase in dwellings (2011)

QUESTIONS?





Characteristics of Hatzic Prairie Aquifers

- Miracle Valley Aquifer
 - 13.1 square kilometers in size
 - 50m thick in some areas
 - Future FVRD wells will be drilled into the Miracle Valley Aquifer
 - Estimated to be capable of delivering up to 30 L/s without affecting neighbouring wells

Hatzic Prairie / Miracle Valley Aquifer



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