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**PORT RENFREW UTILITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
2011 OPERATIONS REPORT
8 MARCH 2012**

The following report is provided for information to residents and users of the Snuggery Cove water and Port Renfrew water, sewer, solid waste and street lighting areas.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Port Renfrew Utility Services Committee administers the delivery of water, wastewater, solid waste and street lighting services.

PORT RENFREW STREET LIGHTING

Street Lighting Budget

The recommended 2012 budget includes increases in parcel tax (from \$31.34 to \$41.24), and user charges (from \$24.00 to \$39.19). These increases are necessary due to the discovery that several existing streetlights have not been included in BC Hydro billings in past years, but now must be included.

A copy of the Statement of Financial Activities to 31 December 2011, as prepared by the CRD Finance and Corporate Services Department is attached for information (Attachment 1).

PORT RENFREW WATER LOCAL SERVICE AREA

Water System Operations 2011

Total treated water for the service area in 2010 was 47,277 m³, an increase of 2,477 m³ or 6% over 2009; fire-fighting, hydrant flushing and system maintenance use are included in the total water volume.

Annual fire hydrant maintenance, flushing and valve operation was completed in the fall of 2011. Operations staff rebuilt the stairs and landing at the treatment plant and also installed a new roof. The grounding wire for the electrical service had to be replaced after copper thieves stole it, at a cost of \$5,000. Vandals broke into the plant twice in 2011, and security will be upgraded in 2012. As per VIHA instructions staff will also be installing a shed around the well head in 2012.

Water Budget – Snuggery Cove

The Snuggery Cove budget recovers the costs for debt servicing for the 2004 capital project as well as yearly administration costs. The total requisition for 2012 is essentially unchanged from 2011, at \$31,785. The recovery from individual properties is based on a property value tax, not unlike the assessment of school taxes. As the value of individual properties change in relation to another, so will the annual share of those costs assigned to any single property. Taxes due from each property will be known once BC Assessment Authority has confirmed assessments for 2012.

Water Budget – Port Renfrew Water

The recommended 2012 water budget includes a decrease in parcel tax (from \$340.05 to \$320.86) and an increase in user charges (from \$184.19 to \$203.38). The average cost per user remains the same at \$524.24.

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PORT RENFREW SEWER SERVICE AREA

The Port Renfrew sewer system includes a gravity collection system of 1,850 meters and a treatment plant which currently serves 86 properties. Sewage is treated at the extended aeration treatment plant with treated effluent discharged to the sea through an 81-meter long outfall.

Sewer System Operations

Total metered wastewater for the service area in 2011 was 18,433 m³, a decrease of 8% from 2010. In 2010 the total was 20,058 m³, a decrease of 6% from 2009.

Operations and maintenance work was completed as per usual schedules in 2011. The outfall sign was reinstated. In 2012 a more accurate outfall metering device will be replaced to comply with our operating permit.

Sewer Budget

The recommended 2012 sewer budget includes increases in parcel tax (from \$434.40 to \$490.15) and user charges (from \$362.75 to \$413.88).

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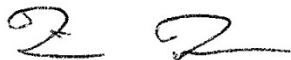
PORT RENFREW REFUSE DISPOSAL

The Port Renfrew refuse disposal system includes the facilities to maintain and operate the solid waste disposal service.

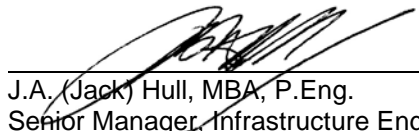
Refuse Budget

The total requisition for 2012 is unchanged from 2011, at \$29,973. The recovery from individual properties is based on a property value tax, not unlike the assessment of school taxes. As the value of individual properties change in relation to another, so will the annual share of those costs assigned to any single property. Taxes due from each property will be known once BC Assessment Authority has confirmed assessments for 2012.

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