



## REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

Community & Development Services  
Shelley Riverbank  
Erosion Protection Project  
Newsletter September 2009

### IN REVIEW

Earlier this year, the Regional District made a grant application on behalf of the Shelley Townsite residents for 320 metres of rock armouring on the Fraser River. This project would complete that which was initiated under the 2007 Flood Protection Program. On April 17, 2009, the Regional District was advised that the grant application was successful and would fund up to a maximum of 90% of the \$1,038,430 estimated project cost. A condition of the grant funding is a project completion date of February 2010.



The Regional District has worked with community representatives to decide how to fund the remaining 10% of the project costs (estimated to be \$103,843). A community meeting was held on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, where after much discussion, affected residents in the proposed service area came to a consensus that they would be agreeable to the implementation of two levels of parcel taxes to cover the local contribution over 25 years.

The seven riverfront properties would contribute 60% of the local contribution and the remaining sixteen properties would contribute 40%. A petition was prepared and circulated amongst the affected properties to obtain elector assent to proceed with the project. In order to be successful, more than 50% of the property owners, representing more than 50% of the net assessed value of land and improvements, in the proposed service area needed to sign the petition.

### SERVICE AREA



## PROJECT PROGRESS

The petition was returned and considered sufficient for the purpose of participating area approval, as 62.5% of the property owners signed the petition agreeing that a local service be established to pay for borrowed funds to cover the local contribution.

A service establishment bylaw and a loan authorization bylaw have received approval from the Province and were adopted at the August 2009 Regional Board meeting. At the same meeting, approval was received to go to a competitive bid process for engineering services.

At the September 2009 Board meeting, the engineering services contract was awarded to DWB Consulting Services.



DWB Consulting Services has conducted an initial survey of the area. They are working in conjunction with Triton Environmental Consultants who have been hired to obtain the necessary approvals from Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the BC Ministry of Environment.

## TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

DATE	ACTION
October 9, 2009	Initial assessment completed by engineer
October 23, 2009	Engineering Design completed
November 30, 2009	Environmental approvals received
December 4, 2009	Tender call for construction
January 21, 2010	Board awards construction contract
February 28, 2010	Construction complete

### Steering Committee

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