



# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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## 2025 BUDGET CONSIDERATION Bendixon Community Sewer System 9003

- ATTACHMENT(S):
1. 2025 Proposed Budget
  2. 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan

### SERVICE DESCRIPTION:

The Bendixon Community Sanitary Sewer System provides for the operation of a community sewer system to serve the residents along Bendixon Road. Since 2006, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has operated the collection and lagoon treatment facility in accordance with the *BC Municipal Wastewater Regulation*. The system consists of low-pressure grinder pumps with tanks which flows into a collection main. Treatment is a three-cell lagoon system with spray irrigation as the approved method of disposal of the treated effluent.

The service is funded by a combination of user fees and a parcel tax levied against each parcel liable to taxation for Regional Hospital District purposes.

Currently there are fourteen (14) residential properties connected. Of the eighteen (18) parcels in the service area, eleven (11) pay parcel tax and seven (7) are currently exempt.

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business |  |   |

### SERVICE DETAILS:

No. of Connections: Fourteen (14) residential customers  
 Annual User Fee: \$706.54 (residential)  
 Participants: Eleven (11) properties along Bendixon Road within Electoral Area D and seven (7) exempt properties  
 Parcel Tax Limit: \$41,820 (current rate is \$1,390.91 annually per parcel)  
 Debt Balance: None

### SERVICE WORKPLAN:

- Monitor, operate, and maintain collection, lagoon and treatment infrastructure;
- Spray irrigation operations for 2025 spray season including effluent quality sampling and monitoring;
- Work with consultant to complete a sludge blanket analysis;
- Installation of an aerator for more effective effluent treatment; and,
- Asset management planning including implementation of asset inventory and condition assessments.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS:**

Project	Cost Estimate	Notes
Aerator Installation	\$ 25,000	Funded from reserve.
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	

**OVERALL FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

	2024	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Total Expenditure:	\$ 30,515	\$ 54,691	\$ 24,176	79.2 %
Parcel Tax:	\$ 15,300	\$ 15,300	\$ 0	0.0 %

**BUDGET INFLUENCES/SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES:**

- Administration has reviewed the community water and sewer system bylaws with respect to the current rates and fees and the 2025 budgets have been adjusted to reflect the proposed changes.
  - Actuals may be lower in past years as there have been discounts identified in the bylaws that are proposed to be removed in 2025.
- This budget will be monitored to determine when increases will be necessary for the user fee and parcel taxes as increasing costs of operating and maintaining a sewer system persist.
- 2024 was the last year for repayment of Regional District internal borrowing. In future years, parcel taxes will be utilized to fund the cost of providing a community system as indicated in the establishment bylaw.
- Future budgets will need to consider asset management replacement and refurbishment costs and provide funds each year to reserves so that when capital costs are needed that there are the appropriate reserve funds available to cover these expenses.
- Transfer for salaries has been increased to take into consideration the time spent by certified staff to conduct the spray irrigation monitoring and operations.
- Planning and capital projects have been included in the five (5) year financial plan based on the desktop facility condition assessments completed in 2024.
  - Projects in 2025:
    - Installation of an aerator (\$25,000)
    - Sludge Blanket Analysis (\$4,500)

Respectfully submitted,

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