



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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2025 BUDGET CONSIDERATION Summit Lake Sewer System – Tallus Rd 9007

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

SERVICE DESCRIPTION:

The Summit Lake – Tallus Road Community Sanitary Sewer System provides for the operation of a community sewer system to serve the residents on Tallus Road in Summit Lake. Each residence has two 2,000 gallon holding tanks which are pumped and hauled to a lagoon treatment system with the approved method of disposal of the treated effluent into a wetland area. Since 2010, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has operated the lagoon treatment facility in accordance with the *BC Municipal Wastewater Regulation*. The lagoon system was designed to accept septage from the Adams Road and Tallus Road Community Sanitary Sewer Systems.

Currently, there are thirty-five (35) residential properties that are served by the treatment lagoon. There are twelve (12) parcel tax properties with twenty-five (25) that are exempt.

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.

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 Customers: Thirty-five (35) customers
 Annual User Fee: \$300.00 (residential)
 Participants: Twelve (12) properties along Tallus Road within Electoral Area G and twenty-five (25) exempt properties
 Parcel Tax Limit: \$28,630 (current rate is \$509.17 annually per parcel)
 Debt Balance: MFA Issue No. 118 for \$52,307. Final Payment: April 2037.

SERVICE WORKPLAN:

- Monitor, operate, and maintain lagoon and treatment infrastructure;
- Work with consultant to complete a sludge blanket analysis for the lagoon system;
- Installation of security features at lagoon to mitigate illegal disposal of septage at the lagoon; and,
- Asset management planning including implementation of asset inventory and condition assessments.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

N/A

OVERALL FINANCIAL IMPACT:

	2024	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Total Expenditure:	\$ 19,322	\$ 16,610	\$ (2,712)	(14.0) %
Parcel Tax:	\$ 6,110	\$ 6,110	\$ 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.
- Adjustments have been made to the method of accounting between the Adams Road (9006) and the Tallus Road (9007) budgets where common costs are split sixty-seven (67) percent Adams Road/thirty-three (33) percent Tallus Road. Both services make use of the lagoon system, while only Adams Road is connected to the collection main.
- Planning and capital projects for 2025 have been included in the Summit Lake – Adams Road Community Sewer System (9006) as the Northern Capital Planning Grant Reserve has only been attributed to this budget for both systems.

Respectfully submitted,

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