

Baltac Sewer Update

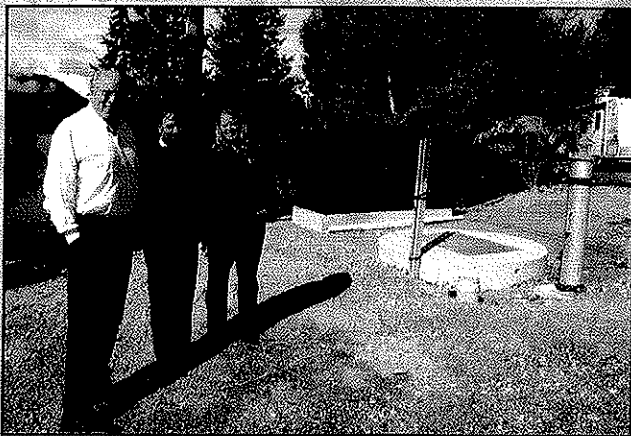
Construction Complete

The RDEK Baltac Sewer Project is now complete. A successful live test of the sewer system was done on November 26, 2010. There are a few minor things that will be completed in the spring; however, all major work is complete and the system is on line and ready for connections.

The total project budget was \$2.6 million and while the final numbers are still being tallied, the project will be under budget.

The RDEK Board of Directors committed \$500,000 in Community Works (Federal Gas Tax) funding, which will help offset costs for the community.

The RDEK would like to thank the community for its cooperation and patience during construction.



Kootenay Columbia MP Jim Abbott and RDEK Electoral Area F Director Wendy Booth recently toured the Baltac Sewer Project with RDEK Engineering Services Manager Brian Funke.

System Operations and Maintenance

Windermere Water and Sewer Company (WWSC) will handle all billing and will also collect the user fees on behalf of the RDEK. When you connect to the Sewer System, an account will be set up with WWSC.

Connection Required Within 3 Years

It is the homeowner's responsibility to connect their home to the curbside within 3 years and arrange proper permits and inspections prior to connection.

There are two key steps prior to connection (detailed below):

1. RDEK plumbing permit/inspection; and
2. Connection inspection.

For connection forms, account activation and to arrange the actual connection, homeowners should contact WWSC.

Scheduling a Plumbing Inspection

Prior to connecting to the new system, you will need a plumbing permit, which is available through the RDEK's Columbia Valley Office.

The RDEK will conduct the plumbing inspection for the connection at the home and any E1 pumps or gravity connections in and around the home.

**This inspection must be done
PRIOR to connecting to the sewer system.**

To schedule an inspection, contact the RDEK Building & Protective Services Department at 250-342-0063. Please give at least three working days advance notice when booking your inspection.

Scheduling a Connection Inspection

WWSC must complete an inspection of the connection between the property line and the new sewer system.

To schedule the required connection inspection, receive the necessary forms, and activate an account, contact WWSC at 250-342-6999 PRIOR to connection.

Decommissioning Your Old System

The RDEK strongly recommends that old septic tanks be decommissioned. Please contact Interior Health at 250-420-2200 for information on how tanks can be properly and safely decommissioned.

We have had questions regarding whether they could be used as rain water collection barrels. This could cause slippages or terrain cracks and ground instability. Anyone considering this option should consult a Geotechnical Engineer prior to proceeding.

For more information, contact the RDEK at 1-888-478-7335