

## ***City receives \$1.2 million for reservoir upgrade***

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**Penticton** - The City of Penticton has been awarded almost \$1.2 million under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) to upgrade the size and capacity of the Carmi Reservoir. The project involves construction of 1,300 cubic meters of additional storage at the Carmi Reservoir site, which currently has a volume of 1,140 cubic meters. The increased storage capacity will be ideally located to provide enhanced fire protection for the entire service area and will fully address the current storage deficiency.

City staff along with Mayor Andrew Jakubeit, Penticton MLA Dan Ashton and South Okanagan MP Richard Cannings recently toured the site to get a firsthand look at the existing facilities and what the project entails.

"This is great news for the City. The upgrade will allow for more robust emergency protection in the region and support further growth in the area as envisioned in the Columbia Heights Neighborhood Plan and our Official Community Plan," says Mayor Andrew Jakubeit.

The City currently pumps water from other storage areas into Carmi Reservoir to maintain adequate levels, but this will put a strain on pumping capacity as the City continues to grow.

The CWWF was launched in September of 2016 and is a joint effort from the Province and the Government of Canada that provides up to 83% of the total cost for projects to support water and wastewater infrastructure and facilities upgrades. The Carmi upgrade qualified for the maximum amount available under the program and will receive \$1,174,450. Construction is expected to get under way by the beginning of June with completion slated for March of 2018.

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