

UTILITIES NOTICE



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CVRD and Town of Ladysmith to repair obstructed water main below Stocking Lake

Ladysmith, BC – The Town of Ladysmith and Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) are working together to install an emergency bypass system as a first step to fixing a partially blocked water main below the Stocking Lake Dam.

Stocking Lake is the major water supply source for the Town of Ladysmith, the Diamond Improvement District, Stz'uminus First Nation and Electoral Area G – Saltair of the CVRD. The water main was discovered to be partially obstructed approximately a month ago and both the Town of Ladysmith and CVRD have been working together since that time on a repair solution.

On Monday, Ladysmith Council approved the staff recommendation to proceed with the necessary bypass work with the funds to come from existing water reserves. The total estimated project cost for the new bypass is between \$300,000 and \$400,000 – which will be split equally between the Town of Ladysmith and CVRD.

Construction is expected to start in mid-December and last for approximately a week. Staff are making every effort to ensure no disruptions to service are experienced. Residents will be notified through their respective government websites and social media of any resulting closures along the Stocking Lake Trail.

The Stocking Lake Dam was built in 1902. The partially blocked valve dates back to the 1960s when the dam was raised and a new water main was built to connect to the control building.

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