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Sunshine Coast Regional District Offices
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March 9, 2023

To whom it may concern:

The following letter is to accompany the release of the final draft of the Mt. Elphinstone South Watershed Assessment: Phase 1 & 2 report. The purpose of this letter is to provide an overview as to the scope of this report. This report does not contain site specific assessments associated with planned BC Timber Sales developments but rather provides an evaluation of the current condition of the watersheds within the assessment area.

The report and its attachments can be found at the following link:

https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/TCH/external/!publish/InformationSharing/Mt_Elphinstone_South_Watershed_Assessment/

Attached is a copy of the executive summary provided by Polar Geoscience Ltd. The following is a summary of some of the key points.

The Mt. Elphinstone South Watershed Assessment looks at the catchment area of eight streams, Chaster Creek, End/Walker Creek, Smales Creek, Higgs Brook, Slater Creek, Molyneux Creek, Joe Smith Creek and Clough Creek. The BCTS Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP #672) does not require a watershed assessment for this area, but BCTS recognizes there are multiple downstream values and local government and the public have expressed a need to address these values in development of harvest plans in the watersheds.

The principal objective of the assessment is to review the current conditions within each of the assessment watersheds and identify the hydrogeomorphic hazards and risks posed by current and future disturbance in the BCTS operating area and urban development. The assessment also provides risk management options to reduce, mitigate or avoid risks for future development.

It is important to recognize that the scope of the assessment is intended to provide BCTS with watershed-level guidance on how to proceed with forest development planning to minimize hydrogeomorphic risks. The report includes recommendations on opening size thresholds and the extent of harvesting (i.e., equivalent clearcut area) that are more conservative than previous assessments. The new recommendations are more conservative because they have been developed in the context of climate change and potential effects on values in the downstream watersheds.

This report does not review site-specific risks of planned forest developments. Assessments of watershed risks of individual blocks will be addressed in Phase 3 of the project.

As a follow up to the release of this draft, BC Timber Sales will be holding an online engagement meeting over Zoom at 6:00 pm, Thursday, April 6th, 2023 to present the report and its recommendations. Those wishing to receive a Zoom meeting invite are asked to RSVP to BCTS.Powell.River@gov.bc.ca using the subject line “RSVP to Mt Elphinstone Watershed Assessment meeting” by Wednesday, April 5th, 2023. Respondents will be added to the invite list and will be sent the Zoom Meeting invite along with agenda via email 2 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Those who are unable to participate using Zoom will be sent a conference call number to participate via telephone.

Should you have any comments or feedback pertaining to the content of this report please direct them to BCTS.Powell.River@gov.bc.ca. Comments will be reviewed and compiled to be addressed in a Frequently Asked Questions document.

Best Regards,

Sunshine Coast Field Team
BC Timber Sales, Chinook Business Area



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PHASES 1 & 2 (VOLUME 1)

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Re: MT. ELPHINSTONE SOUTH WATERSHED ASSESSMENT: PHASES 1 & 2, DRAFT REPORT

Polar Geoscience Ltd. (Polar) is pleased to provide this draft report on the above-noted study. The report summarizes our key findings and provides recommendations to mitigate potential adverse hydrologic effects from future forest development in the Mt. Elphinstone South assessment area. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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This Statement is to be read and completed in conjunction with the Professional Practice Guidelines – Watershed Assessment and Management of Hydrologic and Geomorphic Risk in the Forest Sector (Joint Practices Board, 2020) and is to be provided for watershed assessments or hydrologic assessments when requested by a client.

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With reference to the following assessment area: Mt. Elphinstone South

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

BC Timber Sales (BCTS), Chinook Business Area (TCH) is planning forest development within its Crown land tenure in the southern portion of the Elphinstone operating area (also referred to as BCTS Chart) on the southern slopes of Mt. Elphinstone near Gibsons, BC (MAP 1). This area falls primarily within Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Electoral Areas D (Roberts Creek) and E (Elphinstone) as well as small portions of Areas F (West Howe Sound) and G (Gibsons) (FIGURE 1.1, MAP 1). It also lies within the catchments of eight streams (hereafter referred to as the assessment area). From east to west, these include: 1) Chaster Creek, 2) End/Walker Creek, 3) Smales Creek³, 4) Higgs Brook, 5) Slater Creek, 6) Molyneux Creek, 7) Joe Smith Creek and 8) Clough Creek⁴. Prior to advancing forest development plans for the Elphinstone operating area, BCTS retained Polar Geoscience Ltd. (Polar) to conduct a watershed assessment of the eight streams.

The principal objectives of the watershed assessment are to review the conditions within each of the stream catchments, identify the watershed values⁵ present and their sensitivity to disturbance, and analyze the potential hydrogeomorphic hazards (Section 3) and risks that forest development in the assessment area may pose to watershed values. Although a review of specific harvest plans is beyond the scope of this report, the assessment is intended to provide guidance and management options to reduce, mitigate or avoid risks as forest development planning advances.

This assessment consisted of Phase 1 in 2020-2021, and Phase 2 (2021-2022). This report summarizes both Phases 1 and 2 and provides findings and recommendations for consideration in BCTS' forest development planning process. A third phase of assessment involves site-level reviews of specific block and road plans, once confirmed.

³ Also locally known as Elmer Creek.

⁴ Also referred to as Clough Brook.

⁵ Watershed values include the specific or collective set of natural resources and human developments in a watershed that have measurable or intrinsic worth. Values can include human life and bodily harm, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, and public and private property (including buildings, structures, lands, resources, recreational sites, transportation systems and corridors, utilities and utility corridors, water supplies for domestic, commercial, industrial, or agricultural use). Refer to Section 5 for further details.

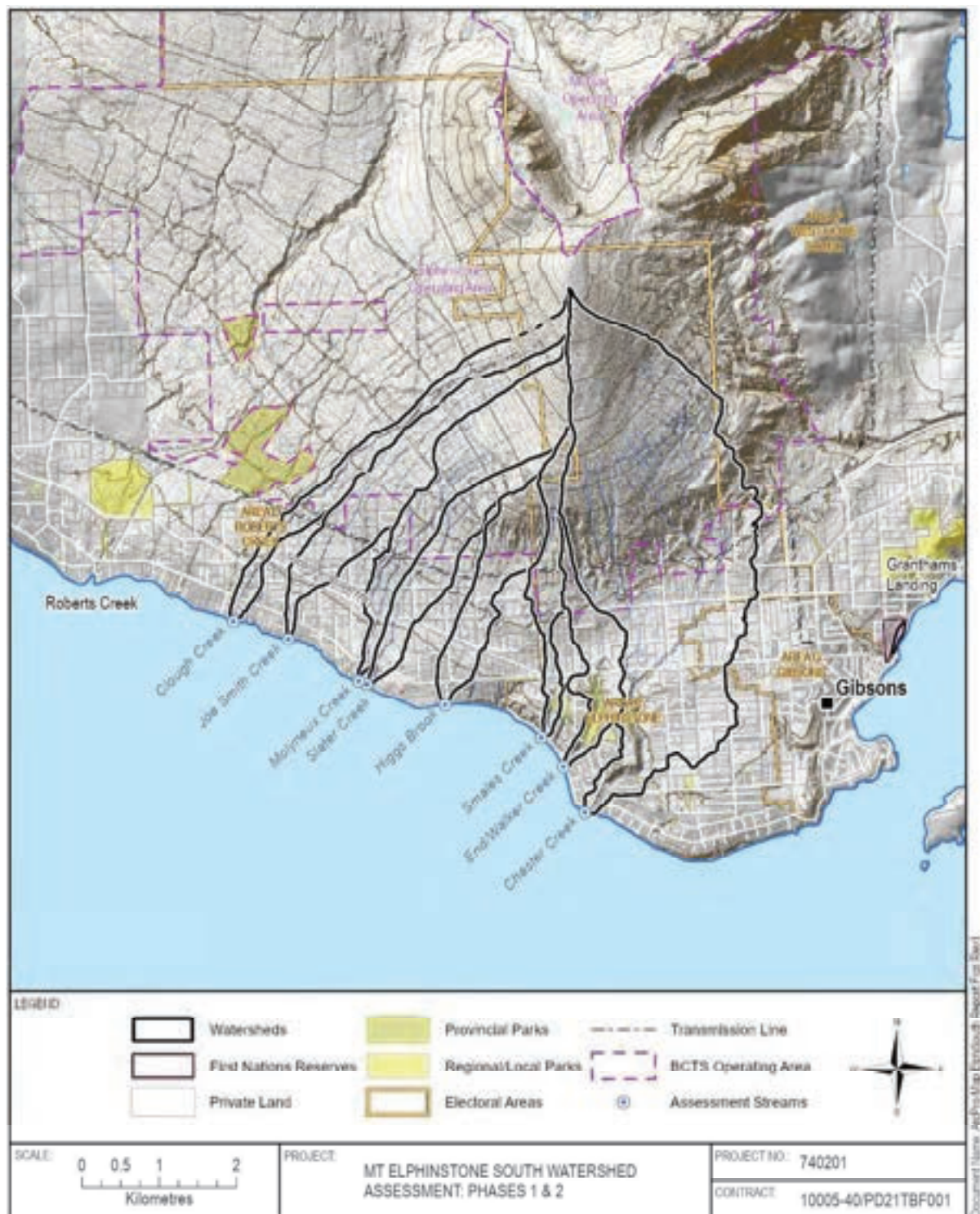


FIGURE 1.1 Location of the assessment area comprised of eight stream catchments near Gibsons, BC. Refer to MAP 1 for additional detail.

The general approach and the specific tasks completed to achieve the study objectives are outlined in Section 2. The approach aligns with BCTS' *Watershed Risk Management Framework (WRMF)* (Polar, 2022). The WRMF was developed to meet the current standards of professional practice as outlined in the *Joint Professional Practices Guidelines: Watershed Assessment and Management of Hydrologic and Geomorphic Risk in the Forest Sector* (Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia and Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals, 2020). These guidelines govern watershed assessments and management in BC through the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, the *Private Managed Forest Land Act*, the *Lands Act*, *Professional Governance Act* as well as bylaws of the Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia (EGBC) and the Association of BC Forestry Professionals (ABCFP).

Under the *Joint Professional Practice Guidelines*, this report consists of watershed assessments of eight stream catchments in the Elphinstone operating area. These catchments fall within an urban-interface area with highly utilized groundwater resources along the lower slopes (MAP 1). As a result, the assessment considered potential forest development effects on both surface water and groundwater resources in the assessment area. However, this overview assessment is not a detailed groundwater investigation.

1.2. PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

BCTS is currently drafting plans for forest development in the assessment watersheds. These plans have not been confirmed and are contingent in part on the findings of this assessment. As such, analysis of hazards and risks associated with specific blocks or roads is beyond the scope of this report.

1.3. ASSESSMENT TEAM

The contract for this assessment was managed by Pierre Aubin, RPF, Practices Forester of BCTS TCH (Powell River) and Tom Johnson, RPF, Woodlands Manager of BCTS TCH (Chilliwack). Key members of the technical team included:

- Lars Uunila, MSc, PGeo, PGeol, PH, CPESC, CAN-CISEC, BC-CESCL (Senior Hydrologist & Geoscientist of Polar) served as Project Manager and Lead Author;
- Robbie Johnson, MAsC, GIT (Hydrologist) served as Project Hydrologist and Contributing Author;
- Derek Brzoza, ASCT (Senior Hydrologic Technician) served as Field Technician;
- Russell Thorsteinsson, RPF of Forsite Consultants Ltd.⁶ served as Field Technician;

⁶ Currently with the Canadian Forest Service.

- Jeremy Hachey, RPF (Forest Analyst of Forsite Consultants Ltd.) provided spatial data analysis and supported the operational-level hydrologic recovery modelling; and
- Dr. William Floyd, PhD, RPF, Research Hydrologist for the Coast Area Research Section, BC Ministry of Forestry, served as an External Reviewer of the assessment report.

All comments from reviews are greatly appreciated and were taken into consideration in preparation of this report. However, all analyses and conclusions remain the sole responsibility of the authors.

2. RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

2.1. RISK ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

This section highlights the key components of the assessment. Watershed assessments generally characterize a watershed, identify past impacts (both natural and development-related), current condition (i.e., sensitivity), and any drivers of its future state (e.g., climate or land use change). Within this context, the first two steps of a risk assessment are performed to understand the potential impacts of forest development. Risk assessment refers to the overall step-by-step process of: 1) risk identification, 2) risk analysis, and 3) risk evaluation.

In the first step, risk identification, potential sources of risk and their consequences are identified and characterized. During the second step, the level of risk associated with one or more watershed processes or events is described either qualitatively or quantitatively based on an evaluation of the likelihood of occurrence and the severity of the consequences. The third step of a risk assessment is the responsibility of forest managers (i.e., BCTS forest professionals) and involves risk evaluation. In this step, the results of the risk analysis are compared against the organization's risk tolerance criteria. This step weighs the anticipated outcomes of forest development against the identified risks, and risk treatment measures available, to determine if they are acceptable, tolerable, or unacceptable.

2.2. RISK ANALYSIS

Since 2020, a standardized approach has been mandated for assessing hydrologic and geomorphic risks in watersheds in BC (Engineers and Geoscientists BC and ABCFP, 2020). The methodology and terminology used in this report are consistent with Engineers and Geoscientists BC and ABCFP (2020). As outlined by Engineers and Geoscientists BC and ABCFP (2020), the term “risk” is defined as *the chance of injury or loss, expressed as a combination of the consequence of an event and the associated likelihood of occurrence*. In this case, an “event” may be a hydrologic or geomorphic (i.e., hydrogeomorphic) process such as a landslide, debris flow, debris flood or flood, that has a potential for causing harm in terms of human injury, damage to property, the environment, quality of life, or other value. A harmful event may also be associated with watershed processes that result in an insufficient water supply or degradation in quality of water relied upon by humans and/or aquatic organisms.

Consequence refers to the likelihood of damage or losses to some value in the event of a specific hazardous event. Consequences can be expressed qualitatively (i.e., using a defined rating scheme) or quantitatively (e.g., by estimating the cost of damage). Analysis of consequence includes evaluation of the spatial and temporal exposure (i.e., is the element at a location and at a time when it could be

affected by the hazard?) as well as the vulnerability of the value deemed to be at risk (i.e., element-at-risk).

The general risk framework adopted from Wise et al. (2004) is summarized as:

$$\mathbf{R(S)} = \mathbf{P(H)} \times [\mathbf{P(S:H)} \times \mathbf{P(T:S)}] \times \mathbf{V(L:T)} \quad [\text{Equation 2.1}]$$

Where:

R(S) = Specific risk to a specific element from a specific event.

P(H) = P(Hazardous Event) = probability of occurrence of a specific event and that event being a hazard to a specific element.

[P(S:H) × P(T:S)] = probability of the specific event reaching or otherwise affecting the specific element, where:

P(S:H) = probability of a spatial effect of the specific event on the specific element if the event occurs (e.g., the probability of the specific landslide reaching or otherwise affecting the specific element at risk).

P(T:S) = probability of temporal effect of the specific event on the specific element, given a spatial effect (e.g., the probability of the specific element occupying that location when the landslide occurs).

V(L:T) = vulnerability of the element, given a temporal effect. This accounts for the probability of loss of life or the proportion of loss, or damage to, property, the environment or other things of value.

Based on the information requirements of BCTS, this hydrologic assessment utilizes a qualitative partial risk⁷ analysis approach. Partial Risk Analysis considers the effects of a specific hazard on a specific element, but it does not explicitly evaluate the vulnerability of the element **[V(L:T)]**. Such an evaluation is beyond the scope of this assessment, and requires obtaining detailed information on the elements at risk. Therefore, we have conservatively assumed that **V(L:T) = 1**, meaning that if an element is affected by an event, total loss will occur. The Partial Risk Analysis is summarized by Equation 2.2.

$$\mathbf{P(HA)} = \mathbf{P(H)} \times [\mathbf{P(S:H)} \times \mathbf{P(T:S)}] \quad [\text{Equation 2.2}]$$

Where:

P(HA) = P(Hazardous and Affecting Event) = probability of occurrence of a specific hazardous event and that event affecting a specific element.

⁷ Partial risk refers to the likelihood of occurrence of a hazardous event and the likelihood of it affecting the site occupied by a specific element. Partial risk analysis is often used when it is sufficient to know whether or not a hazardous event or change to watershed process will reach or affect a watershed value. The extent of harm to the value of interest (i.e., vulnerability) is not investigated. A partial risk analysis is often the first level of investigation by a Specialist since the vulnerability of specific values (e.g., water supply infrastructure, fish and fish habitat, etc.) often requires assessments by other Specialists (e.g., engineers, biologists, foresters, etc.) who tend to have greater knowledge of the elements-at-risk.

For a stationary specific element at risk, $P(T:S) = 1$, therefore $[P(S:H) \times P(T:S)] = P(S:H)$. If it is certain a specific event will reach or affect a stationary specific element at risk, then $[P(S:H) \times P(T:S)] = 1$, and Equation 2.2 is reduced to $P(HA) = P(H)$. In this case, Equation 2.1 is also reduced to $R(S) = P(HA) = P(H)$. However, in the case where there is some uncertainty that a specific event will reach or affect a specific stationary element at risk, $P(S:H) < 1$. Therefore Equation 2.2 is reduced to:

$$R(S) = P(HA) = P(H) \times P(S:H) \quad [\text{Equation 2.3}]$$

Since all elements at risk in this study are associated with the stream network (which is stationary), we have assumed throughout the risk analysis that $P(T:S) = 1$. Therefore, $P(HA)$ and $R(S)$ were evaluated based Equation 2.3 and assigned relative ratings that vary depending on the element at risk. Furthermore, the following scenarios are normally considered: 1) the current state; 2) the projected future state due to climate change; 3) the projected future state following forest development; and 4) the projected future state due to climate change and future forest development⁸. In this case, without block-specific harvest plans the latter two scenarios are not explicitly assessed; nevertheless, an effort is made to provide context on the anticipated risks under these scenarios (i.e., describe under what circumstances risks may increase or decrease).

The likelihood of hazard occurrence under each scenario is assigned qualitative ratings from very low to very high (TABLE 2.1). These ratings are associated with expected annual probabilities of occurrence, P_a (i.e., likelihood of hazard in a single year), or probabilities over a given period, P_x ⁹. For this assessment, the range in probabilities assigned to each hazard rating is based on the BCTS Watershed Risk Management Framework (Polar, 2022). It is the responsibility of the forest manager (i.e., BCTS) to understand and accept the rating definitions used herein as they are not set by any regulatory or professional body.

The level of risk under each of the scenarios noted above takes into account the likelihood of hazard occurrence and the likelihood of it affecting the location occupied by a specific element-at-risk. The latter is ranked qualitatively as:

- **High:** it is probable that the hazard will adversely affect the element-at-risk;
- **Moderate:** it is possible that the hazard will adversely affect the element-at-risk; or
- **Low:** it is unlikely that the hazard will adversely affect the element-at-risk.

⁸ In each case, the potential reduction in risk as a result of the implementation of control measures or other hazard mitigation is also considered.

⁹ The probability of occurrence over a specified number of years (P_x) is based on (Wise et al., 2004) as follows:

$$P_x = 1 - (1 - P_a)^x$$

where,

P_x = Probability of at least one event over the specified number of years

P_a = Annual probability of occurrence

x = Number of years

For each hazard, risks are assigned based on the qualitative partial risk matrix presented in TABLE 2.2.

TABLE 2.1 *Definitions used for likelihood of hazard occurrence (from Polar, 2022).*

Rating for likelihood of hazard occurrence	Description	Range of annual probabilities of occurrence, Pa		Range of probabilities of occurrence over a 10-year period, P ₁₀		Range of probabilities of occurrence over a 20-year period, P ₂₀	
		(decimal)	(%)	(decimal)	(%)	(decimal)	(%)
Very high	Imminent , the event or sustained change to the watershed process would almost certainly occur.	>0.10	>10%	>0.65	>65%	>0.88	>88%
High	Likely ; the event or sustained change to watershed process will probably occur.	0.01-0.10	1.0%-10%	0.096-0.65	9.6%-65%	0.18-0.88	18%-88%
Moderate	Possible ; the event or sustained change to watershed process could occur.	0.001-0.01	0.10%-1.0%	0.010-0.096	1.0%-9.6%	0.02-0.18	2.0%-18%
Low	Unlikely ; the event or sustained change to watershed process might occur.	0.0002-0.001	0.02%-0.10%	0.002-0.01	0.20%-1.0%	0.004-0.02	0.40%-2.0%
Very low	Remote , the event or sustained change to watershed process is only a remote possibility.	<0.0002	<0.02%	<0.002	<0.20%	<0.004	<0.40%

TABLE 2.2 *Qualitative partial risk matrix.*

		Likelihood of hazard occurrence				
Likelihood of hazard affecting the location occupied by a specific element-at-risk	Partial Risk ↘	Very high	High	Moderate	Low	Very low
	High	Very high	Very high	High	Moderate	Low
	Moderate	Very high	High	Moderate	Low	Very low
	Low	High	Moderate	Low	Very Low	Very low

As a last step, the potential reduction in partial risk following implementation of risk control measures is evaluated and reported.

2.3. KEY TASKS

This watershed assessment combines an office-review with the findings of ground-based reviews. In Phase 1, the key objectives were to:

1. Identify the principal streams and their respective catchments (i.e., the assessment watersheds) where forest development is being considered;
2. Characterize the assessment watersheds;
3. Identify watershed values along each main stream in the assessment area (i.e., potential elements-at-risk);
4. Identify potential hydrogeomorphic risks¹⁰ posed by future forest development in the assessment area;
5. Provide preliminary recommendations to BCTS to avoid, minimize or mitigate hazards and risks during the forest development planning process.

In order to meet the Phase 1 objectives, the following tasks were conducted:

1. Compilation and review of background reports and information. This included, but was not limited to, the following consulting reports: Waterline (2013), Madrone (2015), and Statlu (2018);
2. Compilation and review of GIS/mapping information, including high-resolution LiDAR data¹¹, which was used to characterize the topography, identify streams, refine drainage areas¹² and estimate tree heights.
3. Operational-level (i.e., detailed) hydrologic recovery (i.e., ECA) modelling. Based on recommendations from Dr. William Floyd, PhD, Research Hydrologist for the Coast area Research Section within the BC Ministry of Forestry, ECAs were calculated using an

¹⁰ An evaluation of water quality parameters such as Nitrate, Phosphorous or pH levels was considered beyond the scope of this assessment.

¹¹ LiDAR data for the assessment area was sourced from the Province of BC and Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD).

¹² Stream alignments and drainage areas presented on legacy base mapping were inaccurate in several locations and are a potential source of confusion when referencing previous studies. In addition, there are inconsistencies with stream names. For example, Madrone (2015) refers to Joe Smith Creek at the location where Sunshine Coast Regional District mapping and Provincial water licence database identifies Molyneux Creek; we have adopted the latter naming convention for this report. An effort was made in this assessment to utilize LiDAR data to properly identify streams and their drainage areas. Nevertheless, there may be some inaccuracies given the complex drainage patterns in urbanized areas (MAP 1). One example of altered drainage patterns exists along Smales (also known as Elmer) Creek near the Sunshine Coast Highway (101). At the highway, flows from Smales Creek are conveyed largely to the east along 500 m of highway ditch to McComb Brook, a tributary of End/Walker Creek. Some portion of Smales Creek runoff also appears to be conveyed westward along the highway ditch system towards Whittaker Creek, where it may have contributed to the Whittaker Creek washout on February 1, 2020.

adapted approach from Hudson and Horel (2007) (William Floyd, pers comms., 2023). Rather than stratifying the assessment area into elevation bands based on the dominant runoff-generating process, as proposed in Hudson and Horel (2007), Dr. Floyd suggests applying a single rain-on-snow hydrologic recovery curve across all elevations. The rationale being that rain-on-snow can occur across all elevations, and is often responsible for producing some of the largest peak flows. As such, mitigating the potential effect of forest harvest on peak flows should be targeted towards mitigating effects on the dominant *flood*-generating process rather than the dominant *runoff*-generating process. ECAs were calculated for overall watershed area, as well as above points-of-interest (POIs) within each of the assessment watersheds. The principal inputs to the ECA model are median forest canopy heights projected on an annual basis for 2021-2071 (i.e., 50 years) using provincial tree growth modelling (i.e., SiteTools). The data used in the analysis, and ECA assumptions and methodology are provided in APPENDIX B.

4. Review of available digital imagery including 2018 Sunshine Coast Regional District Orthophotos, 2019 Planet Labs (Blackbridge) imagery, GoogleEarth and ESRI imagery of various years to 2021;
5. Review of available historical air photos obtained from the UBC Air Photo Library, including the years 1947, 1957, 1964, 1967, 1976, 1982, 1990, 1994, 1998, 2003 and 2005 (TABLE 2.3).
6. Ground-based review on August 24-27, 2020 was performed by Lars Uunila and Derek Brzoza of Polar. The Phase 1 review covered Crown land and publicly accessible areas in the assessment watersheds (FIGURE 2.1); and
7. Synthesis of information collected during Phase 1.

Phase 2 was initiated in Summer 2021. The goals of Phase 2 were to communicate with surface water licensees and stakeholders in the assessment watersheds and confirm stream channel conditions and the elements-at-risk. The key tasks in Phase 2 included:

1. Identification of property owners downstream of BCTS' Chart in the assessment watersheds, including those who hold water rights on the assessment streams;
2. Engagement by BC Timber Sales with property owners to request permission to enter their properties to access assessment streams and to meet on-site to discuss issues and concerns;
3. Ground-based review on July 12-16, 2021 was performed by Lars Uunila of Polar and Russell Thorsteinsson, RPF of Forsite Consultants Ltd. (FIGURE 2.1). The Phase 2 review focused on reviewing stream conditions and elements-at-risk along the lower portions of the assessment streams, and included several on-site meetings with property owners to gain further insight on local water-related issues and concerns. APPENDIX C summarizes our notes on this review. APPENDIX E provides a catalogue of photographs along the assessment streams.

4. Synthesis of information collected during Phase 2; and
5. Preparation of the Phase 1 and 2 report.

TABLE 2.3 *List of historical air photos reviewed by year (roughly organized north to south and west to east):*

Year	Flight Line	Photos
1947	BC349	112-110
	BC349	96-102
	BC349	11-7
1957	BC2392	21-19
	BC2392	98-103
	BC2393	21-14
	BC2099	59-50
	BC2099	21-29
1964	BC5102	74-76
	BC5102	37-32
	BC5102	26-29
1967	BC4426	247-249
	BC4427	42-47
	BC4427	63-57
	BC4427	73-79
	BC4427	265-260
	BC4427	88-86

Year	Flight Line	Photos
1976	BC5758	270-268
	BC5758	256-259
	BC5758	237-233
	BC5758	222-227
	BC5758	219-217
1982	BC82003	86-88
	BC82003	93-91
	BC82003	55-59
	BC82003	14-10
	BC82002	242-248
	BC82002	237-231
1990	BC82002	216-218
	BCB90014	149-150
	BCB90014	173-170
	BCB90014	212-217
	BCB90014	236-230
	BCB90045	13-6
	BCB90045	42-35
	BCB90045	46-48

Year	Flight Line	Photos
1994	BCC94151	47-50
	BCC94151	17-10
	BCC94145	130-138
	BCC94145	102-91
	BCC94145	67-79
	BCC94145	43-32
1998	BCC94145	11-22
	BCB98008	190-191
	BCB98008	209-205
	BCB98008	225-230
	BCB98007	223-229
	BCB98007	246-239
2003 & 2005	BCB98008	245-240
	BCB98007	252-254
	BCC03039	70-68
	BCC03039	20-25
	BCC05026	156-150
	BCC05026	178-185
	BCC05143	181-174
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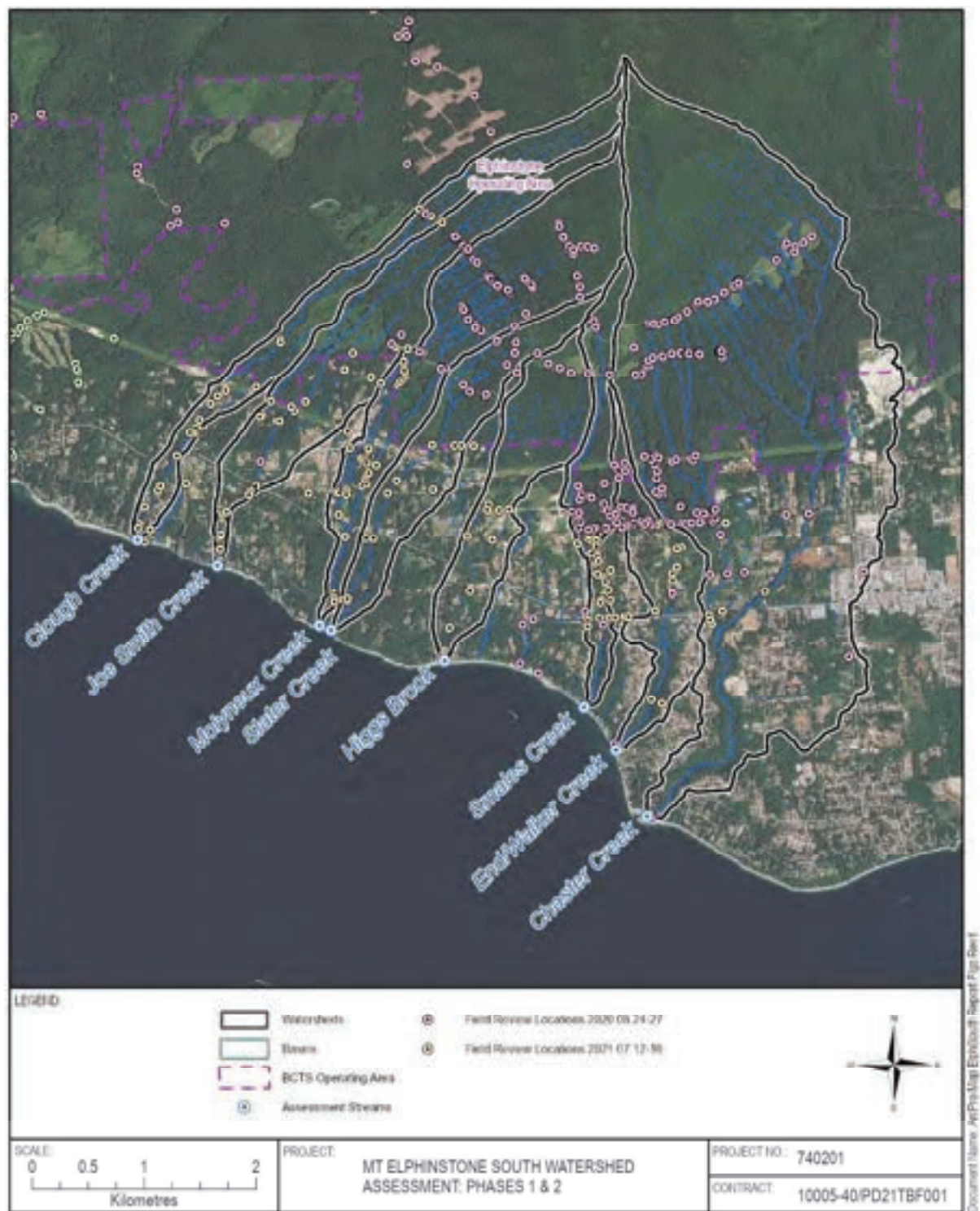


FIGURE 2.1 Locations reviewed during the Phase 1 field review on August 24-27, 2020 and Phase 2 field review on July 12-16, 2021.

3. OVERVIEW OF HAZARDS

As noted above, hydrogeomorphic hazards may be associated with sustained changes to watershed processes or conditions (Green, 2005). However, these do not in themselves present risks until they are identified as having the potential to harm specific value(s). The watershed processes or characteristics typically of concern are outlined below. The following section is intended as background on the types of hydrogeomorphic hazards that are typically reviewed in watershed assessments. Details on the current state of the science on these topics are provided. This data is in large part taken from literature from the Pacific Northwest and is generally applicable to the assessment area.

3.1. STREAMFLOW REGIME

The collective timing and volume of water that flows in a stream is considered its flow regime. Changes to a stream's flow regime can affect downstream ecosystems, private land, and infrastructure that is vulnerable to damage from floods or high water (Poff et al., 1997; PCIC, 2017). Stream systems in British Columbia are often broadly classified into pluvial¹³, nival¹⁴, or hybrid¹⁵ hydrological regimes (Trubilowicz and Moore, 2017; Winkler et al., 2010b).

In assessing the streamflow regime, the focus is on identifying the likelihood and/or degree to which the baseline (or, pre-disturbance) hydrologic regime¹⁶ (e.g., peak flow and/or low flow magnitude and frequency) has changed in response to watershed disturbance (e.g., timber harvesting, road building and/or other land use). Increases in peak flow magnitude and/or frequency, for example, can affect channel stability and channel destabilization can in turn result in increased sediment impacts, which may affect downstream elements-at-risk (depending on the sensitivity of those elements).

Runoff Generation Potential

The potential for a change in the streamflow regime is derived through consideration of runoff generation potential (RGP). Runoff generation potential (RGP), also referred to as flood response potential (Green, 2005), describes the propensity or rate at which precipitation and/or snowmelt

¹³ Pluvial refers to rainfall-dominated streamflow typical of lower elevation coastal watersheds.

¹⁴ Nival refers to snowmelt-dominated streamflow typical of coastal high elevation or interior watersheds that are snow-covered for much of the winter.

¹⁵ Hybrid refers to a mixed system where both rainstorm and snowmelt process regularly affect peak flows, which can occur throughout the winter or spring.

¹⁶ The baseline (or pre-disturbance) hydrologic regime refers to conditions under mature/old growth forest. It may include projected effects of climate change if long-term risks are being analyzed.

are converted to surface runoff and ultimately streamflow within a given spatial area of interest (i.e., drainage area or catchment). A high runoff generation potential corresponds to a relatively rapid runoff generation, whereas a low runoff generation potential corresponds to relatively lower rates of runoff generation. Physical characteristics that affect runoff generation include, but are not limited to, vegetation (e.g., forest type), soil type, geology, stream density, presence of lakes and wetlands, surface water and groundwater interaction, and physiography.

Meteorological factors affecting RGP include the type of precipitation; rainfall/snowmelt intensity, amount and duration; distribution of rainfall over the stream catchment, antecedent precipitation (as rain and as snow stored on the ground), and melt factors such as wind, humidity, radiation and temperature, and other conditions that affect evapotranspiration such as temperature, wind, relative humidity and season.

In coastal watersheds, such as the assessment area, the mechanism of runoff generation varies by elevation. In general, rainfall is the dominant runoff mechanism at lower elevations; however, rainfall can occur across all elevations. A transient snow zone exists at mid-elevations (i.e., from approximately 300 to 1,200 m) where snow is limited in extent and may melt more than once each winter. In this zone, runoff is typically generated either from rain or from rain-on-snow. Above approximately 1,200 m the snowpack is seasonal, where snow accumulation and melt are the dominant hydrologic process, although rain-on-snow can still occur. However, there are effectively no areas above 1,200 m in the assessment area. In terms of peak flows, rain-on-snow is considered the dominant peak flow generation mechanism in the assessment area. This is in large part due to the possibility for rain to occur across all elevations, and for snow to be present, on occasion, down to sea level. These events are often responsible for producing some of the largest peak flows. Assuming the presence of a snowpack, rain-on-snow runoff is often most severe when warm temperatures, strong winds, and intense rainfall, potentially associated with an atmospheric river (AR), coincide. As elevation increases, there is a greater probability there will be snow on the ground when it rains.

Physiographic factors that influence RGP include slope aspect, slope gradient and elevation. While elevation is generally a factor in snow accumulation and the volume of water available for runoff, the energy balance at the stand level influences the rate of snowmelt contributions to runoff. Hillslope gradient and hillslope aspect, collectively known as topographic exposure, are important factors controlling insolation (i.e., solar radiation at the ground surface) and thus net radiation available for snowmelt. In general, for snowmelt-dominated regimes, south aspects are more likely to see earlier and more rapid snowmelt (and runoff) than north aspects. Differences in solar radiation across aspect plays a lesser role in snowmelt during rain-on-snow events; however, given the typically deeper and longer lasting snowpack on northern aspects¹⁷, there is

¹⁷ This issue is not widespread in the assessment area given the absence of north aspects.

an increased probability for rain-on-snow on north-facing slopes. Topographic exposure does, however, play an important role during rain-on-snow events in controlling wind and wind-driven rain, whereby more rapid snowmelt rates can be expected on windward aspects.

There are many processes and events that can affect the water balance at the site-level and the flow regime at the watershed-level. The presence of forests controls several hydrological processes. The forest canopy intercepts a portion of rain or snow preventing it from reaching the ground. Some of this intercepted precipitation may evaporate or sublimate depending on weather and atmospheric conditions (e.g., temperature, solar radiation, humidity and wind speed). Given the moist climate (i.e., high humidity) of the assessment area, intercepted snow losses via sublimation are expected to be minimal, whereas meltwater drip from the canopy to the forest floor is expected to account for the greatest loss of intercepted snow (Storck et al., 2002). This is particularly the case at low and mid-elevations where winter temperatures hover above and below freezing.

If the precipitation is in the form of snow, once it reaches the ground, it may accumulate, sublimate to the atmosphere, or melt. Melt water and precipitation in the form of rain that reaches the ground may evaporate near the soil surface or be drawn up through the soil by trees and vegetation to be subsequently released through transpiration. The collective process of evaporation and transpiration is termed evapotranspiration. The remaining liquid water may infiltrate into the soil depending on antecedent soil moisture conditions, with any excess water moving downslope through surficial soils as shallow groundwater flow, eventually feeding streams or entering a deeper groundwater system. Runoff on the surface of forest floors is rare due to high soil porosity¹⁸. Exceptions to this can occur if soils are compacted by heavy equipment (e.g., along roads and trails) (Wondzell and King, 2003); however, such effects generally make up a small proportion of the watershed area and are localized¹⁹.

The effects of forestry on the key hydrological processes and the flow regime of streams have been studied extensively in watersheds in BC, the Pacific Northwest, and elsewhere in North America. While the research results vary, there is general consensus that the removal of forest cover typically increases the amount moisture at the site-level, often resulting in increased annual water yields at the watershed scale. The effect of harvesting on peak and low flows, however, is more nuanced. The following sections provide a brief review on how forest harvesting in areas similar

¹⁸ Dunnean, or saturation-excess overland flow, can occur when groundwater levels rise to the surface; however, Hortonian, or infiltration-excess overland flow is uncommon on undisturbed forest floors.

¹⁹ It is important to recognize that avoidance of such impacts is a BCTS management objective as stated under Section 4.2.1 (Soils) of BCTS' Forest Stewardship Plan No. 672.

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to the assessment watersheds can affect hydrological processes and how these in turn affect peak flows, low flows and aquifer recharge.

When logging occurs in forested watersheds, the hydrological processes (i.e., water balance) at the site-level changes, primarily due to altered interception of rain and snow, changes to Evapotranspiration (ET) and altered energy sources for snow melt. These changes in turn may induce changes to peak flows and low flows downstream. An increased magnitude or frequency of peak flows can affect sediment mobilization, water quality and stream channel stability. Changes in frequency and magnitude of low flows (especially during drought) may affect water supplies for human use as well as instream flows and water quality (e.g., water temperature) for fish.

RGP is influenced by forest cover disturbance, which may be a result of logging, insect infestation, and/or wildfire. These factors can be quantified by Equivalent Clearcut Area (ECA)²⁰. Land use, including forestry, may affect runoff generation potential by affecting site-level water balance following deforestation or reforestation, by changing drainage patterns and rates of flow through road construction, and by affecting soil permeability along roads or areas trafficked by heavy equipment (i.e., soil compaction). Forestry effects are a function of several factors, including area harvested and recovered (i.e., ECA); size, shape and orientation of individual forest openings, silvicultural system (e.g., clearcut, selective harvest) and method of harvesting (e.g., ground, cable-based, or air).

When snowmelt is the dominant flood generating process, a greater emphasis is put on the level of disturbance above the snowline. In cases where rain or rain-on-snow is dominant, the overall level of disturbance or level of disturbance within the rain-on-snow or rain zone, respectively, may provide a better indication of RGP.

3.1.1. Effects of Forestry on Peak Flows

Peak flow refers to the maximum rate of discharge during a period of interest. It is of concern since its magnitude, frequency and duration can influence sediment mobilization, water quality (e.g., turbidity) and stream channel stability as well as pose hazards to property and infrastructure (e.g., water intakes and stream crossings). Typically, flows near or above “bankfull flow” are of interest as they are capable of mobilizing coarse-textured bedload (e.g., gravel, cobbles, boulders) along alluvial and semi-alluvial stream channels (Copeland et al., 2000). Bankfull flow usually occurs on

²⁰ Equivalent clearcut area (ECA) is a commonly used index of the extent of forest disturbance and regrowth in a watershed (Winkler et al., 2010b). The ECA of a clearcut is derived by reducing the total area cut by recovery, which is estimated from relationships between snow accumulation and melt or precipitation interception and crown closure (Winkler and Roach, 2005) or tree height (Hudson and Horel, 2007). The cumulative ECAs for all openings are summed to provide an ECA for the entire catchment (Winkler et al., 2010b).

average every 1.0 to 2.5 years (Grant et al., 2008), with 1.5 years being the representative average of many streams (Leopold, 1994).

Peak flow hazard refers to the likelihood and/or degree to which the baseline or pre-disturbance peak flow magnitude and frequency has or could change in response to watershed disturbance, specifically forest development (e.g., timber harvesting and road building); however, other land uses or natural disturbances that affect the forest land base are also considered. In simple terms, the peak flow hazard refers to the likelihood that flooding along a particular stream or stream reach will become measurably more severe or frequent under 1) current conditions, and then 2) following forest development or other disturbance, relative to baseline conditions. In the case of the assessment streams, baseline refers to mature/old growth conditions. Current conditions are not necessarily natural, but rather have been influenced by past forest disturbance in the upper portion of the watersheds and increased urbanization over many years in the lower elevations of the watersheds. Future conditions include the cumulative effects from historical disturbances and potential future development.

Changes in the energy balance²¹ and snowmelt associated with the loss of forest cover has been found to be a dominant process responsible for increased peak flows in watersheds where snowmelt is a principal driver of runoff (Green and Alila, 2012), and may also be a factor in the timing and magnitude of low flows in summer. The change in net radiation following forest cover loss is positively related to the solar radiation received at the stand level. As such, snow depth in forest openings is generally greater than under forests, especially in the late fall and early winter. The removal of trees not only eliminates interception losses through evaporation and sublimation, but also eliminates transpiration losses²². Both result in a net increase in the proportion of precipitation (both rain and snow) that reaches the ground surface. In areas subject to rain-on-snow, meltwater drip from the canopy is one of the dominant processes responsible for creating the large difference in snowpack between forested and open areas (Storck et al., 2002). Forest openings are also exposed to much higher turbulent energy fluxes associated with wind. Such increased turbulent energy fluxes can result in significantly higher water inputs at the stand level during rain-on-snow events (Floyd, 2012; Marks et al., 1998; Marks et al., 2001).

Increased precipitation at the ground surface increases the net water available for infiltration²³ and ultimately streamflow at the watershed-scale. While this may be undesirable with respect to peak

²¹ Loss of forest cover is associated with increases net radiation that is the result of the conversion from longwave-dominated snowmelt beneath the forest canopy to shortwave-dominated snowmelt in harvested areas (Green and Alila, 2012).

²² These losses are reduced over time as forests are re-established and mature (i.e., hydrologically recover).

²³ Before precipitation can induce subsurface water movement, any saturation deficit must be replenished. Usually, the soil saturation deficit is greatest in early fall and largely disappears after the first fall storms (Madrone, 2015).

flows, it may be beneficial in increasing streamflow during low flow periods, assuming any net increases in runoff are effectively captured in storage (e.g., groundwater / aquifer storage) and are later released as baseflow.

Given the physical limits of a forest canopy's interception capacity, a smaller proportion of rainfall during a given storm will be intercepted from higher magnitude, intensity, and duration storms relative to storms of smaller magnitude, shorter duration and lower intensity. In other words, during smaller rainfall events, a forest canopy may be able to intercept a majority of the rainfall; however, once a canopy's interception capacity is exceeded, any additional rainfall inputs will reach the ground surface. Although, interception from the forest canopy may have little or no influence on large and extreme rainfall events, this does not necessarily translate to no influence on large peak flow events (described below).

Where precipitation falls as snow, the elimination of the forest canopy may promote a deeper snowpack, which represents an increase in the bulk volume of water available for melt. Snow that accumulates in forest openings is at relatively greater exposure to winds and solar radiation than in forested areas, the former factor being important in causing snowmelt during rain-on-snow events (Floyd, 2012). Therefore, during rain-on-snow events snowmelt is expected to be much greater in open areas relative to forested areas, particularly those areas subject to wind.

Synchronization of runoff within a catchment is directly related to peak flows, and is strongly associated to catchment-wide RGP and the natural or development-related factors that affect RGP. Synchronization occurs when forest disturbance (e.g., forest harvesting and road construction) alters the rate and timing of snowmelt or storm runoff at different locations within a watershed so that there is an increase in the amount of water that is conveyed to a stream over a given period. The synchronization of hydrological processes is commonly attributed to increases in the magnitude of peaks flows (Moore and Wondzell, 2005). Synchronization of runoff during rain or rain-on-snow events is common on the west coast of BC when entire catchments are at or are approaching saturation, whereby, the entire catchment area is simultaneously producing runoff. Synchronization of snowmelt typically only occurs at higher elevations in coastal BC.

Previous reviews have found that logging can increase the magnitude and frequency of peak flows in pluvial, nival, or hybrid hydrological regimes, albeit with a high amount of variability (Hudson, 2001; Whitaker et al., 2002; Schnorbus and Alila, 2004; Moore and Wondzell, 2005; Alila et al., 2009; Winkler et al., 2010b; Winkler et al., 2015; Stednick and Troendle, 2016; Winkler et al., 2017). Frequency-based studies²⁴ in snow-dominated watersheds suggest by comparing pre- and post-

²⁴ Frequency-based studies evaluate how forest harvesting has affected the frequency of a flood event of a given magnitude, or conversely, how harvesting has affected the magnitude of a flood event of a given frequency. Rather than pairing events by equal storm input, as is done in conventional paired watershed studies, floods are paired by equal frequency.

harvest flood frequency curves, that removal of forest cover can affect floods of all magnitudes and frequencies (Alila et al., 2009; Green and Alila, 2012; Yu and Alila, 2019). Green and Alila (2012) found that harvesting 33-40% of catchments ranging in size from 3 to 37 km² caused 20-year return period peak flow events to double in frequency and larger 50-year events to become 2- to 4-times more frequent. Yu and Alila (2019) evaluated the effect of harvesting on peak flows in the Camp Creek watershed in interior BC. They found that at 24% ECA, peak flow magnitudes associated with the 2- to 100-year return period events increased by 31% to 10%, respectively. Such an increase in magnitude translates to an increase in frequency of three to four times. Despite, However, the frequency-based studies discussed above were conducted in purely snowmelt-driven hydrologic regimes. As such, outcomes from these studies may not be applicable to the rain/hybrid hydrological regime of the assessment area. The master's research of Rong (2017) evaluated the effect of forest harvesting on floods across three study sites in the Pacific Northwest (Coyote Creek, Fox Creek, and the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest) using a frequency-based approach. Similar to nival hydrologic regimes, Rong (2017) found that harvesting in rain-on-snow (i.e., hybrid) hydrologic regimes can increase both small and large peak flows; however, there was considerable variability between watersheds and study sites. Increases in peak flow means and variability around the mean varied from 9% to 86% and 3% to 154%, respectively, for catchments subject to 100% clear-cut. Catchments subject to 25% to 30% harvest experienced smaller increases in the mean (5% to 35%) and the variability around the mean either increased or decreased (-9% to 52%). The range in responses was attributed to differences in watershed characteristics, where lower relief catchments with drier and warmer climates were considered more sensitive to forest harvesting.

Grant et al. (2008) conducted a state-of-the-science synthesis on the effects of forest harvesting on peak flows in the Pacific Northwest, by compiling and evaluating the results from a number of relevant studies in the area. They found the effect of harvesting in the rain-on-snow (i.e., transient snow) zone was detectable when forest harvest exceeded approximately 20% of the catchment area. Peak flow risks in purely snowmelt regimes are also generally considered low when less than 20% of the catchment area is subject to clearcut (Pike et al., 2010a). As such, 20% ECA is often considered a threshold beyond which increases in peak flows can generally be detected. In the synthesis of Grant et al. (2008), harvest effects could only be detected in rain-dominated zones when harvest on average exceeded 46% of the catchment area. Chapman's (2003) review of rainstorm-driven peak flows in seven watersheds on Vancouver Island suggests that logging effects in rain-dominated watersheds on the south coast of BC are small because rainstorm-driven floods in the region are often a combination of long-duration rainfall followed by intense storms that overwhelms any potential water reduction that might be due to canopy interception and evaporation²⁵. Jones (2000) evaluated the effect of forest harvest on peak flows in the HJ Andrews Experimental Watershed in Oregon. The five Andrews study catchments ranged in size from 13

²⁵ This concept does not apply to rain-on-snow events. Chapman's (2003) analysis did not distinguish between rain-only and rain-on-snow events.

ha to 101 ha and were subject to either 100% clearcut²⁶, 50% selection cut, or 25% patch cut. The authors reported an increase for winter rain-on-snow peak flows of 31% for Andrews 1 (100% clearcut, no roads), 26% for Andrews 3 (25% patch-cut with roads), 26% for Andrews 6 (100% clearcut, roads), 30% for Andrews 7 (50% selection cut, no roads), and no change for Andrews 10 (100% clearcut, no roads). These results highlight the high variability in response to rain-on-snow events.

It is important to recognize that the work of Chapman (2003), Jones (2000) and studies synthesized by Grant et al. (2008) did not evaluate how the frequency distribution of peak flows was affected by forest harvesting. Moreover, these studies, in large part, evaluated the effect of forest harvesting on peak flows by applying an analysis of variance or analysis of covariance, which are statistical approaches designed for analyzing means (i.e., averages) and not extremes (i.e., peak flows). There have since been calls to abandon this approach to evaluate the effect of forest harvesting on peak flows (Alila et al., 2009).

Alila and Green (2014) propose in their comment on Birkinshaw (2014) that larger and more frequent floods can be expected with logging even in rain-dominated watersheds. They propose that following the removal of forest cover, the likelihood of saturated antecedent soil conditions due to reduced evapotranspiration is increased. Under such conditions, even medium-sized rainstorms have the potential to trigger relatively large floods. This was demonstrated by Kim et al. (2019), who found that a 7-year precipitation event falling on saturated soils could generate a 100-year flood, whereas a 200-year precipitation event falling on unsaturated soils may only result in a 15-year flood event. This same concept can be extended to watersheds that experience rain-on-snow, whereby forest openings (i.e., logged areas) generally have more snow on the ground and melt faster than under forested conditions (Storck, et al., 2002), particularly when subject to high winds (Floyd, 2012). As such, there is an increased likelihood that medium sized rainstorms falling on deeper snowpacks in forest openings could result in an increased frequency of large flood events.

In addition to the effect of forest cover removal on peak flows, roads can alter how runoff is conveyed to streams by intercepting shallow groundwater along road cuts. Pike et al., (2010a) notes, however, that in most studies involving road-only treatments, roads did not appear to have a measurable effect on peak flows. Moreover, due to relatively rapid preferential flow²⁷ and high drainage density in many coastal watersheds, shallow groundwater and surface water flow rates are often similarly rapid, such that road-related effects (e.g., interception of shallow groundwater

²⁶ This extreme level of harvest across an entire catchment is an exception and uncommon in practice in BC.

²⁷ Preferential flow refers to rapid shallow groundwater flow through preferential flow pathways. These pathways typically occur above low permeability soils/surficial materials (i.e., basal till), and through macropores (e.g., from decaying roots, cracks in the soil, and worm/insect holes).

flow and conveyance as ditch flow) on drainage patterns and rates are also expected to be small (Hudson and Anderson, 2006).

3.1.2. Effects of Forestry on Low Flows

During the summer months, high human demand for water resources coincides with naturally occurring low flows (Bradford and Heinonen, 2008), which are being exacerbated by climate change. In addition to direct water withdrawals and climate change, the timing and magnitude of low flows can also be impacted by land use activities such as logging (Smakhtin, 2001). Despite the summer low flow period being a critical period for the management of water resources, it remains an understudied topic (Moore and Wondzell, 2005). Earlier research specific to BC reviewed the effects of forest harvesting on the low flow hydrology in snowmelt-dominant catchments (Pike and Scherer, 2003)²⁸. Pike and Scherer's (2003) review identified eight studies in watersheds with predominantly coniferous forests in the Pacific Northwest. Of these eight studies, four identified an increase in low flow volumes and four identified no statistical change in low flow volumes following logging. The increase in low flow is associated with the elimination of interception and transpiration losses and a net increase in soil moisture, which may contribute to groundwater recharge. Measurable effects, however, were found to last only 5-8 years (Keppler and Ziemer, 1990; Pike and Scherer, 2003; Surfleet and Skaugset, 2013), after which time re-establishing vegetation appears to consume and transpire any net increases in soil moisture. In some cases, where dense deciduous stands become established in forest openings, particularly near riparian areas, there is the possibility that transpiration rates exceed those of the original conifer stands.

We recognize that there are two primary components of the forest which can influence low flows - the riparian area and the upland forest. The research of Hicks et al. (1991) looked at the colonization of riparian areas by deciduous species following stream-side harvesting and suggested that evapotranspiration rates by such colonizing species could exceed those of the pre-harvest (mature) stand and result in reduced runoff during the low flow period. Moore (2004) compared transpiration rates between young (40-year-old) and old-growth (450-year-old) Douglas-fir stands and found that the riparian area²⁹ in the younger stands used 3.3 times more water than that of the old stands during the growing season. As a result, logging particularly in riparian areas has the potential to decrease summer low flows in the long-term (Hicks et al., 1991).

²⁸ This work is applicable because in the Pacific Northwest, both rainfall-dominant and snowmelt dominant hydrological systems experience a period of low flows during the late summer and fall. In addition, previous reviews on the effects of forest harvesting on streamflow in both snowmelt systems (Pike and Scherer, 2003) and rainfall dominant systems (Austin, 1999) contained similar findings, suggesting similarity between these different systems for the low flow period (i.e., they are largely driven by groundwater processes).

²⁹ Riparian forests contained approximately 36% and 7% deciduous species in the young and mature forest, respectively. Riparian areas were defined as the vegetation 50 m on each side of the stream. Stream size was not described in the study although the study watersheds are 96 ha and 60 ha, so the principal streams are expected to be relatively small.

Austin (1999) examined the streamflow response to forest harvesting in both snowmelt- and rainfall-dominant hydrological systems. Austin (1999) evaluated streamflows of 28 different watersheds: 16 exhibited an increase in low flow volumes, 10 did not exhibit an increase in low flows, and two identified a decrease in low flows. The studies reviewed by Austin (1999) along with those of Keppler and Ziemer (1990), Pike and Scherer (2003), and Surfleet and Skaugset (2013) broadly demonstrated that low flows tend to be either unaffected or increased by forest harvesting. It is important to recognize that observed effects of forest harvesting were relatively short (i.e., a few years), and that there are few studies that consider the longer-term forest harvesting effects on low flows. Two such studies that examined longer-term forest harvesting effects on low flows are that of Perry and Jones (2017) and Segura et al. (2020), summarized below.

The work of Perry and Jones (2017) was conducted using a paired-watershed approach with long-term streamflow data for eight small (9-101 ha) headwater catchments in Oregon with rainfall and hybrid hydrologic regimes. Each catchment had been subject to forest harvesting in the 1960s-1980s, with four subject to 100% clearcut, one subject to 100% basal area removal in two passes 10 years apart, one subject to 50% removal by thinning, and two subject to 25-30% patch cut. In each catchment, Douglas-fir was the primary species planted post-harvest. It is important to note that these experimental watersheds are relatively small and harvest at such levels is remarkably high, with exception of the 25-30% patch cut. As a result, the research findings reflect an extremely high level of harvest that is uncommon in current forest management in BC³⁰. Perry and Jones (2017) concluded that conversion of mature and old-growth mixed conifer forests to Douglas-fir plantations produced summer streamflow surpluses for 10 to 15 years post-harvest, similar to that previously reported in the literature. However, after 15 years of plantation growth, relatively high rates of summer evapotranspiration by young (25-40 years old) Douglas-fir relative to mature and old-growth forests were associated with observed summer streamflow deficits up to approximately 50%. It is important to emphasize that these results were identified in relatively small watersheds subject to 100% basal area removal. Amongst the range of silvicultural treatments that Perry and Jones (2017) reviewed, summer streamflow deficits were not observed under two scenarios. The first scenario involved selective harvest of 50% of the overstory canopy across the entire study catchment. The second scenario involved 30% canopy removal with 2- to 3-ha patch cuts. The authors conclude based on their observations combined with soil moisture dynamics in canopy gaps from Gray et al. (2002), that persistent summer streamflow deficits are not anticipated in openings up to 8 ha. These results suggest that for the conservation of summer streamflows in headwater catchments, that forest managers should consider alternative silvicultural systems such as limiting the size of forest openings and/or selective harvest.

³⁰ Although it is not uncommon for watersheds to be comprised nearly entirely of second growth stands (i.e., nearly the entire watershed area has been harvested at some point), harvest is typically staggered over many years rather than occurring all at one time.

More recently, Segura et al. (2020) evaluated long-term effects of forest harvesting on low flows in the Alsea Watershed Study in Oregon, USA. The study watersheds share a similar size (75 ha – 311 ha) and forest type as the assessment watersheds. Outcomes from this study are therefore applicable to the assessment area. Segura et al. (2020) compared differences in streamflow response for a reference watershed with mature/old (90- to 170-year-old) Douglas fir forest relative to the Deer Creek and Needle Branch Creek treatment watersheds. The Needle Branch Creek watershed was subject to 100% clearcut over ten years (17% clearcut in 1956 and 82% clearcut in 1966) and the Deer Creek watershed was subject to 25% patch cut in 1966. The authors found that by 2006 (40 to 53 years post-treatment) daily summer³¹ streamflow was 50% less in the Needle Branch watershed relative to the watershed containing mature/old forests. Roughly 40 to 51 years after the Deer Creek watershed was subject to 25% patch-cut, mean daily summer streamflow was 14% lower than in the reference watershed. The reduction in low flows following harvest is thought to be due to higher evapotranspiration rates associated with the younger plantation forests relative to the old/mature forest.

Additionally, Segura et al. (2020) examined how clearcut harvest with a 15 m riparian buffer³² affects streamflow in subsequent plantation forests. Harvesting (with riparian buffers) nearly 100% of the 40- to 53-year-old forest in the Needle Branch Creek watershed caused marginal increases in streamflow, which only persisted for two years before dropping to below pre-harvest levels. Despite a marginal increase in streamflow immediately following harvesting, streamflow deficits were still greater (i.e., lower streamflow) relative to the old/mature forest. The authors theorize that the relatively short-lived increase in streamflow is a result of high evapotranspiration rates associated with the riparian buffer and rapidly regenerating plantation and higher stand density of young relative to older mature forests. As such, Segura et al. (2020) conclude that rotations of young (i.e., 40- to 50-year-old) Douglas fir plantations can result in a persistent decrease in low flows. This research suggests that young regenerating forests can have potentially adverse effects on low flows for many years, and highlights the importance of having a mix of forest age distributions in a watershed.

3.1.3. Effects of Forestry on Groundwater/Aquifer Recharge

Water balance changes following logging at the site-level (i.e., cutblock) potentially can affect groundwater recharge; however, the linkages are complex and difficult to quantify, in part because the time-scales of the hydrologic processes above and below the ground surface are often orders of magnitude different (Smerdon et al., 2009). Moreover, quantifying changes in groundwater can be difficult, although inferences can be made based on changes to the water table, water yield, and/or base flow (Pike et al., 2010a). Research on the interaction between forest activities and groundwater is rather limited, particularly for deeper/confined aquifers. However,

³¹ June 1 to September 15.

³² The species composition of the riparian buffer is unknown.

Smerdon et al., (2009) conducted a review on the topic with a focus on British Columbia. Their review suggests that the effect of forest harvesting on groundwater is highly dependant on the hydrogeologic landscape, which is defined by the bedrock and surficial geology, soil type, and topography.

In general, and similar to low flows noted above, forest harvesting results in a reduction of site-level interception and transpiration. Even though this may be offset by increased evaporation post-harvest at the soil surface (due to increased solar radiation and wind in the forest opening), an increase in net soil moisture is expected following forest harvesting (Smerdon et al., 2009). Such an increase in soil moisture can in turn can lead to an increase in the water table. One study at Carnation Creek on the west coast of Vancouver Island, BC, reported increases in the water table of 30-50 cm after logging, which persisted for 10-years, despite recovery of vegetation (Heatherington, 1998). However, another study in the same watershed recorded increases between 9-28 cm and noted the response to be highly variable across the study site, particularly below new roads (Dhakal and Sidle, 2004). For example, peak pressure head (a proxy for the groundwater table) was recorded as being 50 cm lower below a newly constructed road as a result of shallow groundwater interception from the road cut above (Dhakal and Sidle, 2004). Groundwater tables can also be increased locally as a result of soil disturbance, whereby the disturbed soils cause water to infiltrate more slowly into the soil, leading to a build-up of the water table (Heatherington, 1982; 1998).

Increased site-level groundwater tables can translate to an increase in groundwater recharge downslope; however, whether such an increase occurs, or is measurable, is highly dependant on groundwater travel times (Smerdon, et al., 2009). Increases in groundwater recharge as a result of forest harvesting will only be realized if the persistence of forest disturbance effects is within the same order of magnitude as the time for groundwater flow to reach the area of recharge. Pike et al. (2010a) notes that potential increases in recharge as a result of forest harvesting may be detectable at local scales, where recharge occurs relatively quickly; however, may not be detectable in slower responding and larger-scale flow regimes. They further state that the effect of forest harvesting on recharge areas in the uplands could go undetected in adjacent valley-bottom aquifers for decades, and that these effects could be masked or magnified by climate variability and/or change.

3.1.4. Effects of Residential and Commercial Development on Streamflows

Residential and commercial development has long been known to result in increased runoff volume and peak flows as a result of the conversion of green spaces to impervious areas and the establishment of stormwater drainage systems intended to effectively convey water and reduce flooding (NRCC, 1989; Urbonas and Roesner, 1993). Impervious areas (e.g., paved roads, rooftops, etc.) increase the volume and rate of runoff transmitted to streams (BC MWLAP, 2002). For

example, Blum et al. (2020) looked at 280 catchments in the United States and found that annual floods increased by 3.3% on average for each percentage point increase in impervious land cover. Similarly, Prosdocimi et al. (2015) found a “significant” effect of increasing urbanization levels on high flows in an urbanized catchment in the UK, although they did not quantify the increase. Villarini et al., (2009) also found using nonstationary flood frequency analysis that rapid urbanization caused an increase in frequency of the 100-year flood event. May et al. (1998 and references therein) state that stream ecosystem impairment begins when roughly 10% of a watershed is covered by impervious area. Additionally, conventional storm water management infrastructure, which are often composed of ditches and pipes, are designed to rapidly transport runoff to nearby streams (BC MWLAP, 2002). As such, the receiving waters are typically subject to increased flows which can alter channel morphology and negatively impact aquatic habitat.

3.2. SEDIMENT YIELD

As described by Jordan (2001), sediment can be divided into two broad categories: fine³³ and coarse³⁴. Fine sediment is carried in suspension in water and is deposited only when streamflow velocity is low. Fine sediment in suspension within the water column increases stream turbidity³⁵, which is a measure of the sediment content in water, with increasing turbidity usually associated with increasing suspended sediment³⁶ concentrations. Stream turbidity is a concern since it can have physiological effects on fish (Newcombe, 2003). If utilized for potable water, turbid source water can also foul filters, interfere with disinfection of drinking water (i.e., shield pathogens from the effects of disinfection), is aesthetically unpleasing, and increases the total available surface area of solids in suspension upon which bacteria can grow (Cavanagh et al., 1998 and Pike et al., 2010c). Coarse sediment is transported along the stream bed and is of interest due to its effect on stream channel stability, water supply infrastructure, and fish habitat. These are further discussed in Section 3.4.

Sediment yield refers to the rate of sediment flux through a watershed. It is a function of the collective processes of *erosion*³⁷ and *sedimentation*³⁸ throughout a watershed and depends on the erodibility or rate of erosion from each area or source and the degree of hillslope-stream coupling

³³ Includes fine sand, silt and clay (i.e., particle sizes ≤ 0.25 mm)

³⁴ Includes medium sand and large particles (>0.25 mm)

³⁵ Turbidity is the amount of light scattered by a fluid (Stednick, 1991) and is measured in nephelometric turbidity units (NTUs).

³⁶ Suspended sediment normally consists of clay, silt and very fine sand particles less than 0.1 mm (100 micron) in diameter (MacDonald et al., 1991).

³⁷ Erosion refers to processes, by the action of water or wind, that displaces soil particles. Also known as sediment generation or sediment production.

³⁸ Sedimentation refers to the process of deposition of soil particles usually within a waterbody. Also known as sediment loading or sediment delivery.

(i.e., connectivity between the source of erosion and the stream network). Furthermore, for sediment to cause harm it must be transported to the location of a value of interest; this depends on the effectiveness of the stream to transport displaced sediment (i.e., stream power) from the point of entry to the location of interest.

Erosion is associated with several processes, including:

- Surface erosion of soils through the processes of raindrop/splash erosion³⁹, sheet erosion⁴⁰ and/or rill and gully erosion⁴¹.
- Streambank erosion, whereby streamflows cause toe cutting and bank sloughing along streambanks, and
- Landslides (e.g., rockfall, debris slide, debris flows, rockslide, slump, etc.).

Soil erosion can often be mitigated by the presence of an effective and protective soil cover, usually in the form of vegetation and organic matter (e.g., grass, shrubs, trees, etc.); however, it can include coarse rock, mulch, wood debris or manufactured erosion control products. Thus, where vegetation and organic matter are lost by forest development or other natural disturbances (e.g., wildfire), the likelihood and rate of erosion tends to increase unless control measures are implemented.

In terms of assessing sediment yield, focus is on identifying the likelihood that watershed disturbance, such as forest development, increases the rate of sediment supply to the stream network, relative to natural or background rates. It considers both sediment production (i.e., erosion) and sediment delivery to the stream network (i.e., sedimentation), where it may affect elements-at-risk. The potential change in sediment yield is derived through consideration of *sediment generation potential*⁴² and *sediment delivery potential*⁴³.

The following highlights where sediment is typically generated in a forestry context – along roads and from landslides. Although cutblocks can be subject to erosion, in the event that heavy equipment trafficking occurs under adverse soil moisture conditions, there is usually ample organic material (i.e., woody debris and slash) that serves as a protective soil cover such that

³⁹ Raindrop/splash erosion refers to soil particles that are dislodged by raindrop impacts.

⁴⁰ Sheet erosion refers to the process by which saturated soil particles are uniformly removed by surface runoff.

⁴¹ Rill and gully erosion are described as long, narrow depressions formed in soils by concentrated surface runoff.

⁴² Sediment generation potential is the likelihood that land use activity will increase the magnitude and/or frequency of sediment production (i.e., erosion) considering: terrain stability, soil erodibility, evidence of mass wasting, extent and location of resource roads, and other land-use related soil disturbance.

⁴³ Sediment delivery potential is the likelihood that sediment generated in upslope or instream sources will reach the stream network and be transported downstream to an element-at-risk. Factors considered include: hillslope-stream coupling, stream gradient, and location of lakes and wetlands.

erosion rates are low if not negligible (Jordan, 2001). Streambank erosion and general instability is another source of erosion and sedimentation (Section 6.4).

3.2.1. Roads

The effects of resource roads on sediment yields are well documented in the literature (Luce, 2002; and Wemple et al., 2001). Along roads, there are three main components to consider: 1) the cut slope and ditch, 2) the road surface, and 3) fill slope. Of these components, active road surfaces are often the primary producer of fine sediment to streams (Reid and Dunne, 1984), particularly in areas where landslides are infrequent (Bilby et al., 1989). For example, in a study in western Washington, Reid and Dunne (1984) found that a paved road (i.e., where sediment was only sourced from cut slopes and ditches) generated only 1% of the sediment yield of a heavily used⁴⁴ gravel road. Moreover, they estimated sediment production from road cuts to be roughly 5% of the combined production rate from roads for the study watershed (Reid and Dunne, 1984). However, in areas prone to landslides, sediment production from road-related landslides triggered during extreme storm events can often outweigh chronic sediment inputs from road surfaces (Wemple et al., 2003).

A study conducted on a medium-sized road-affected stream, located in Haida Gwaii, BC found that $18 \pm 6\%$ of the suspended sediment in the study reach was derived from nearby road surfaces (Reid et al., 2016). The same study found that road-derived sediment inputs were significantly greater during the wetter winter months, and during higher intensity rainstorms. During fall and winter rainstorms, 5% to 70% of sediment inputs to the streams were derived from roads compared to 0.5% to 15% during the spring and summer (Reid et al., 2016). A similar study using simulated rainfall on a road surface in the same watershed found that the intensity of rainfall and number of loaded logging trucks were the primary and secondary controls on road surface sediment production, respectively (van Meerveld et al., 2014). Similarly, Reid and Dunne (1984) found that roads contributed 7.5 times more sediment when heavily used, compared to when they are not in use. Van Meerveld et al., (2014) also found that increases in sediment concentrations persisted for up to 30 minutes following the passage of a loaded logging truck.

In addition to precipitation intensity and traffic, road surface material also plays an important role in determining sediment yield from road surfaces. Silt-sized particles are most prone to erosion, as they can be easily transported in suspension via overland flow, whereas coarser aggregate is less easily eroded and transported. Erosion rates are also lower for road surfaces with a high clay content as a result of particle aggregation (Luce and Black, 1999).

If cut slopes are required during road construction, near-surface groundwater flow becomes intercepted, increasing runoff and hence erosion potential along ditches. Sediment yield from cut

⁴⁴ Heavy use was considered to be more than four loaded trucks per day.

slope erosion and ditches is often the greatest immediately after road construction. Erosion rates tend to decrease as vegetation recovers along cut slopes and in ditch lines following construction. In western Oregon, one study found that cut slopes and ditches cleared of vegetation produced approximately seven times more sediment than those where vegetation was retained (Luce and Black, 1999).

Erosion of the fill slope is typically only significant at poorly designed culvert outlets (i.e., with no armour) or where uncontrolled drainage occurred across the road surface due to a fault in the drainage system (e.g., plugged culvert) (Jordan, 2000). In addition to drainage system failures, factors influencing observed erosion rates include climate (e.g., the wetter the location, the higher the rate of erosion) and the presence of groundwater (e.g., seeps). Secondary factors include soil coarse fragment content, soil depth and road gradient (Jordan, 2000).

Adverse effects can often be mitigated through proper road design, construction, and maintenance (Carson and Younie, 2003). Mitigation should be incorporated during all phases of operation (i.e., planning, construction, use and deactivation). Such options could include but are not limited to utilizing existing roads, minimizing road lengths/number of crossings, avoiding problematic soils, crossing at right angles to streams, and adhering to wet-weather shutdown guidelines.

As part of the Forest and Range Evaluation Program (FREP), a protocol has been developed for evaluating the potential impact of forestry and range use on water quality (Maloney et al., 2018). Known as the Water Quality Effectiveness Evaluation (WQEE), this protocol is intended for detailed site-level assessments to evaluate the effectiveness of the Forest Range and Practices Act (FRPA) and its regulations in achieving stewardship objectives. Specifically, the FREP WQEE is a tool used to estimate sediment contributions from forestry activities, with a particular emphasis on sediment contributions from roads. This protocol is intended to act as a monitoring tool and is considered beyond the scope of a watershed assessment. Although most roads were observed during the field reviews, a formal evaluation, such as the FREP WQEE, was not conducted and sediment yield was evaluated at an overview-level.

3.2.2. Landslides

Landslide is a generic term that refers to a suite of mass movement (or mass wasting) processes, such as rockfall, debris slides, debris flows, and debris floods. In mountainous areas of coastal BC, landslides are a natural process that occurs throughout the landscape when the gravitational forces and hydrologic conditions exceed the strength of the soil (or rock). Where hillslopes are coupled to streams, landslides can have significant impacts on instream values (e.g., fish habitat) and other values downstream (e.g., human health, property and infrastructure).

The frequency of landslide occurrence has long been recognized as potentially increasing following forest harvesting and road and trail construction (Pike et al., 2010b). This is especially

the case where road construction does not adequately consider potentially unstable terrain and the influence of drainage diversions (e.g., road cuts, ditches and culverts) on natural surface and groundwater flow patterns. Following high-profile landslides in coastal BC in the late 1970s and early 1980s, including one in the assessment area (discussed below), forest management practices in landslide-prone terrain were critically reviewed by the provincial agencies. This was followed by implementation of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act (FPC)* in 1994⁴⁵, which required professional terrain assessment and improvements in road planning and construction. As a result, the added level of diligence substantially reduced the frequency of post-logging landslides (FPB, 2005).

3.2.3. Local Examples

Clough Creek Debris Flow

An example of a pre-FPC landslide occurred along Clough Creek in November 1983. In this case, a debris flow initiated near the 1,000 m elevation (stream km 6) at a location where logging occurred 15 years earlier (FPB, 2006). According to the Forest Practices Board (FPB) (2006) and Emergex (2005), the event was triggered by rainfall-saturated soils that slumped into the creek where it entrained old logging debris and flowed approximately 6 km downslope, where it forced evacuation of homes and caused considerable property damage. Based on an examination of historical air photos, drainage diversion along an old road upslope is suspected to have been a contributing factor. Historical air photos also suggest that although riparian vegetation has effectively recolonized disturbed riparian areas, and is dense, the channel has only modestly recovered and has a lack of large diameter functional wood in the channel. Although this is not critical for the bedrock- and colluvial-dominated channel morphology, it could mean that sediment transport is not well regulated along the creek.

Whittaker Creek Washout at Lower Road

A recent washout of Lower Road at Whittaker Creek, a relatively small drainage between Smales Creek and Higgs Brook, demonstrates the risks associated with poorly managed (urban) stormwater drainage above a steep ravine. According to Carson (2020), the washout that occurred on February 1, 2020 was one of several mass movement events associated with stormwater drainage upslope of the ravine since the 1960s. In addition to damage to the crossing, a debris flow was triggered for 400 m to the ocean, where it damaged several properties and caused considerable aggradation (APPENDIX E, FIGURES 117-119). The 2020 washout occurred in response to an extreme runoff generated by a two-day rainstorm, which appears to have been exacerbated by interception and conveyance of runoff along the highway and road ditches. Diversion of flows from Smales Creek to Whittaker Creek along the highway ditch is also suspected as a contributor to the flows observed at the Lower Road crossing of Whittaker Creek. Carson (2020) noted that Smales Creek has since been rerouted to flow east along the road ditch

⁴⁵ The *Forest Practices Code (FPC)* was subsequently replaced by the *Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)* in 2004.

towards End/Walker Creek (rather than west towards Whittaker Creek) and estimated this may reduce storm flows by up to 25% in Whittaker Creek. Carson (2020) considers the primary contributing factors to the washout to be the Smales Creek diversion and lack of maintenance of the extensive culvert system along the steep ravine floor below Lower Road.

3.3. RIPARIAN FUNCTION

Riparian function is the interaction of various hydrologic, geomorphic, and biotic processes across a range of spatial and temporal scales within the riparian environment. As a result, riparian function includes a wide variety of processes that determine the character of the riparian area⁴⁶ and exerts an influence on the adjacent aquatic and terrestrial environment. Riparian areas provide several functional roles which include providing critical habitat for insects, amphibians and other wildlife; providing food sources for aquatic insects and shelter for fish; filtering nutrients from water; dissipating energy during flood events; filtering sediment from entering a stream; and offers wind protection. In the context of watershed management, riparian function is often defined more narrowly, focussing on three specific processes:

- 1) the provision of bank stability mostly through root strength, particularly where alluvial materials are involved (e.g., along floodplains and fans)⁴⁷,
- 2) the recruitment of large woody debris (LWD) to aquatic systems, which helps to control the movement of coarse sediment in stream channels as well as providing fish habitat (e.g., cover), and
- 3) the provision of shade to aquatic systems that can help maintain stream temperatures.

Loss of riparian function can affect channel equilibrium and result in bank erosion, channel shifting, and sedimentation. This can have negative effects, such as fish and fish habitat degradation, water quality reduction, infrastructure (e.g., stream crossings) damage, and private land damage or loss. Moreover, blowdown in riparian areas can potentially contribute excessive amounts of wood, sediment and debris to the channel.

When assessing riparian function, focus is on identifying the degree to which natural riparian function (e.g., to provide shade, cover, stream habitat, stream bank stability, etc.) has or will be disturbed by watershed disturbance. Loss of riparian function can affect channel equilibrium (Section 3.4) and result in bank erosion, channel shifting, and sedimentation. The riparian function hazard incorporates both the level of past riparian forest cover disturbance and the degree to which it has recovered.

⁴⁶ Riparian area (or zone) is an area of land adjacent to a stream, river, lake or wetland that contains vegetation that, due to the presence of water, is distinctly different from the vegetation of adjacent upland areas.

⁴⁷ By promoting bank stability, riparian vegetation mitigates sediment generation (i.e., erosion).

Similar to the WQEE protocol described in Section 3.2.1, a FREP protocol has been developed for evaluating riparian condition (Trip et al., 2022). The purpose of the riparian FREP protocol is to assess the effectiveness of riparian management practices and evaluate the functioning condition of streams and riparian areas. These protocols are intended for detailed site-level assessments and were not applied as part of this review. For the purposes of this assessment, a high-level overview of riparian function was conducted to evaluate the current riparian condition and its effect on sediment yield and channel stability. This included reviews of historical air photos and other imagery, as well as ground-based reviews at selected locations along the streams (FIGURE 2.1).

3.4. CHANNEL STABILITY

Channel stability, better described as *dynamic channel equilibrium*, refers to a state of balance resulting from the interplay of four basic factors (streamflow, sediment yield, sediment particle size, and channel gradient) that maintains alluvial or semi-alluvial stream channels in their most efficient and least erosive form. The term “dynamic” is important, as the energy of a stream is always at work sustaining or re-establishing its equilibrium condition. Land-use impacts at site-specific or watershed scales have the potential to upset dynamic channel equilibrium thereby triggering a process of stream adjustments. If one of the four factors change, one or more of the other variables must increase or decrease proportionally if equilibrium is to be maintained. For example, if channel gradient is increased (e.g., by channel straightening) and streamflow remains the same, either the sediment load or the size of the particles must also increase. Likewise, if flow is increased and the channel gradient remains constant, sediment load or sediment particle size has to increase to maintain channel equilibrium. Under these conditions, a stream seeking a new equilibrium (i.e., in a state of disequilibrium) will tend to erode more of its banks and bed, transporting larger particle sizes and a greater sediment load. Such channel disequilibrium or destabilization may be undesirable as it can result in increases in fine and coarse sediment yield, which can affect downstream water quality, fish and fish habitat, and water supply and transportation infrastructure (e.g., bridges and culverts).

Salmon and trout egg-to-fry survival is dependent on the stability of redds and a well oxygenated flow of water. During the rising limb of a storm hydrograph, redds may be at risk of scour. Furthermore, during the receding limb of the storm hydrograph, finer sediments may deposit and plug the interstices of redds, thus compromising oxygen flow. Both effects can result in reduced fry survival (Schrivener and Tripp, 1998). While fine sediment may be transported during a range of flows, coarse sediment is generally stored for long periods in channel banks and bars, and typically moves episodically, usually when flows approach or exceed bankfull.

Analysis of channel stability requires an understanding of current or baseline stream channel conditions both in terms of channel equilibrium (i.e., does the channel display evidence of

disequilibrium from past impacts either streamflow and/or sediment-related?) and channel sensitivity to future disturbance. The analysis also requires estimation of potential future streamflow and sediment yields, including the influence of climate change and/or forestry.

The sensitivity of a channel is also referred to as its *channel response potential* (Montgomery and Buffington, 1997 and 1998). *Channel response potential* is the inherent susceptibility of a stream channel to changes in discharge and sediment supply. It is a factor controlling whether and to what extent forest disturbance effects, if any, will be realized. Channels can be broadly described as *alluvial*⁴⁸, *semi-alluvial*⁴⁹ or *non-alluvial*⁵⁰, and relative channel response potential tends to decrease in that respective order. Reach-specific response potential is further affected by influences such as channel confinement, riparian vegetation⁵¹, and presence of in-channel large woody debris. Differences in reach morphology and physical processes result in different potential responses to similar changes in discharge or sediment supply (Montgomery and Buffington, 1997 and 1998).

The assessment streams were observed in several locations (FIGURE 2.1); however, no formal or systematic stream channel stability procedure was applied in this assessment. Such an approach is considered beyond the scope of this review. Similar to the assessment of riparian function discussed above, channel stability was assessed at an overview level.

⁴⁸ Alluvial channels are those comprised of potentially mobile sediments deposited by the stream (e.g., sand and gravel). The nature of these channels makes them relatively more sensitive to disturbance than semi-alluvial or non-alluvial channels.

⁴⁹ Semi-alluvial channels are those comprised of a combination of potentially mobile alluvium and immobile material (e.g., bedrock, colluvium, glacial lag-deposits).

⁵⁰ Non-alluvial channels are those comprised largely of immobile material (e.g., bedrock, colluvium, glacial lag-deposits).

⁵¹ Riparian vegetation serves many purposes (e.g., to provide shade, cover, stream habitat, stream bank stability, etc.) and can be a major factor contributing to the robustness of channels and observed channel response. Loss of riparian function can affect channel equilibrium and result in bank erosion, channel shifting, and sedimentation. The level of past riparian forest cover disturbance and the level of recovery of the riparian vegetation are both considered in characterizing channel response.

4. WATERSHED OVERVIEW

4.1. LOCATION & ACCESS

The assessment area is located approximately 4 to 6 km northwest of Gibsons Town Centre on the southwest slopes of Mt. Elphinstone. Access to the upper portions of assessment area is via Largo Road northbound from the Sunshine Coast Highway (101), then by the Sechelt-Roberts Creek Forest Service Road (FSR) (7575) and several branch roads. Lower portions of the assessment area are accessed via several local roads between Gibsons and Roberts Creek. A BC Hydro Transmission Line right of way (ROW), which has a gated access road and trail for much of its length also crosses the assessment area between elevations of 200 and 400 m (FIGURE 4.1).



FIGURE 4.1 View eastward along the BC Hydro ROW, near a tributary to Chaster Creek at an elevation of 295 m. Photo DSC09916, August 27, 2020.

4.2. PHYSIOGRAPHY

The assessment area is located in a transitional area between the Georgia Lowlands and Pacific Ranges of the Coast Mountains (Holland, 1976). The area is characterized by moderate relief and gently to moderately sloping terrain on the southwest side of Mt. Elphinstone. Although this area is drained by several streams, there are no major valleys. Below an elevation of about 160 m, these slopes are skirted by a broad gently rolling terrace (i.e., Upper Gibsons Bench) consisting of a sequence of glacial deposits (FIGURE 4.2) (Section 4.4). Steeper slopes are found along the outer edge of this terrace near the oceanfront, as well along several incised gullies (FIGURE 4.3).

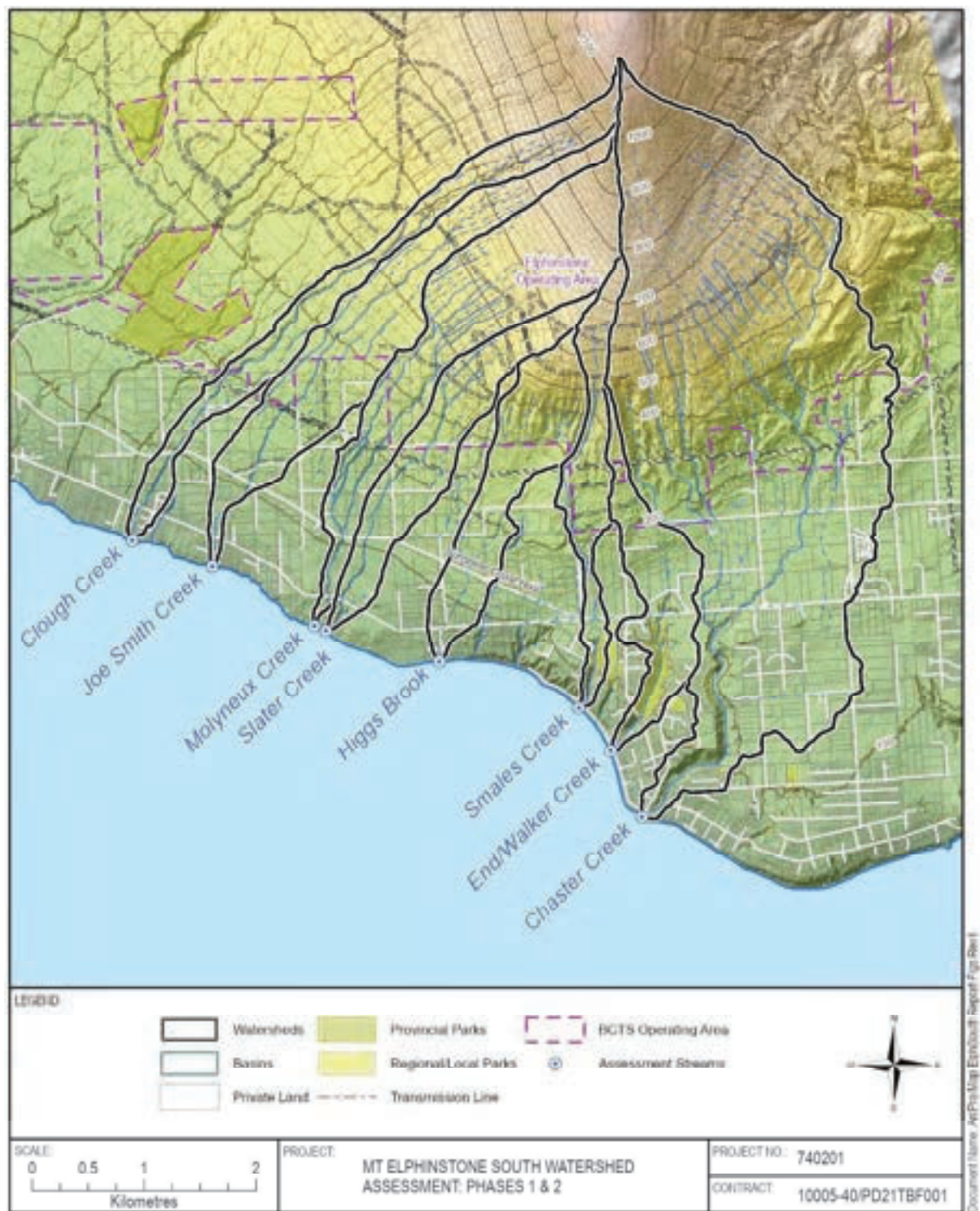


FIGURE 4.2 Assessment area topography and elevations.

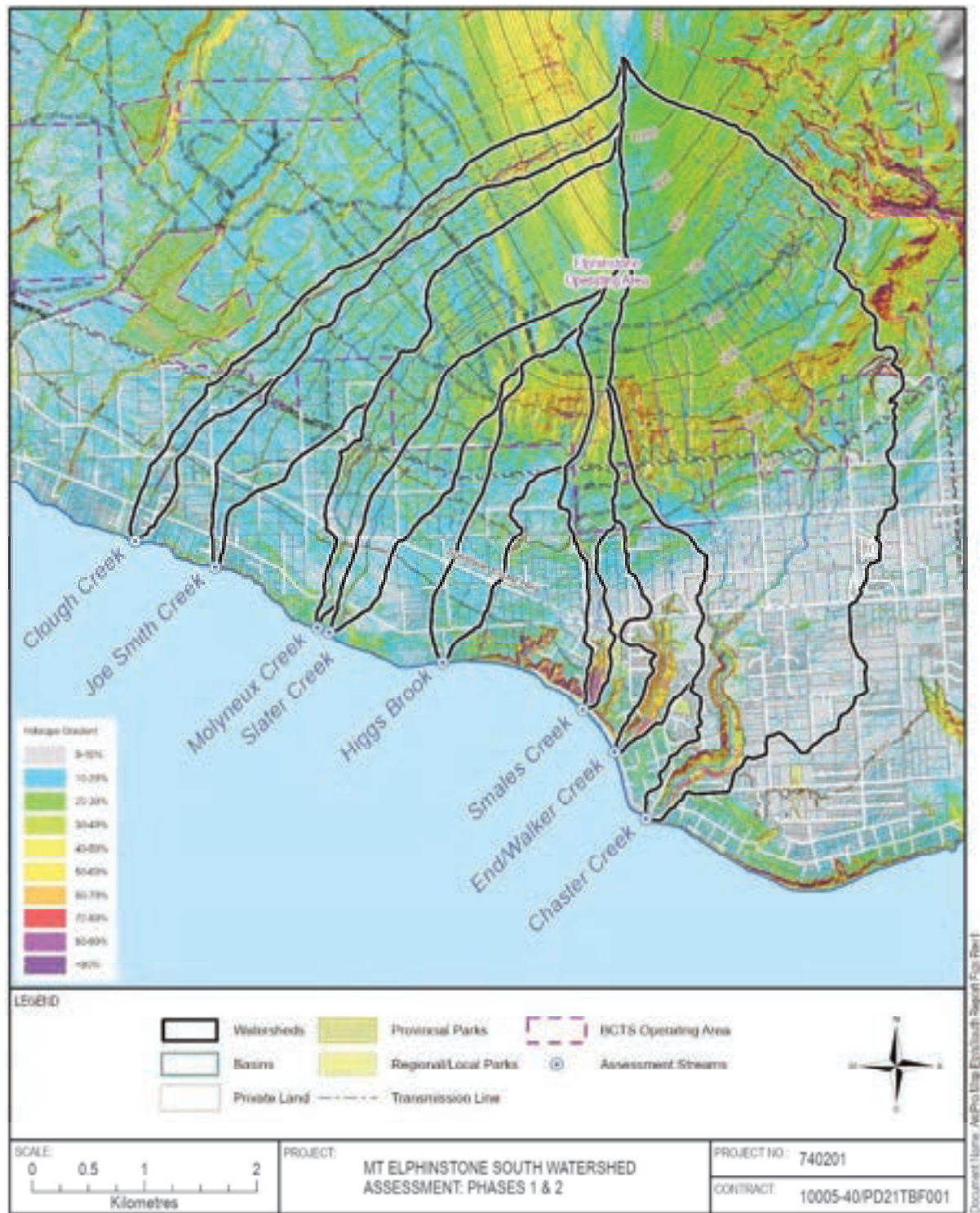


FIGURE 4.3 Hillslope gradients in the assessment area.

Eight stream catchments have been identified with some potential for BCTS forest development (henceforth referred to as “assessment streams” or “assessment watersheds”, TABLE 4.1). Each of these streams has one or more tributaries and flows into the Strait of Georgia. The assessment area has a high density of subparallel gullies, which is especially evident on LiDAR bare-earth imagery (FIGURE 4.4, MAP 1). Many of these gullies however do not necessarily contain stream channels⁵² with perennial or intermittent flow, however, they may be paths for near-surface groundwater flow. It is important to emphasize that the streams presented on the maps herein are identified using GIS techniques (i.e., flow accumulation modelling) with LiDAR data and have not necessarily been field verified.

Within the assessment area, drainage areas of the eight stream catchments range from 0.95 km² to 10.73 km² (95 ha to 1,073 ha). Total watershed relief in the assessment area ranges from approximately 540 m to 1,140 m. The median watershed elevations range from 130 m to 500 m. Hillslope gradients within the area reflect gently to moderately sloping terrain, with 67-87% of the drainage areas gentler than 30% slope and 81-96% of its drainage area gentler than 40% slope. As noted above, the remaining steeper areas are generally found near the oceanfront and along incised gullies. Slope aspects in the Chaster Creek watershed are biased to southeast slopes, whereas in the other watersheds aspects are biased towards southwest-facing slopes.

⁵² According to Province of BC (2018), a “stream” means a watercourse, including a watercourse that is obscured by overhanging or bridging vegetation or soil mats, that contains water on a perennial or seasonal basis, is scoured by water or contains observable deposits of mineral alluvium, and that: (a) has a continuous channel bed that is 100 m or more in length, or (b) flows directly into (i) a fish stream or a fish-bearing lake or wetland, or(ii) a licensed waterworks.

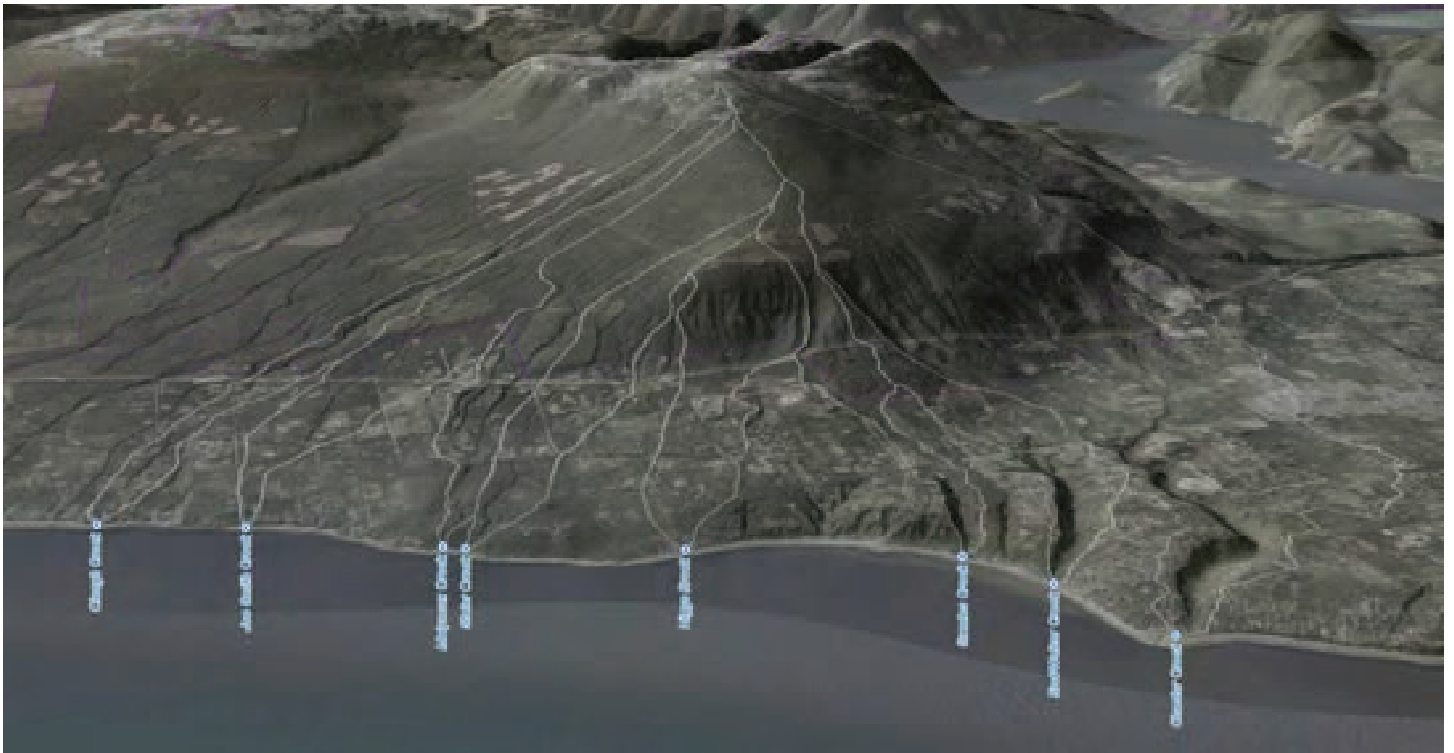


FIGURE 4.4 3D perspective view of the southwestern slopes of Mt. Elphinstone and the eight stream catchments of the assessment area (outlined in white). Vertical exaggeration 1.25x. DEM source: Province of BC and SCRDC; Imagery source: ESRI (2021).

TABLE 4.1 Characteristics of the eight principal stream catchments in the assessment area.

Watershed Units																
Stream / Watershed	Chaster Creek		End / Walker Cr		Smales Creek ⁵³		Higgs Brook		Slater Creek		Molyneux Creek		Joe Smith Creek		Clough Creek ⁵⁴	
Drainage Area																
Total drainage area (ha)	1,072.90		114.84		94.61		145		142.42		264.79		228.64		154.15	
Total drainage area (sq km)	10.73		1.15		0.95		1.45		1.42		2.65		2.29		1.54	
Elevations (Hypsometric data)																
Minimum elevation (m)	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
Maximum elevation (m)	1,140		540		800		640		720		1,080		1,040		1,140	
Total watershed relief (m)	1,140		540		800		640		720		1,080		1,040		1,140	
H40 elevation (H40) (m)	440		135		320		300		300		560		360		480	
H50 (median) elevation (m)	300		130		260		260		240		500		300		360	
H60 elevation (H60) (m)	200		125		240		220		200		440		260		280	
Slope Gradient																
	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)
0-10%	285.49	26.6%	43.55	37.9%	14.24	15.1%	14.68	10.1%	20.29	14.2%	17.88	6.8%	29.9	13.1%	18.96	12.3%
11-20%	212.5	19.8%	26.23	22.8%	24.81	26.2%	56.38	38.9%	58.58	41.1%	80.49	30.4%	117.17	51.2%	55.86	36.2%
21-30%	226.55	21.1%	14.96	13.0%	25.19	26.6%	28.48	19.6%	39.54	27.8%	96.32	36.4%	52.09	22.8%	27.98	18.2%
31-40%	174.01	16.2%	9.13	8.0%	13.42	14.2%	17.58	12.1%	17.6	12.4%	44.9	17.0%	21.3	9.3%	22.79	14.8%
41-50%	89.37	8.3%	4.43	3.9%	5.72	6.0%	14.54	10.0%	5.05	3.5%	19.83	7.5%	6.34	2.8%	15	9.7%
51-60%	42.98	4.0%	3.62	3.2%	4.44	4.7%	9.35	6.4%	0.9	0.6%	3.72	1.4%	1.4	0.6%	6.44	4.2%
61-70%	24.5	2.3%	4.88	4.2%	2.71	2.9%	3.17	2.2%	0.27	0.2%	1.15	0.4%	0.35	0.2%	3.61	2.3%
71-80%	9.87	0.9%	5.12	4.5%	1.71	1.8%	0.46	0.3%	0.13	0.1%	0.34	0.1%	0.06	0.0%	2.07	1.3%
81-90%	4.4	0.4%	2.26	2.0%	1.5	1.6%	0.18	0.1%	0.06	0.0%	0.08	0.0%	0.02	0.0%	1.05	0.7%
90% +	3.24	0.3%	0.62	0.5%	0.91	1.0%	0.17	0.1%	0.03	0.0%	0.03	0.0%	0.01	0.0%	0.41	0.3%
Slope Aspect																
	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)
North	144.18	13.4%	24.48	21.3%	4.31	4.6%	1.48	1.0%	2.8	2.0%	3.32	1.3%	2.73	1.2%	4.39	2.8%
East	317.84	29.6%	22.16	19.3%	10.46	11.1%	4.71	3.2%	3.35	2.4%	8.01	3.0%	3.58	1.6%	3.5	2.3%
South	527.93	49.2%	49.64	43.2%	65.64	69.4%	121.4	83.7%	89.85	63.1%	118.28	44.7%	141.63	61.9%	84.48	54.8%
West	82.96	7.7%	18.51	16.1%	14.23	15.0%	17.41	12.0%	46.44	32.6%	135.12	51.0%	80.69	35.3%	61.78	40.1%
BEC Sub-zones/Variants																
	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)
MH mm1	18.88	1.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.23	0.1%	0.43	0.2%	5.61	3.6%
CWH vm2	195.09	18.2%	-	-	8.92	9.4%	-	-	0.76	0.5%	59.16	22.3%	14.13	6.2%	24.06	15.6%
CWH dm	575.66	53.7%	47.84	41.7%	66.79	70.6%	105.87	73.0%	107.22	75.3%	181.7	68.6%	176.96	77.4%	94.19	61.1%
CWH xml	283.27	26.4%	67	58.3%	18.89	20.0%	39.13	27.0%	34.44	24.2%	23.7	9.0%	37.12	16.2%	30.3	19.7%
Land Base																
	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)
Crown Forest Land Base	584.87	54.5%	6.36	5.5%	43.59	46.1%	59.71	41.2%	70.04	49.2%	204.72	77.3%	124.64	54.5%	95.58	62.0%
Timber Harvest Land Base	454.31	42.3%	5.97	5.2%	39.22	41.5%	56.08	38.7%	65.78	46.2%	191.79	72.4%	113.35	49.6%	88.66	57.5%
Private Land	380.22	35.4%	70.12	61.1%	23.75	25.1%	75.45	52.0%	80.13	56.3%	54.79	20.7%	77.97	34.1%	36.94	24.0%
Parks or protected areas	3.89	0.4%	16.68	14.5%	4.08	4.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Area of lakes	0.22	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Area of wetlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-

⁵³ Also known locally as Elmer Creek.⁵⁴ Also known as Clough Brook.

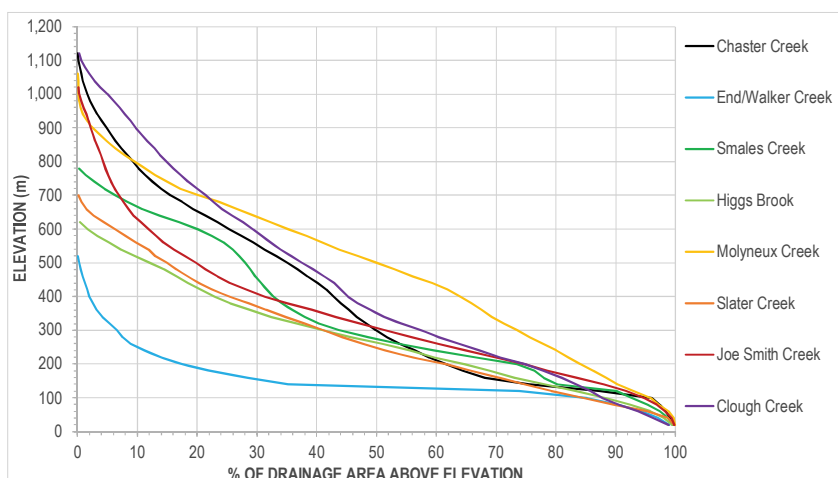


FIGURE 4.5 *Hypsometric (area-elevation) curves for the watersheds of interest in the assessment area.*

The assessment streams range considerably in size based on location and drainage area. The largest assessment stream by drainage area is Chaster Creek, while the smallest is Smales Creek. With the exception of the lower 4.5 km of Chaster Creek, which is alluvial⁵⁵ (Madrone, 2015), all of the streams are characterized as primarily non-alluvial or semi-alluvial⁵⁶. As noted above, each stream is fed by one or more gullies that tend to be relatively deeper and incised in the Chaster Creek, Smales Creek and Higgs Brook watersheds (FIGURE 4.2). At higher elevation, several of these gullies have no surface flow, but presumably convey subsurface flow. With decreasing elevation, surface flow becomes evident, and depending on drainage area, streams may have perennial, seasonal or intermittent surface flow. The degree of channel incision varies throughout the area and depends on stream size and erodibility of surficial materials. Several of the streams become less incised as they emerge from the upper slopes onto the Gibsons bench. However, as they drop below 100 m elevation near the oceanfront, several streams (i.e., Chaster Creek, End/Walker Creek and Smales Creek) re-enter incised gullies before flowing into the ocean.

Stream gradients are presented in FIGURE 4.6. Chaster Creek is unique amongst the stream reviewed, as its lower 4.5 km has relatively low gradients, averaging 4.1%. Above that, stream gradient rises rapidly to in excess of 20%. The other streams are similar as their lower reaches have gradients of about 10% +/-, whereas their upper reaches are about 20% or steeper. Selected photos of the assessment streams are provided in APPENDIX E. Stream channel conditions as observed during our field reviews are summarized in Section 6.4.

⁵⁵ Alluvial channels are those comprised of potentially mobile sediments deposited by the stream (e.g., sand and gravel). The nature of these channels makes them relatively more sensitive to disturbance than semi-alluvial or non-alluvial channels.

⁵⁶ Semi-alluvial channels are those comprised of a combination of potentially mobile alluvium and immobile material (e.g., bedrock, colluvium, glacial lag-deposits).

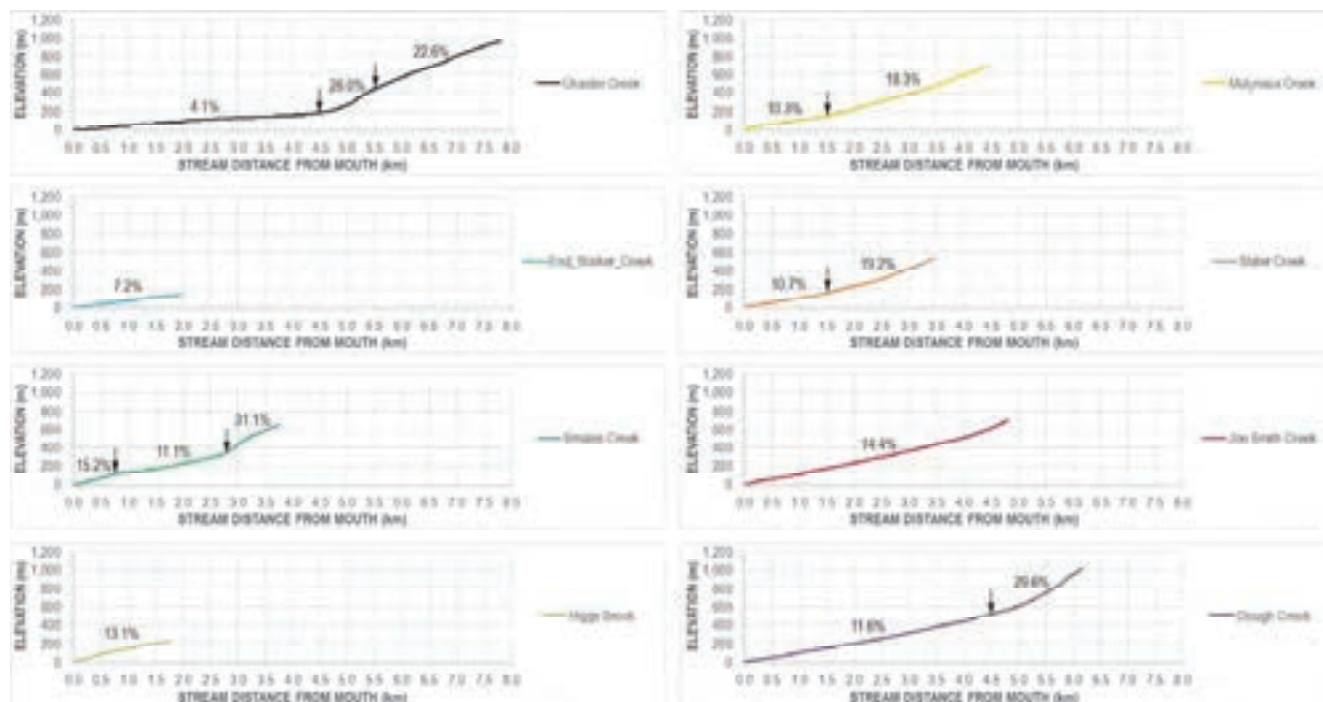


FIGURE 4.6 Representative longitudinal profiles of the streams in the watersheds of interest in the assessment area. There are several tributaries in each watershed, many of which are not shown. Stream gradients for main reaches are shown.

4.3. BEDROCK GEOLOGY

The description of bedrock geology provided below is based on Cui et al. (2019) and Journeay and Monger (1994).

Three bedrock geology units are located within the assessment area (FIGURE 4.7). According to Cui et al. (2019), the southwest side is underlain by variably foliated granodiorite of early Cretaceous-aged rocks of the Quatam, Sakinaw Lake, Malaspina and Quarry Bay plutons. The centre of the assessment area is underlain by Late Jurassic-aged, variably foliated granodiorite and quartz diorite of the Paradise River Pluton. The northeast portion of the area is underlain by Jurassic-aged sedimentary and metamorphic rocks of the Bowen Island Group, including, sandstone, siltstone, argillite and greenschist (Journeay and Monger, 1994).

Characteristics of the bedrock, including mineral composition and structure, determine the shape and texture of its weathered material. These characteristics influence the shape and size of clasts (i.e., rock fragments) and the matrix texture of soils that are created. Sandstone weathers to sand and siltstone breaks down into silt. Sedimentary rocks, where bedded, tend to fracture along bedding planes to produce slab-shaped clasts. Foliated or schistose metamorphic rocks, such as greenschist, break down into silt and consequently result in silty matrix soil. Such rocks fracture along foliation planes to produce slab-shaped clasts. Where well jointed, igneous rocks, break into blocks and boulders and can produce bouldery tills. On weathering, the rock breaks down into silt and sand and consequently, areas of granitic bedrock tend to produce till with a silty sand matrix.

Waterline (2013) noted that joints and fractures in the local rock types were roughly parallel and perpendicular to the boundaries of the three bedrock formations in the area. Fractures in bedrock can contribute to mountain block recharge to downslope aquifers. Waterline (2013) note that little is known about the contact between the Bowen Island Group and the Paradise River Formation and the role it might play in groundwater movement and specifically recharge of the Gibsons Aquifer (discussed in Section 4.12.2).

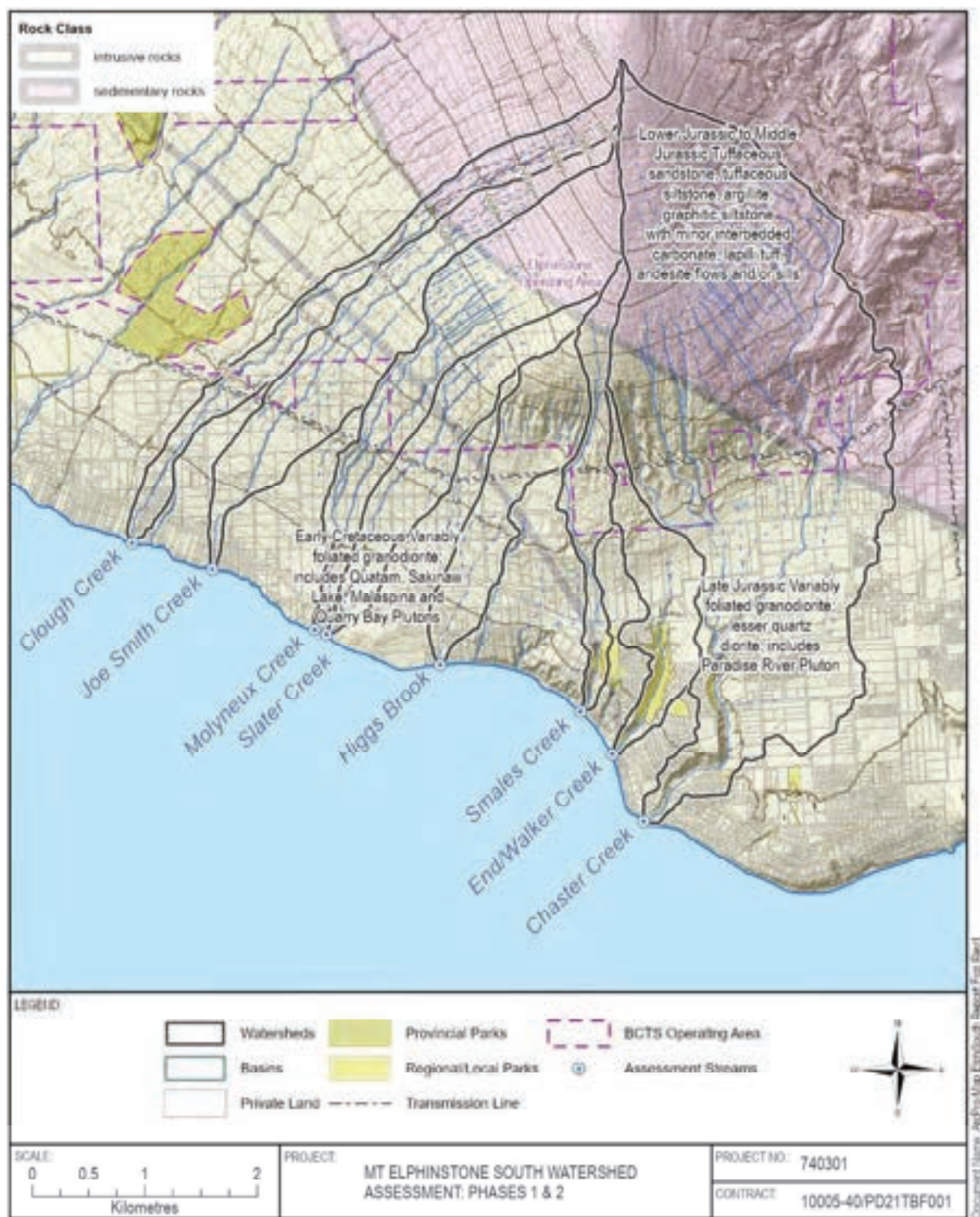


FIGURE 4.7 *Bedrock geology underlying the assessment area.*

4.4. SURFICIAL GEOLOGY

The description of surficial geology provided below is based on Advisian (2019), Madrone (2015), McCammon (1977), Ryder et al., (1980), Statlu (2018), Waterline (2013), and our field observations.

The assessment area was subject to several Quaternary glaciations (i.e., over the past 2.6 million years); however, the unconsolidated sediments present within the area were primarily deposited during Fraser Glaciation, which occurred between 29,000 and 11,000 years ago⁵⁷. Some of these sediments were subsequently subject to post-glacial erosional and depositional processes that occurred over the Holocene period (i.e., over the last 10,000 years); these are referred to as Salish sediments. Surficial materials in the assessment area differ by location and elevation, and can be characterized as follows: 1) areas above 180 m elevation, 2) southwest-facing slopes below 180 m elevation, and 3) southeast facing slopes below 180 m (TABLE 4.2). Above an elevation of approximately 180 m, hillslopes are characterized by a blanket of till (known as Vashon till) over bedrock (FIGURE 4.8). Fluvial downcutting into the till has formed a relatively high density of subparallel gullies in the area. Generally, till thickness decreases with elevation with scattered bedrock outcrops noted on the upper slopes (FIGURE 4.9). Colluvium may also be present where hillslope gradient is greater than about 70%. Similar materials as those above 180 m elevation are also found below 180 m elevation on southwest-facing hillslopes between Clough Creek and Slater Creek. However, these materials also are covered by a discontinuous blanket of glaciofluvial sands and gravel (Upper Capilano Sediments) over glaciomarine clays (Lower Capilano Sediments) (McCammon, 1977).



FIGURE 4.8 *View of till exposed in a roadcut near one of the western tributary gullies to Chaster Creek near an elevation of 650 m. Photo DSC00256, August 27, 2020.*

⁵⁷ In some areas, remnants of pre-Fraser Glaciation sediments may be found beneath the Fraser Glaciation sediments.



FIGURE 4.9 *Example of thin soil over bedrock at this aggregate pit near the watershed divide between Higgs Brook and Slater Creek at an elevation of 560 m. Photo DSC00134, August 27, 2020.*

The surficial geology on the south-east facing slopes below 180 m elevation (i.e., Upper Gibsons Bench) is relatively complex. This is largely due to its low elevation and location where sediments have accumulated, as well as a history of sea level change during the Quaternary period⁵⁸. A simplified cross-section of the hillslope along the center of the Chaster Creek watershed and through the Gibsons Aquifer is provided in FIGURE 4.10. Above bedrock and Pre-Vashon marine deposits are Pre-Vashon glaciofluvial sediments (also referred to as Quadra Sands), which are typically 10s of metres thick. These sediments form the confined Gibsons Aquifer. Above that is Vashon Till and Lower Capilano Sediments consisting of glaciomarine clays – both the till and glaciomarine sediments act as an aquitard above the Gibsons Aquifer. Above that is a discontinuous layer of Upper Capilano glaciofluvial sediments that were formed from outwash sediments and raised deltas deposited during isostatic rebound. The unconfined Capilano Aquifer is located within the Upper Capilano sediments. Post-glacial Salish sediments may also be present at the surface.

⁵⁸ Near the end of the Fraser Glaciation, the relative sea level was at an elevation of 180 m on the Sunshine Coast due to the weight of the Cordilleran ice sheet depressing the land surface.

TABLE 4.2 Summary of the surficial geology in the assessment area.

Area	Material Name	Age	Material Type	Material Description	Thickness	Notes
All areas above 180 m elevation	Salish Sediments	Post-glacial (Holocene)	Alluvium and colluvium	Sands and gravels	Variable, 1 m to several metres.	Floodplain deposits in creeks and fans on lower slopes
	Upper Capilano Sediments	Late-stage Fraser Glaciation (deposition during iso-static rebound of land)	Glaciofluvial sediments	Sands and gravels	Typical thickness 6 – 10 m. Based on LiDAR bare-earth data, may extend to about 300 m above Town of Gibsons in some locations and as high as 440 m on slopes above Roberts Creek.	Discontinuous on lower slopes. Late Fraser glaciation glaciofluvial outwash deltaic deposits into elevated 180 m asl sea level. Overlies Vashon Till. Local gravel pits are located in these deposits.
	Vashon till/drift	Fraser Glaciation	Basal till (pockets of glaciofluvial and glaciolacustrine sediments)	Consolidated, primarily sandy till with coarse fragments (with minor silt and clay). Statlu (2018) noted cemented (placic) layers at 1.0 m to 1.2 m depth.	Generally found as a blanket (a few metres thick) overlying bedrock, thinning to a veneer with elevation. Found primarily below 1,000 m. Overlies bedrock.	Overlies bedrock.
Southwest-facing slopes below 180 m elevation	Salish Sediments	Post-glacial (Holocene) Sediments (younger than about 11,000 years)	Alluvial sediments and colluvium	Sands and gravels	Variable, 1 m to several metres	Floodplain deposits in creeks and fans on lower slopes. May overlie Capilano and Vashon sediments.
	Upper Capilano	Late-stage Fraser Glaciation (iso-static rebound of land)	Glaciofluvial sediments	Sands and gravels	Variable, 0 to 10 m thick.	Late Fraser glaciofluvial outwash and deltaic sediments deposited during late glacial sea level lowering from 180 m asl to present day levels. Discontinuous cover over Capilano glaciomarine sediments. Local gravel pits are located in these deposits.
	Lower Capilano	Late-stage Fraser Glaciation (weight of glaciers compressed the land up to 180 m on the Sunshine Coast)	Glaciomarine and marine sediments	Stony, till-like clay. Roberts Creek aquitard	Variable (a few centimetres up to several metres thick). Overlies Vashon till.	Up to 180 m elevation.
	Vashon till	Fraser Glaciation	Basal till (pockets of glaciofluvial and glaciolacustrine sediments)	Highly consolidated, primarily sandy till with coarse fragments (with minor silt and clay). Low permeability, forms cap (aquitard) over Roberts Creek aquifer	Variable, commonly 1 m to 4 m but may be locally thicker. Likely overlies bedrock. It is possible there are pockets of pre-Vashon materials underlying this till unit.	This layer exists throughout most of the region although it is possible there are gaps.
Southeast-facing slopes below 180 m (i.e., Upper Gibsons Bench)	Salish Sediments	Post-glacial (Holocene) Sediments (younger than about 11,000 years)	Alluvial sediments and colluvium	Sands and gravels	Variable, 1 m to several metres	Floodplain deposits in creeks and fans on lower slopes. May overlie Capilano and Vashon sediments (possibly Quadra sands where creeks are deeply incised).
	Upper Capilano Sediments (perched water table in these sediments in Upper Gibsons area, Capilano Aquifer)	Late-stage Fraser Glaciation (iso-static rebound of land)	Glaciofluvial sediments	Sands and gravels	Variable, generally 6 to 10 m thick.	Late Fraser glaciofluvial outwash and deltaic sediments deposited during late glacial sea level lowering from 180 m to present day levels. Discontinuous cover over Capilano glaciomarine sediments. Local gravel pits are located in these deposits.
	Lower (Basal) Capilano Sediments	Late-stage Fraser Glaciation (weight of glaciers compressed the land up to 180 m asl on the sunshine coast)	Glaciomarine and marine sediments	Stony, till-like clay. Part of the Gibson's Aquitard).	Variable (a few centimetres to up to 9 m thick). Overlies Vashon till	Up to 180 m elevation.
	Vashon till / drift (Gibson Aquitard)	Fraser Glaciation	Basal till (pockets of glaciofluvial and glaciolacustrine sediments)	Highly consolidated, primarily sandy till with coarse fragments (with minor silt and clay). Low permeability, forms cap (aquitard) of variable thickness over the pre-Vashon sands and gravels.	Variable, commonly 1 m to 4 m but can be up to 30 m. (may overlie bedrock where glaciers eroded away pre-Vashon sediments). Vashon till cap is absent in some locations.	This layer exists throughout most of the region although it is possible there are gaps.
	Pre Vashon (Quadra Sands)- upper unit, Gibsons (confined) Aquifer	Transition of pre to early Fraser Glaciation	Fluvial deposits	Sands and gravels, likely deposited in a series of coalescing river deltas	Commonly 40 m thick in Gibsons Aquifer, 12 to 18 m thick in Chaster Creek	Visible in Langdale and Chaster Creeks otherwise only recorded in well logs. Around the Strait of Georgia, occurs generally at elevations less than 100 m elevation.
	Pre-Vashon - lower unit	Pre-Fraser glaciation (Olympia nonglacial interval - older than 29,000 years ago)	Marine deposits	Laminated, stony clays deposited during a period of marine submergence, overlies bedrock		

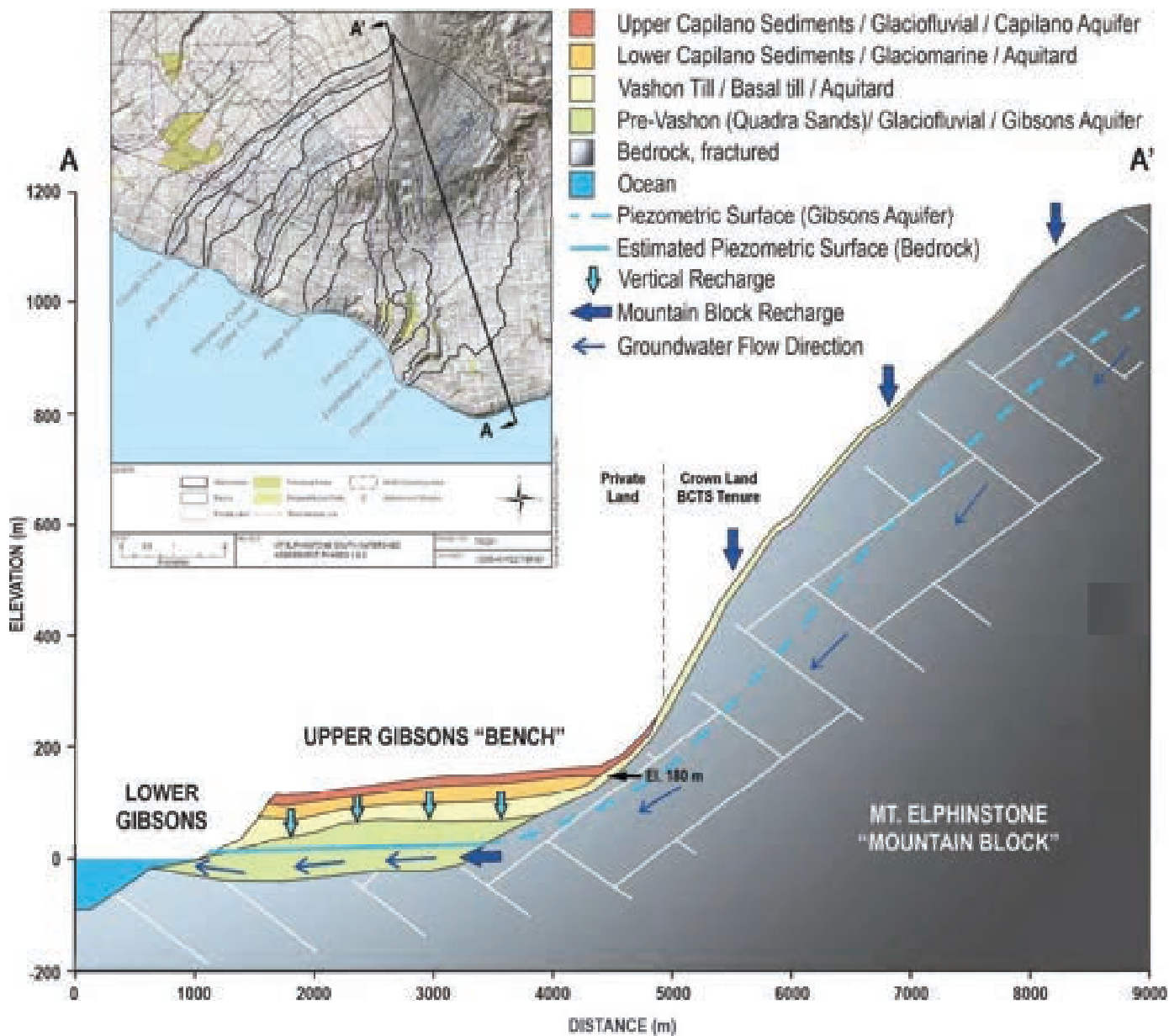


FIGURE 4.10 Simplified cross-section down the approximate center-line of the Chaster Creek watershed (not to scale). Adapted from Doyle (2013). Post-glacial Salish sediments (uppermost strata) and pre-Vashon marine sediments (lowermost strata above bedrock) are not shown.

4.5. BIOGEOCLIMATIC ZONES

Forests within the assessment area primarily lie within the Coastal Western Hemlock biogeoclimatic zones, with only a small portion at highest elevations in the Mountain Hemlock zone (TABLE 4.1, FIGURE 4.11). The following summary is from Green and Klinka (1994).

The Mountain Hemlock Windward Moist Maritime (MH mm1) subzone is located at high elevations in maritime areas of the mainland coast. The lower elevational limit is between 800 m and 1,000 m and the upper limit is between 1,100 m and 1,350 m. It is characterized by long, wet cold winters and short, cool moist summers. Annual precipitation is typically on the order of 2,600-2,900 mm⁵⁹, with snowfall accounting for about 30%. The substantial snowpack can persist into July. Forests are dominated by amabilis fir (Ba) and mountain hemlock (Hm) and to a lesser extent yellow cedar (Yc). In the assessment area MH mm1 occupies 24 ha or 1% of the assessment area.

The Coastal Western Hemlock Montane Very Wet Maritime Variant (CWH vm2) is generally located between 650 m and 1,000 m and grades into the Mountain Hemlock zone above. It is characterized by wet, humid climate with cool short summers and cool winters. Annual precipitation in the CWH vm2 is typically slightly lower than in the MH mm1 subzone, with a smaller proportion falling as snow. Forests tend to be dominated by Western Hemlock (Hw), amabilis fir (Ba) and to a lesser extent western red cedar (Cw), yellow cedar (Yc), and mountain hemlock (Hm).

The Coastal Western Hemlock Dry Maritime Subzone (CWH dm) tends to occur below 650 m elevation and has warm, relatively dry summers and moist, mild winters with little snowfall. Annual precipitation is on the order of 1,860 mm, with snowfall accounting for only 5%. Forests are dominated by Douglas-fir (Fd), western red cedar (Cw) and Western Hemlock (Hw).

The Coastal Western Hemlock Very Dry Eastern Variant (CWH xm1) is generally located from sea level to approximately 150 m elevation in the assessment area and has warm, dry summers and moist, mild winters with relatively little snowfall. Snowfall often accounts for less than 5% of annual precipitation. Forests are dominated by Douglas-fir (Fd), accompanied by Western Hemlock (Hw) and minor amounts of western red cedar (Cw).

⁵⁹ These precipitation estimates are broad generalizations for the BEC subzone. Recorded precipitation presented in Section 4.6 is considered a more accurate representation of precipitation in the assessment area. Additionally, the BEC zone climate estimates are based on climate normal from the past, which may differ somewhat from current conditions.



FIGURE 4.11 *Biogeoclimatic zones in the assessment area.*

The BEC subzone variants are a good proxy for identifying areas where the removal of forest cover may have a disproportional effect on flow. In general, the wetter and colder the variant, the greater the potential for forest harvesting to increase streamflow. As such, the MH mm1 and CWH vm2 subzones are considered more sensitive to forest cover removal than the drier subzones in the lower portion of the assessment area.

4.6. CLIMATE

The assessment area lies within a coastal maritime climate that experiences relatively warm dry summers and mild wet winters. Snowfall occurs occasionally throughout the winter with transient snowpacks developing at middle- and upper-elevations. Seasonal snowpacks can develop at high elevations; however, this varies considerably from year to year. Similarly, snow on the ground at sea-level is not common, although does occur occasionally. To illustrate the inter-annual variability in snow cover across the assessment area, remotely sensed snow cover data from the National Operational Hydrologic Remote Sensing Center⁶⁰ is presented for two years in FIGURE 4.12.

According to the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC) data portal⁶¹, 13 weather stations have operated along the Sunshine Coast between Langdale and Sechelt (TABLE 4.3). Of these stations, only two are currently operating: Gibsons Gower Point (Environment Canada Station 1043152, El. 34 m, 1961-present) and TS Elphinstone (BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development - Wildfire Management Branch Station 1002, El. 593 m, 2008-present) (MAP 1). The former is generally representative of lower elevations whereas the latter is representative of mid elevations in the assessment area.

The available weather data at Gibsons Gower Point and TS Elphinstone demonstrate that temperature patterns are relatively consistent in the area although elevation differences result in daily temperature difference with elevation by a few degrees on average (FIGURE 4.13). The available data also show that precipitation patterns are similar, both reflecting wet winters and dry summers (FIGURE 4.14). The higher elevation TS Elphinstone station, however, tends to receive about 40% greater precipitation annually than the Gower Point station. It is important to note that these stations aren't equipped to measure snow, and therefore provide no indication of total snowfall or how often snow is on the ground.

Rainstorms can occur throughout the year; however, they are more prevalent in fall and winter as a result of frontal systems off the Pacific Ocean (FIGURE 4.15). At Gibsons Gower Point, the likelihood of a 24-hour storm in excess of 25 mm varies from 0.5% in June to 5.9% in November.

⁶⁰ <https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/interactive/html/map.html>

⁶¹ <https://www.pacificclimate.org/data/bc-station-data>

At the higher elevation TS Elphinstone station, the same likelihood ranges from 1.1% in May to 9.7% in December. 24-hour storms in excess of 50 mm are rare at Gibsons Gower Point and have a 1-2% likelihood of occurrence at TS Elphinstone between August and April. 24-hour storms in excess of 50 mm have not been observed at either weather station between May and July.

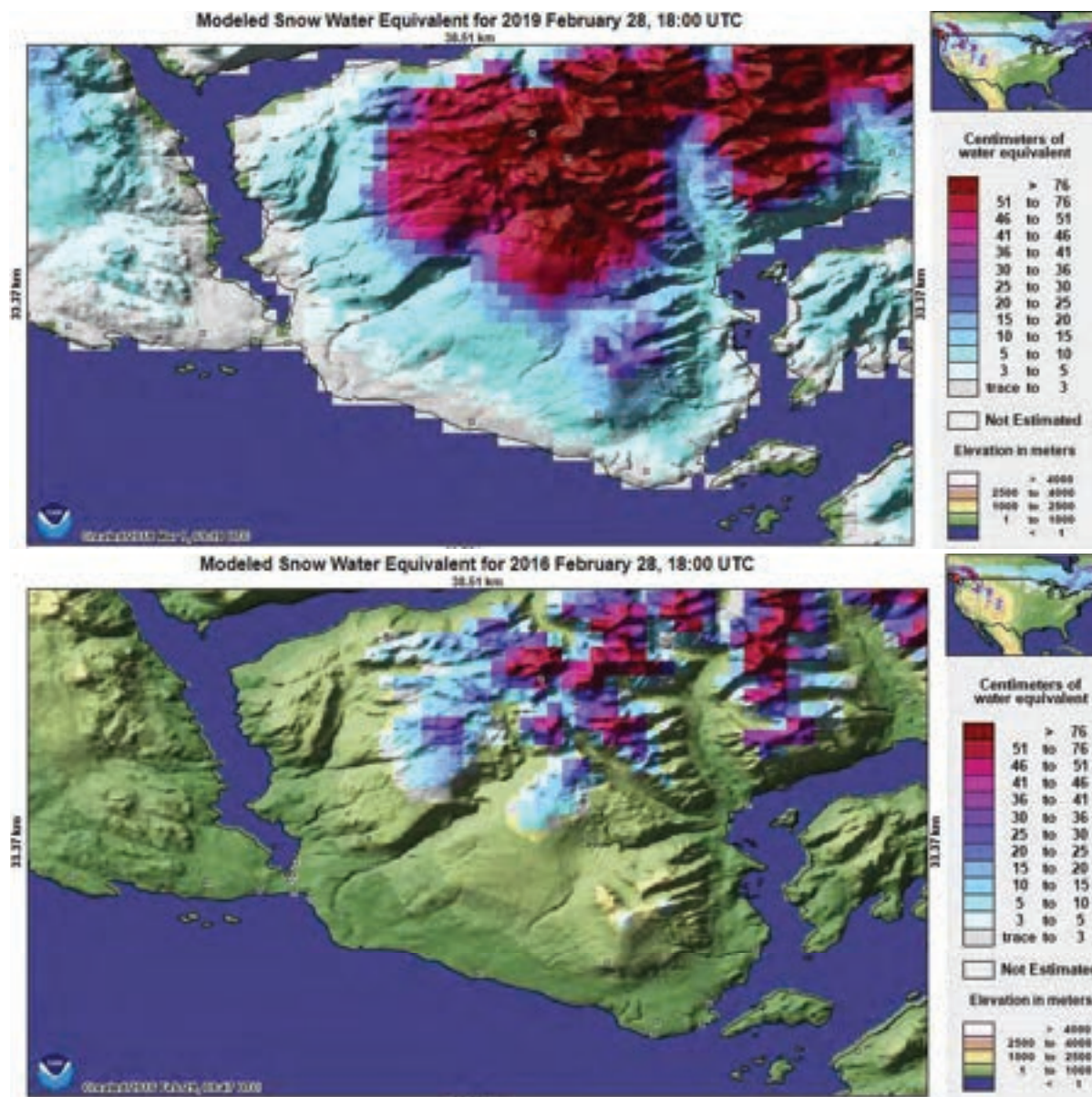


FIGURE 4.12 Remotely sensed snow cover data for the assessment area. The upper plot shows snow cover for the end of February 2019. The lower plot shows snow cover for the same day in 2016. Maps sourced from National Operational Hydrologic Remote Sensing Center.

TABLE 4.3 *Weather stations along the Sunshine Coast between Langdale and Sechelt (PCIC station data portal, 2021).*

Network Name	Native ID	Station Name	Lat.	Long.	Elev. (m)	Record Start	Record End
ARDA	104408	EXASPERATED	49.463	-123.714	110	1973-06-06	1975-11-20
ARDA	104327	HOKED	49.438	-123.664	82	1973-09-28	1975-12-16
ARDA	104417	JOE SMITH CK	49.418	-123.570	290	1974-10-30	1975-12-16
ARDA	104307	ROBERTS PARK	49.433	-123.623	125	1973-05-30	1975-12-16
EC	1043150	GIBSONS	49.400	-123.517	62	1949-02-08	2006-07-31
EC	1043152	GIBSONS GOWER POINT	49.386	-123.541	34	1961-10-01	present
EC	1046791	ROBERTS CREEK	49.400	-123.683	4	1924-01-01	1942-11-30
EC	1046795	ROBERTS CREEK EAST	49.433	-123.617	143	1956-02-01	1960-12-31
EC	1047172	SECHELT	49.450	-123.700	86	2007-08-02	2017-12-31
ENV-AQN	M104273	LANGDALE FERRY TERMINAL	49.434	-123.472	15	1987-09-11	2016-08-09
FLNRORD-WMB	46	SECHELT ORCHARD	49.450	-123.719	75	1999-09-27	2009-11-04
FLNRORD-WMB	1002	TS ELPHINSTONE	49.428	-123.565	593	2008-03-08	present
MOTIm	12001	GIBSONS	49.407	-123.532	140	1988-10-31	1995-03-31

ARDA: Agricultural and Rural Development Act Network; EC: Environment Canada; ENV-AQN: BC Ministry of Environment; Air Quality Network; FLNRORD-WMB: BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations - Wildfire Management Branch; MOTIm: Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (manual).

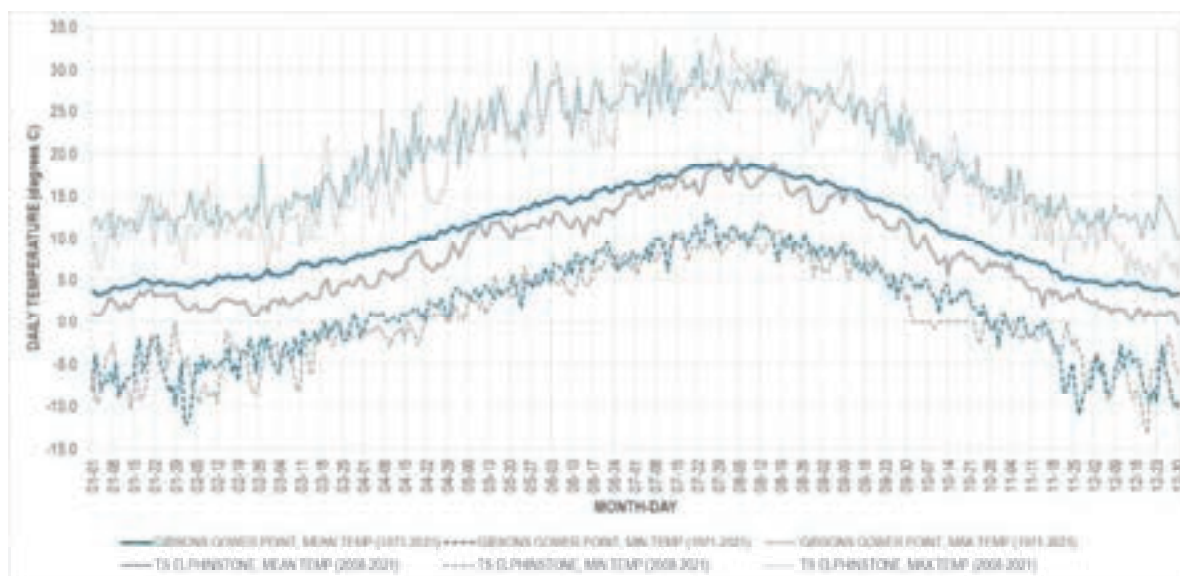


FIGURE 4.13 *Daily minimum, maximum and mean temperatures for Gibsons Gower Point (EC 1043152, El. 34 m, 1971-2021) and TS Elphinstone (FLNRORD-WMB 1002, El. 593 m, 2008-2021).*

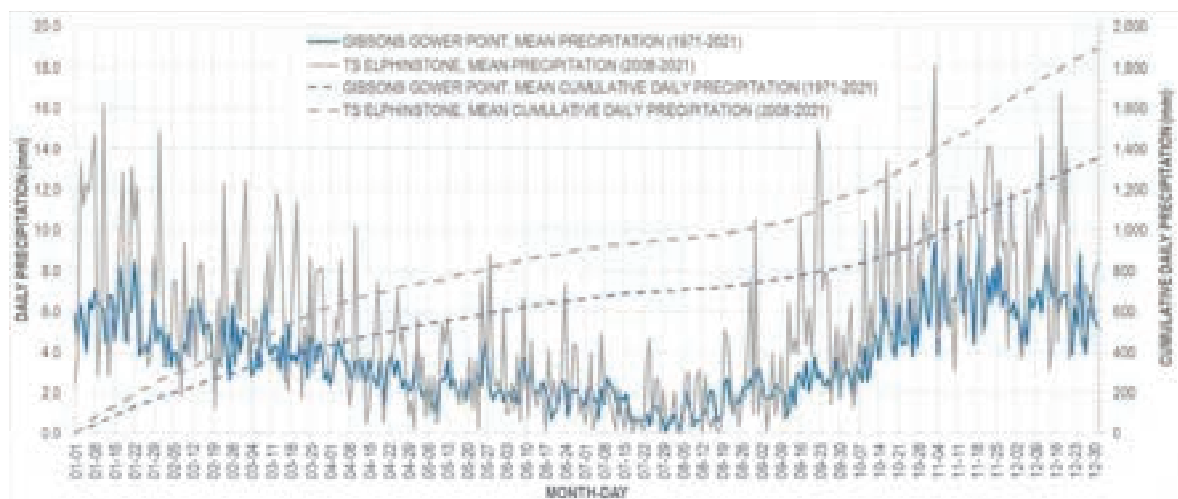


FIGURE 4.14 Mean daily precipitation and cumulative daily precipitation for Gibson's Gower Point (EC 1043152, El. 34 m, 1971-2021) and TS Elphinstone (FLNORD-WMB 1002, El. 593 m, 2008-2021).



FIGURE 4.15 Monthly probability of daily precipitation exceeding 25 mm (upper plot) and 50 mm (lower plot) on a monthly basis for Gibson's Gower Point (EC 1043152, El. 34 m, 1971-2021) and TS Elphinstone (FLNORD-WMB 1002, El. 593 m, 2008-2021).

In order to characterize the climate throughout the assessment area, climate normals (for 1991-2020) were estimated using ClimateBC (version 7.30), an application that uses available weather station data and adjusts these to account for location, elevation and other factors (Wang et al., 2022). Historical climate normals were extracted at representative locations and elevations. This includes the following locations (TABLE 4.4, FIGURE 4.16, MAP 1):

- 150 m West: 49.415806°, -123.585478°, El. 150 m;
- 150 m East: 49.411449°, -123.536288°, El. 150 m;

- 550 m West: 49.429574°, -123.569038°, El. 550 m;
- 550 m East: 49.428034°, -123.543003°, El. 550 m; and
- 1,000 m: 49.444345°, -123.554066°, El. 1,000 m.

At lower elevations, as represented by “150 m West” and “150 m East”, monthly mean temperatures are estimated to range from 4.0 °C in December to 17.8 °C in August. Annual precipitation ranges from 1,359 to 1,493 mm, of which about 3% falls as snow. At mid elevations, represented by “550 m West” and “550 m East”, monthly mean temperatures range from 0.4 °C in December to 16.3 °C in August. Annual precipitation is estimated at 1,944 mm, with 6% of that falling as snow. At higher elevations, as represented by “1,000 m”, mean monthly temperatures range from -0.5 °C in December to 14.8 °C in August. Annual precipitation is estimated to be 2,442 mm with 13% of that as snow. These data indicate that rainfall and to a lesser extent rain-on-snow are the dominant drivers of runoff in the assessment watersheds. However, it is important to recognize that the amount of precipitation as snow is represented as an average. As illustrated in FIGURE 4.12, there is tremendous variability in snow cover from year to year. Even though only a relatively small percentage of annual precipitation falls as snow, the snowfall typically occurs over a short period and has the potential to melt quickly, particularly during a warm rain-on-snow event (William Floyd pers. comms., 2023).

Under normal conditions, the assessment area is expected to have a climate moisture deficit (i.e., evapotranspiration exceeds precipitation) during summer. On average, lower elevations are expected to have a moisture deficit typically between May and August, whereas mid and upper elevations are typically in deficit in July and August (Wang et al., 2022). However, exceptions can occur (e.g., fall of 2022), where deficits persist well into the fall. This can have a direct influence on streamflows in late summer and fall.

When considering the effects of storms on peak flows and other hydrogeomorphic hazards, it is also important to consider shorter storm durations that occur over hours and days. Modelled precipitation for storms of different durations and intensities are summarized in TABLE 4.6. These data, which represent current conditions and future projections (discussed below) are derived from climate modelling by Western University (2021).

TABLE 4.4 1991-2020 climate normals for representative elevation bands in the assessment area. Source: Wang et al. (2022).

Month	ID	150 m West			150 m East			550 m West			550 m East			1,000 m		
	lat.	49.415806°			49.411449°			49.429574°			49.428034°			49.444345°		
	long.	-123.585478°			-123.536288°			-123.569038°			-123.543003°			-123.554066°		
	elev.	150 m			150 m			550 m			550 m			1,000 m		
		Mean Temp (°C)	Min Temp (°C)	Max. Temp (°C)	Mean Temp (°C)	Min Temp (°C)	Max. Temp (°C)	Mean Temp (°C)	Min Temp (°C)	Max. Temp (°C)	Mean Temp (°C)	Min Temp (°C)	Max. Temp (°C)	Mean Temp (°C)	Min Temp (°C)	Max. Temp (°C)
Jan		4.2	1.8	6.6	4.1	1.7	6.5	2.6	0.6	4.6	2.4	0.3	4.5	0.8	-0.8	2.5
Feb		4.9	1.8	8.0	4.9	1.8	8.1	3.5	0.4	6.5	3.2	0.2	6.2	1.7	-1.1	4.5
Mar		6.3	2.8	9.8	6.4	2.8	10	4.5	1.5	7.5	4.4	1.3	7.5	2.4	0.0	4.8
Apr		9.0	4.9	13	9.0	4.9	13.2	7.1	3.6	10.6	7	3.3	10.7	5	2.0	7.9
May		12.6	8.2	17.1	12.7	8.2	17.2	10.9	6.9	14.8	10.7	6.5	14.9	8.8	5.3	12.2
Jun		14.9	10.7	19.2	15.0	10.6	19.4	13.2	9.3	17.0	13.0	9.0	17.0	11.1	7.7	14.4
Jul		17.5	13	22	17.6	13	22.1	16.1	11.9	20.2	16.0	11.6	20.3	14.4	10.5	18.2
Aug		17.7	13.2	22.2	17.8	13.2	22.4	16.3	12.2	20.5	16.3	11.9	20.6	14.8	11	18.6
Sep		14.7	10.6	18.8	14.8	10.6	19.0	13.5	9.7	17.3	13.4	9.5	17.4	12.1	8.6	15.5
Oct		10.1	7.0	13.2	10.1	7.0	13.3	8.6	5.9	11.4	8.5	5.7	11.4	7.0	4.7	9.2
Nov		6.3	3.6	9.1	6.3	3.6	9.1	4.6	2.4	6.9	4.5	2.1	6.9	2.7	0.9	4.5
Dec		4.1	1.7	6.5	4.0	1.6	6.4	2.4	0.4	4.4	2.2	0.1	4.3	0.5	-1.1	2.1
Annual		10.2	-	-	10.2	-	-	8.6	-	-	8.5	-	-	6.8	-	-
		Mean Precip. (mm)	Precip. as snow (mm water equiv.)	Climatic moisture deficit (mm)	Mean Precip. (mm)	Precip. as snow (mm water equiv.)	Climatic moisture deficit (mm)	Mean Precip. (mm)	Precip. as snow (mm water equiv.)	Climatic moisture deficit (mm)	Mean Precip. (mm)	Precip. as snow (mm water equiv.)	Climatic moisture deficit (mm)	Mean Precip. (mm)	Precip. as snow (mm water equiv.)	Climatic moisture deficit (mm)
Jan		200	11	0	207	12	0	284	27	0	274	28	0	356	64	0
Feb		131	5	0	141	6	0	187	15	0	184	17	0	232	41	0
Mar		135	3	0	147	3	0	202	15	0	198	16	0	258	61	0
Apr		93	1	0	97	1	0	152	7	0	146	7	0	206	31	0
May		67	0	21	72	0	17	104	2	0	103	2	0	137	7	0
Jun		57	0	39	59	0	39	87	0	0	84	0	4	113	2	0
Jul		34	0	72	36	0	71	55	0	44	56	0	44	75	1	15
Aug		38	0	53	43	0	50	48	0	37	50	0	36	55	1	22
Sep		71	1	0	75	1	0	114	2	0	110	2	0	153	4	0
Oct		139	1	0	165	1	0	188	2	0	198	2	0	227	5	0
Nov		209	8	0	238	10	0	285	22	0	289	24	0	344	53	0
Dec		183	9	0	213	10	0	240	23	0	250	26	0	285	56	0
Annual		1,359	40	-	1,493	44	-	1,944	115	-	1,943	124	-	2,442	325	-

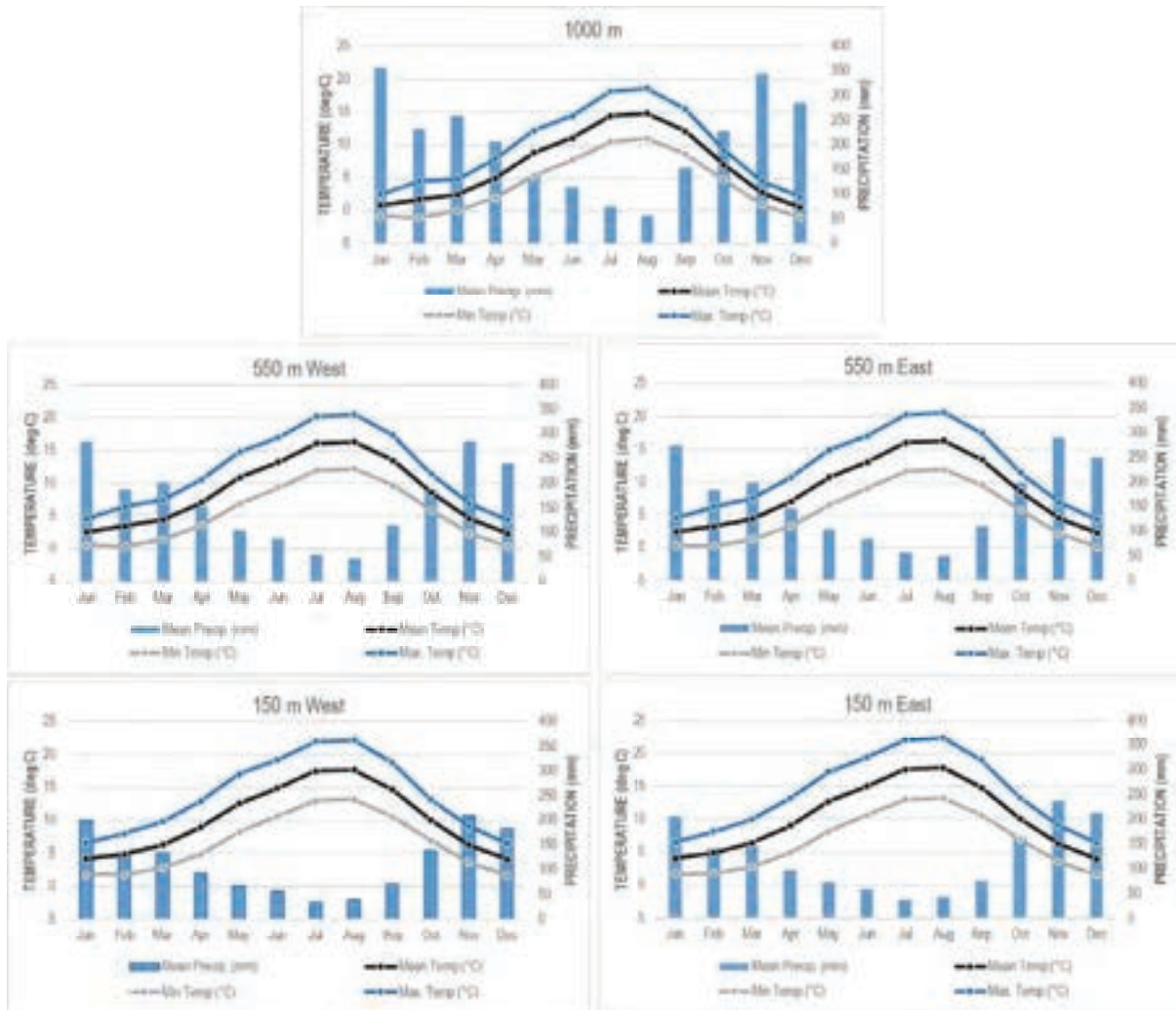


FIGURE 4.16 1991-2020 climate normals for representative locations in the assessment area.

4.7. CLIMATE VARIABILITY & CHANGE

4.7.1. El Niño/Southern Oscillation & Pacific Decadal Oscillation

In addition to climate variations associated with elevation (i.e., location) and seasons, the climate on the Sunshine Coast is influenced by large-scale atmospheric circulation patterns that occur over inter-annual time scales. The two most important are the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) and the El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO) (BC MWLAP, 2002). The PDO pattern is known to fluctuate between warm and cold phases roughly every 20-30 years. The ENSO relates to changing ocean currents and atmospheric pattern in the Indian and Pacific Oceans and predominantly

impacts winter conditions every few years (Nelson et al., 2012). The cold, wet phase of the ENSO is known as a *La Niña* and the warm, dry phase of the ENSO is known as the *El Niño*.

There are six combinations of the PDO (cool and warm) and ENSO (cool, neutral, warm) phases that have been historically observed that affects regional climate. The potential for precipitation and temperature extremes tends to be greater when PDO and ENSO are in-phase. For example, when both PDO and ENSO are experiencing a cool phase more snow tends to accumulate, and conversely, when both PDO and ENSO are in the warm phase there tends to be a thinner snowpack. There is relatively poor predictive ability when PDO and ENSO are in opposite phases (e.g., cool-warm or warm-cool) (Wang et al., 2014). Patterns of ENSO and PDO between 1979 and 2020 are shown in FIGURE 4.17.

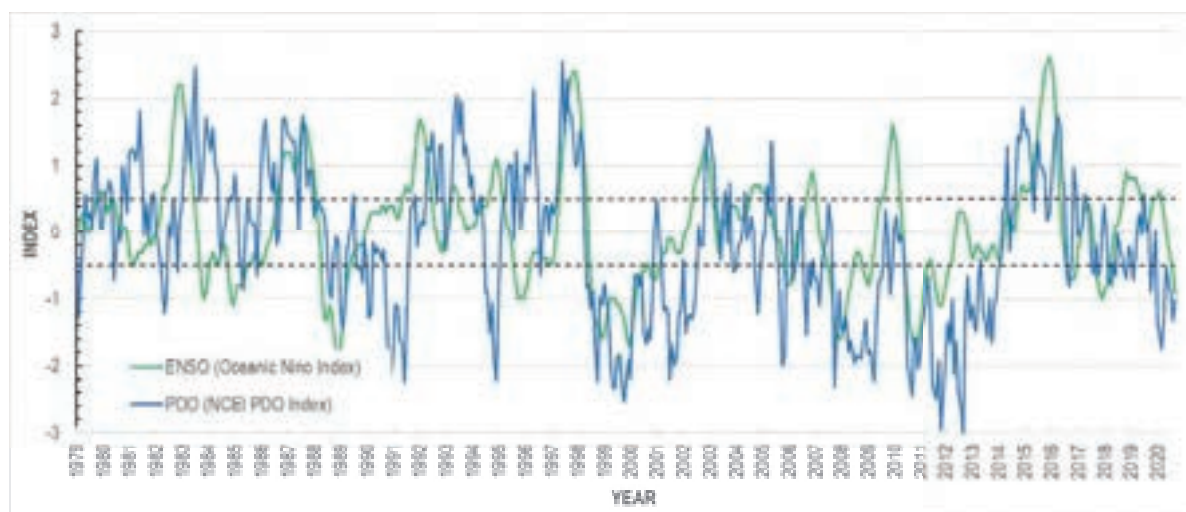


FIGURE 4.17 ENSO and PDO Index patterns from 1979 – 2020. Horizontal lines roughly indicate boundaries between warm (> 0.5), neutral (0.5 to -0.5), and cool (< -0.5) phases. ENSO data from NOAA (2020a) and PDO data from NOAA (2020b).

4.7.2. Climate Change

There is scientific consensus that the Earth's climate is changing, primarily due to greenhouse gas emissions. This change has and will continue to affect the climate of the South Coast. According to the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC, 2013), warming has already occurred over the last century in all seasons in the region. A report by the British Columbia Ministry of Environment (BC MOE, 2016) indicates that the assessment area has experienced an increase average precipitation by 14% per century from 1900 to 2013. However, climate trend analyses in the Pacific Northwest suggest that summertime precipitation has been decreasing over the last several decades, resulting in increased drought (Abatzoglou et al., 2014; Kormos et al., 2016). Such effects have been realised locally as the Sunshine Coast has experienced Stage 4 "Severe" drought in five of the past eight years. The worst of which occurred in the fall of 2022, forcing the Sunshine Coast

Regional District to declare a state of local emergency that banned non-essential commercial water-use (MacDonald, 2022). Enso conditions over the past eight years have been largely neutral suggesting the drought conditions may be driven by climate change.

Understanding future climate scenarios is generally conducted by analyzing the output of a number of global climate models. The Plan2Adapt tool⁶² uses an ensemble of 12 different global climate models (GCMs)⁶³, each using one run of the RCP 8.5 (high emissions) greenhouse gas emissions scenario⁶⁴; this set of projections is referred to as the "ensemble" (PCIC, 2021). These projections are statistically downscaled using empirical climate data to produce predictions at a 4 km resolution. Projections for the Sunshine Coast are summarized in TABLE 4.5. The mean value derived from the ensemble of climate model projections suggests the mean annual temperature is currently (i.e., 2020's) 1.6 °C higher than the 1961-1990 mean annual temperature and will be 3.0 °C higher by the 2050s and 4.7 °C higher by the 2080s.

TABLE 4.5 *Summary of climate change projections for the Sunshine Coast. Refer to PCIC (2021) for details on climate modelling and down-scaling method.*

Climate Variable	Season	Projected change from 1961-1990 period			
		by 2050s ⁶⁵		by 2080s ⁶⁶	
		Median	Range	Median	Range
Mean Temperature (°C)	Annual	+3.0°C	+2.0°C to +4.1°C	+4.7°C	+3.5°C to +6.4°C
Precipitation (%)	Annual	-1.0%	-5.0% to +3.4%	+4.8%	-4.5% to +10%
	Summer	-13%	-40% to +1.4%	-22.0%	-55% to -5.7%
	Winter	+0.97%	-4.0% to +5.4%	+9.7%	-3.5% to +17%
Snowfall (%) ⁶⁷	Annual	-54%	-61% to -45%	-75%	-83% to -57%
	Winter	-56%	-59% to -45%	-69%	-81% to -54%
	Spring	-58%	-68% to -38%	-83%	-91% to -55%

⁶² Accessible at: Plan2Adapt.ca. All projections are referenced to the 1961-1990 period.

⁶³ Each GCM comes from a different modelling centre (e.g., the Hadley Centre (UK), National Centre for Atmospheric Research (USA), Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (USA), and Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (Australia).

⁶⁴ By the end of the 21st century, the RCP 8.5 scenario from the fifth phase of the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP5) includes an atmospheric concentration of greenhouse gases, expressed as carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent, of approximately 950 ppm.

⁶⁵ Refers to period 2040-2069.

⁶⁶ Refers to period 2070-2099.

⁶⁷ This variable may have a low baseline value. Percent changes from a low baseline value can result in deceptively large percent change values. A small baseline can occur when the season and/or region together naturally make for zero or near-zero values. In other words, given the low proportion of precipitation as snow on *average*, a small change in magnitude can translate into a large relative change (i.e., change in %).

Projected precipitation changes have relatively higher uncertainty than temperature changes, partly due to the challenges of modelling complex terrain in BC. Nevertheless, general trends from these modelling results indicate that on an annual basis precipitation may increase slightly by the 2080s. However, the models suggest a shift towards drier summers and wetter winters, with a greater proportion of rain falling instead of snow at higher elevations. These projections are based on relatively coarse spatial data and present one average response for the Sunshine Coast. One study projected similar precipitation trends for Campbell River on Vancouver Island, BC, with increased precipitation in the winter and a decrease in the summer (Zwiers et al., 2011). However, the authors noted greater uncertainty in the projected magnitude of change for winter versus summer precipitation. Due to differences in elevations throughout the Sunshine Coast, there will likely be considerable variation in terms of how a specific watershed responds to climate change. The highest elevations in the assessment watersheds, which already receive limited annual snowfall, are projected to receive even less in the future as precipitation falls increasingly in the form of rain as opposed to snow. As a result, the hydrologic regime of the assessment streams will be increasingly dominated by rainfall (Islam et al., 2017; 2019; Jeong and Sushama, 2017). However, there is still a possibility for more frequent anomalous snowfall with the shift in weather patterns, resulting in snow still occurring to sea level on occasion (William Floyd pers. comms., 2023).

Given the relatively limited storage available in the assessment watersheds (i.e., in soils and as groundwater), streamflow changes are expected to reflect precipitation changes with increases expected during winter (up to 9.7% more by the 2080s, largely in the form of rain) and reductions during summer (as much as 22.0% less by the 2080s). The recent drought conditions and state of local emergency experienced on the Sunshine Coast in late summer and fall 2022 provide some indication of the possible adverse effects of such reductions in precipitation⁶⁸.

Climate warming is also projected to increase high-intensity precipitation (Burn et al., 2011), which has potential to result in a greater frequency and magnitude of flooding (Sobie, 2020). For example, in their evaluation of the human influence on the November 14, 2021 British Columbia floods, Gillett et al. (2022) concluded that human-induced climate change has increased the probability of such extreme streamflow events by roughly 120-330%. Sharma and Déry (2019) found a statistically significant increase in the frequency of landfalling atmospheric rivers between 1979 and 2016. Moreover, they found a higher likelihood of occurrence of such events during neutral ENSO phases and positive phases of the PDO (Sharma and Déry, 2019). Moreover, Murdock et al. (2016) found that for Metro Vancouver, three-hour extreme precipitation events that would normally be exceeded every ten years (i.e., ten-year return period), are projected to occur almost every three years by the 2050s.

⁶⁸ <https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/sunshine-coast-drinking-water-supply-issues-culminate-in-state-of-emergency>

The intensity of precipitation events is commonly evaluated using intensity-duration-frequency (IDF) curves, that show the relationship between storm intensity and magnitude of precipitation that is expected for a given return period. The IDF_CC tool (Western University, 2021) provides estimates for how IDF curves will change into the future, given a number of different greenhouse gas emissions scenarios. It bases these estimates on gauge data (i.e., Gibsons, Environment Canada Station 1043150) along with downscaled global climate models (Schardong et al., 2020).

TABLE 4.6 presents the estimated total precipitation for a range of storm durations and return periods (i.e., magnitude) under “current” conditions at Gibsons. In addition, the table presents projected storm-related precipitation totals for the 2050s and 2080s based on an ensemble of 23 global climate models (GCMs) and RCP 8.5⁶⁹. By the 2050s, storms with 2-year, 10-year, and 50-year return periods, are expected to deliver increased rainfall by 6-11%, 11-14%, and 12-24%, respectively. By the 2080s, storms with 2-year, 10-year, and 50-year return periods, are expected to deliver increased rainfall by 14-20%, 22-24%, and 30-38%, respectively. These results indicate that the intensity of rainstorms is projected to increase into the future, and that the greatest increases are projected to be associated with high intensity, low frequency storms. This is an important consideration when designing new bridges, culverts or drainage infrastructure, or when assessing the capacity of existing infrastructure to future floods. It is also an important consideration in designing and planning erosion and sediment control measures during construction activities.

TABLE 4.6 *Modeled total precipitation (mm) for storms of different intensities and durations at Gibsons (Environment Canada Station 1043150)⁷⁰ (Western University, 2021).*

Storm Duration (hours)	Total Precipitation (mm)								
	Return Period								
	2-Year			10-Year			50-Year		
	Current	2050s	2080s	Current	2050s	2080s	Current	2050s	2080s
1	10.7	11.2	12.0	15.0	17.0	18.5	19.1	23.7	25.7
2	15.0	15.9	17.1	22.0	24.5	26.8	28.1	35.9	38.8
6	26.2	29.1	31.3	33.4	37.6	40.9	39.8	44.5	49.1
12	37.4	40.9	44.1	47.6	54.4	58.7	56.7	68.6	73.7
24	54.9	59.9	64.6	70.4	79.7	87.0	84.0	100.8	110.4

4.8. HYDROLOGY

The assessment area is located within the Western South Coast Mountains hydrologic zone (Ahmed, 2017). As noted above, lower relief coastal watersheds, such as the assessment

⁶⁹ RCP 8.5 is the representative concentration pathway resulting in radiative forcing of 8.5 W/m² by 2100 and where radiative forcing continues to rise beyond 2100. This RCP represents a scenario that leads to the greatest climate change impacts when compared to other RCPs.

⁷⁰ Latitude: 49.40° N, Longitude: -123.51° E

watersheds have a pluvial (rain-dominated) hydrologic regime⁷¹ in which streamflows are normally generated by fall and winter rainstorms. According to Eaton and Moore (2010), the temporal pattern of streamflow closely follows that of rainfall. Highest monthly stream discharge typically occurs in November and December when the most intense frontal systems move over the coast of BC. The lowest monthly flows occur in July and August, when high-pressure systems typically direct precipitation-generating weather systems away from southern BC. Since the assessment watersheds receive snowfall, albeit infrequent and in a relatively low proportion compared to rain, under certain conditions snowmelt can be a major contributor to stream flows, especially during warm rain-on-snow events associated with atmospheric rivers. Such rain-on-snow events are generally recognized as having the potential to produce relatively high magnitude peak flow events (Pomeroy et al., 2016; Trubilowicz and Moore, 2017; van Heeswijk et al., 1996). Moreover, rain-on-snow can occur across all elevations.

There are relatively few Water Survey of Canada (WSC) hydrometric stations on the Sunshine Coast (TABLE 4.7), and none are located within the assessment watersheds, with the exception of Chaster Creek above Highway No. 101, which was briefly gauged in 1965 and therefore of little utility. Only the WSC station Roberts Creek at Roberts Creek is currently active and has a lengthy record. The record, however, is potentially affected by water use upstream (i.e., it has a regulated flow regime). The only station with a lengthy record of natural flows is Chapman Creek above Sechelt Diversion; however, it was discontinued in 1988. Chapman Creek also drains considerably higher relief terrain with a significant snowpack. As a result, Chapman Creek has a hybrid flow regime in which snowmelt is major contributor to runoff along with rainfall, unlike the rainfall-dominated runoff in the assessment area.

In spite of the streamflow record for Roberts Creek at Roberts Creek potentially reflecting some human influence, it provides an approximation of the magnitude and pattern of streamflows in the assessment area. This record also demonstrates the relatively rapid runoff generation in response to storms, which is a function of several watershed characteristics common in the assessment area, including shallow soils, gullied terrain and limited lake and wetland storage. FIGURE 4.18 presents the annual hydrograph of daily unit discharge for Roberts Creek at Roberts Creek in units L/s/km². Unit discharge allows the comparison of streamflows between streams with differing drainage areas^{72 73}.

⁷¹ Occasionally, a melting snowpack within a limited area at the highest elevations of the assessment watersheds may augment storm-related runoff.

⁷² To calculate discharge in m³/s, multiply the unit discharge in L/s/km² by [0.001 x drainage area in km²].

⁷³ Runoff can also be presented in unit-based terms of mm. However, the period over which the runoff occurs should be specified (e.g., annual, monthly, daily).

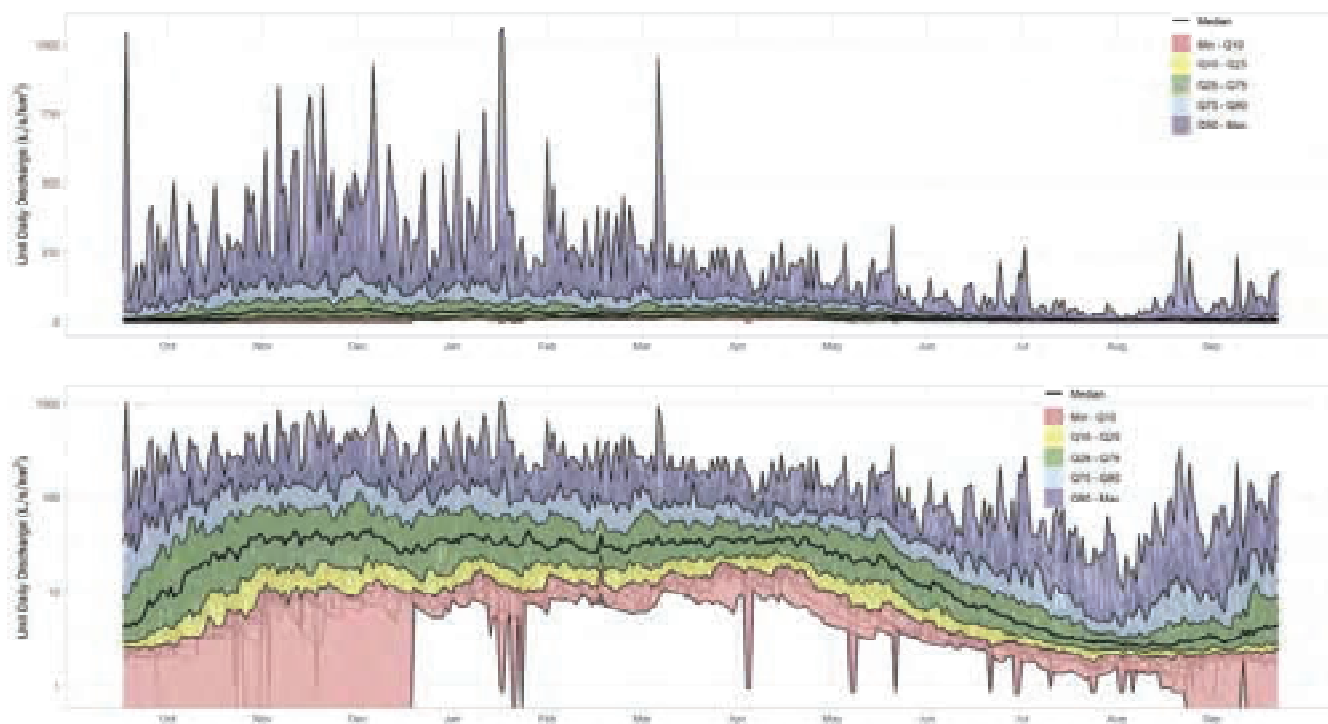


FIGURE 4.18 Daily streamflow from the Water Survey of Canada (WSC) hydrometric station Roberts Creek at Roberts Creek (WSC No. 08GA047 from 1959-present). The lower plot has a logarithmic vertical scale to better visualise low flows. The black line represents the median daily discharge over the period of record. Selected percentile flows (10th, 25th, 75th and 90th), whereby the Q10, for example, represents the 10% lowest flows, are also shown to demonstrate the range in historical flows. Note the different vertical scales on the upper and lower plots. The Min-Q10 records show zero or near zero values from September to December (note the y-axis does not go to zero).

TABLE 4.7 *Water Survey of Canada hydrometric stations along the Sunshine Coast between Langdale and Sechelt (Province of BC, 2021f).*

Station No.	Station Name	Natural / Regulated	Record Start	Record End
08GA051	Langdale Creek at Highway No. 101 near Gibsons	Natural	1965-05-11	1968-09-30
08GA050	Chaster Creek above Highway No. 101	Natural	1965-05-11	1965-09-30
08GA047	Roberts Creek at Roberts Creek	Regulated	1959-04-28	present
08GA046	Chapman Creek near Wilson Creek	Regulated	1959-04-27	1970-12-14
08GA060	Chapman Creek above Sechelt Diversion	Natural	1970-07-02	1988-10-25
08GA078	Chapman Creek below Sechelt Diversion	Regulated	1993-01-01	2003-12-31

TABLE 4.8 summarizes the recorded streamflow statistics for the Chapman Creek and Roberts Creek hydrometric stations as well as estimated streamflow statistics for the eight assessment streams. These estimates are based on data presented by Ahmed (2017). Based on this data, normal annual unit runoff in the eight streams is estimated to be lower than Roberts Creek, ranging from 440 mm in End/Walker Creek to 900 mm for Molyneux Creek. Unit peak flows and summer low flows are also less in the eight streams of interest than Roberts Creek. With the exception of Chaster Creek, all streams of interest likely have zero or near-zero flows under summer low flow conditions.

TABLE 4.8 *Estimated streamflows for the eight streams of interest based on the regional hydrometric data and relations presented by Ahmed (2017).*

Stream / Location	Drainage area (km ²)	Median elevation (m)	Normal annual runoff			10-year Peak Flow		10-year 7-day June-September Low Flow	
			(mm)	(L/s/km ²)	(m ³ /s)	(L/s/km ²)	(m ³ /s)	(L/s/km ²)	(m ³ /s)
Chapman Creek above Sechelt Diversion (WSC 08GA060)	63.06	978	2,094	6.64	4.19	1,882	118.7	2.69	0.170
Roberts Creek at Roberts Creek (WSC 08GA047)	29.40	606	1,089	3.45	1.01	1,530	45.0	1.60	0.047
Assessment streams⁷⁴:									
Chaster Creek	10.73	300	610	1.93	0.207	1,100	11.8	0.800	0.009
End/Walker Creek	1.15	130	440	1.39	0.016	1,050	1.21	0.200	0.000
Smales Creek ⁷⁵	0.95	260	580	1.84	0.017	1,080	1.03	0.180	0.000
Higgs Brook	1.45	260	580	1.84	0.027	1,080	1.57	0.210	0.000
Molyneux Creek	2.65	500	900	2.85	0.076	1,250	3.31	0.310	0.001
Slater Creek	1.42	240	550	1.74	0.025	1,070	1.52	0.210	0.000
Joe Smith Creek	2.29	300	610	1.93	0.044	1,100	2.52	0.300	0.001
Clough Creek	1.54	360	700	2.22	0.034	1,150	1.77	0.220	0.000

⁷⁴ Estimates are presented for the mouth of each stream.

⁷⁵ Assumes natural conditions without human diversions. Field evidence, however, suggests Smales Creek is currently diverted towards End/Walker Creek and potentially Whittaker Creek along the Sunshine Coast Highway.

4.9. HYDROLOGIC EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

As described in Section 4.7.2, climate change will affect both temperature and precipitation in British Columbia and the Sunshine Coast for years to come. According to the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC, 2013), warming has already occurred over the last century in all seasons in the South Coast region. The South Coast is likely to see continued warming for several decades to come (PCIC, 2013, 2021). Despite an increase in average annual precipitation over the last century (BC MOE, 2016), summer precipitation has been decreasing (Abatzoglou et al., 2014; Kormos et al., 2016). Although projected precipitation changes are less certain, annual precipitation is projected to decrease by 1.0% by the 2050s and increase by 4.8% by the 2080s. More importantly, decreased precipitation is projected in summer by 13% and 22% by the 2050s and the 2080s, respectively. In winter, precipitation projections vary, with the median projection increasing by 0.97% by the 2050s and 9.7% by the 2080s (TABLE 4.5).

Changes to air temperature and precipitation are projected to decrease snow accumulation, increase winter rainfall, and promote earlier snowmelt (Winkler et al., 2010b; Hatcher and Jones, 2013; Islam et al., 2017, 2019). A recent study evaluated 46 long-term streamflow gauges in the United States and Canada to determine changes to the flow regime and found an increased influence of rainfall on flood regimes (Burn and Whitfield, 2023). In the assessment watersheds, this is expected to result in thinning of an already limited and/or transient snowpack. As a result, snow is expected in the long-term to play a decreasing role in the annual hydrograph. Nonetheless, snowfall is still expected to occur in the future, and across all elevations (William Floyd, pers. comms., 2023), as demonstrated several times in recent years. Snow is therefore expected to continue to contribute to flooding during fall and winter rain-on-snow events.

Additionally, the severity of individual rainstorms is expected to increase in the region, particularly for high intensity, low frequency winter storms and atmospheric rivers (Section 4.7.2). Given rainfall is the dominant driver of runoff in the assessment streams, there is an increased potential for high winter streamflows in the future (Musselman et al., 2017).

Climate change will also affect the timing, duration, and magnitude of low flows in the assessment streams. In addition to the reduction of an already limited or transient snowpack, projected reductions in summertime precipitation will directly reduce late summer and early fall streamflows and may increase the duration of zero or near-zero flow conditions already noted along some of the assessment streams, especially those that have been subject to sedimentation or aggradation from past fluvial activity.

4.10. LAND USE & FOREST COVER DISTURBANCE

An understanding of historical context within the assessment area is important to understand the current condition and natural processes as well as for projecting risks associated with future forest development. The primary disturbance agents identified in the assessment area includes historic wildfire, land clearing and residential and commercial development on the lower slopes (i.e., on Upper Gibsons Bench and along the coast), and forestry on Crown land along the mid and upper slopes. In addition, major linear infrastructure, including the Sunshine Coast Highway (Highway 101) and BC Hydro transmission line rights-of-way (ROWs), as well as many public roads are present in the area. The highway and transmission line ROWs runs roughly parallel to the coast at elevations of about 100 m, and 200 m to 300 m, respectively. Recreational use on Crown land is widespread, with several hiking, mountain biking, equestrian and ATV trails located throughout the assessment area.

4.10.1. Forestry

The assessment area has a long history of development-related forest cover disturbance with virtually all of the area logged or affected by wildfire at some time since the late 19th century. Forests currently consist of maturing second growth (FIGURE 4.19) or regenerating stands following second-pass harvesting; this is clearly evident by the mosaic of forest ages and canopy heights in the area (FIGURE 4.20 - FIGURE 4.22).

A review of historical air photos indicates that as urban and rural development progressed along the lower slopes between Gibsons and Roberts Creek, logging occurred within the second growth stands on the upper slopes. By 1947, logging by clearcutting was noted between 400 m to 700 m elevation along most of the assessment area. Access was primarily from the Roberts FSR. Between 1967 and 1976, logging expanded further upslope of the original opening towards the height of land. Meanwhile the original opening was regenerating, albeit deciduous species tended to colonize moist area along gullies and minor streams. This may have affected the water balance along riparian areas, with increased vegetative demands during the growing season. Logging after the late 1976 appears to have occurred at a slower rate, with several relatively small openings established through the 1980s and 1990s. During this period some private land logging was noted as was some research trials in the Roberts Creek Research Watershed.

According to the Sunshine Coast Museum & Archives⁷⁶, coastal logging outposts were established in the area before any towns were developed. In the Gibsons area in the late 19th century, timber harvesting provided an opportunity for agricultural development. Between 1900 and 1930 logging in the area supported several mills. Early on, logs were transported by horses, oxen and manual labour; however, after 1914 logging began to mechanize, and by the 1930s the use of chainsaws,

⁷⁶ <https://www.sunshinecoastmuseum.ca/early-logging.html>

steam donkeys which winched logs from the bush, flumes, and later, truck logging for transport became commonplace. In 1906, a major wildfire near Leek Road (in the vicinity of lower Higgs Brook) spread over 5 km towards Gibsons, burning a mill, log flume and considerable timber throughout the area. Although the fire paused logging activity for a time, it became a catalyst for expanded settlement on the Sunshine Coast.

The distribution of forest ages within BCTS Chart (FIGURE 4.20) provides some indication on levels of past forest disturbance. There are a mix of seral stages (early seral, mid-seral and mature-seral) with few forest stands older than about 160 years (i.e., no old-seral). Mature stands are often located within ravines or as small patches across the slope. Forest age distributions for each assessment watershed are provided in Section 6.1.2. The decade that experienced the peak level of forest disturbance (either by harvesting or forest fire) is presented for each watershed unit in TABLE 4.9 and suggests that the level of disturbance typically peaked around 100-110 years ago (i.e., between 1911-1920). Exceptions include End/Walker Creek and Molyneux Creek, which experienced peak levels of forest disturbance between 1891-1900 and 1941-1950, respectively.

The age of a stand is also indicative of relative water consumption. This is a result of differences in site-level evapotranspiration rates for different seral stages (discussed further in Section 6.1.2). As such, the pie charts presented in FIGURE 4.20 and FIGURE 6.5 are broken into four classes, meant to represent relative water consumption. The potential implications of stand age distributions on low flows is discussed further in Section 6.1.2.



FIGURE 4.19 *Example of mature second growth stands near Reed Road. The location is approximately 50 m north of the west end of Reed Road. Photo DSC09810, August 26, 2020.*

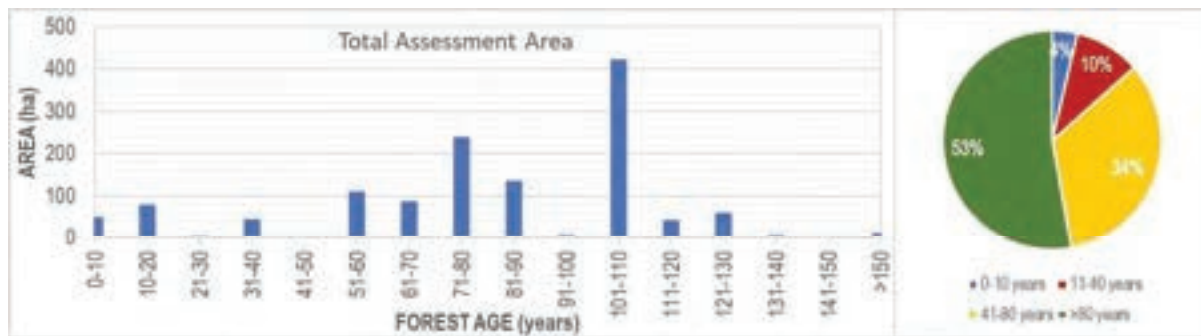


FIGURE 4.20 Distribution of forest ages in the assessment area. The histogram presents age classes by decade. The pie chart shows stand age distribution for four age classes.

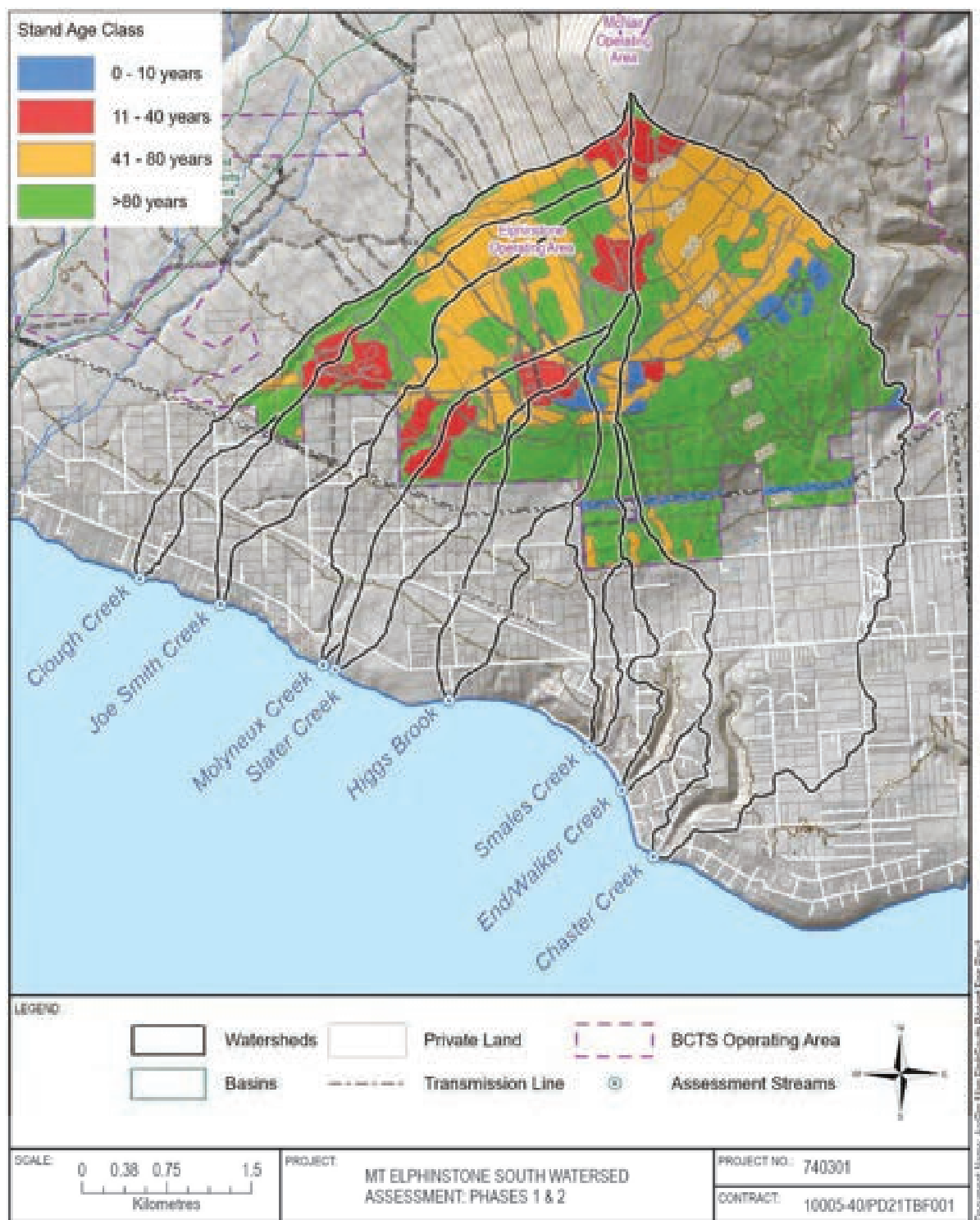


FIGURE 4.21 Spatial distribution of forest stand ages within BCTS Chart.

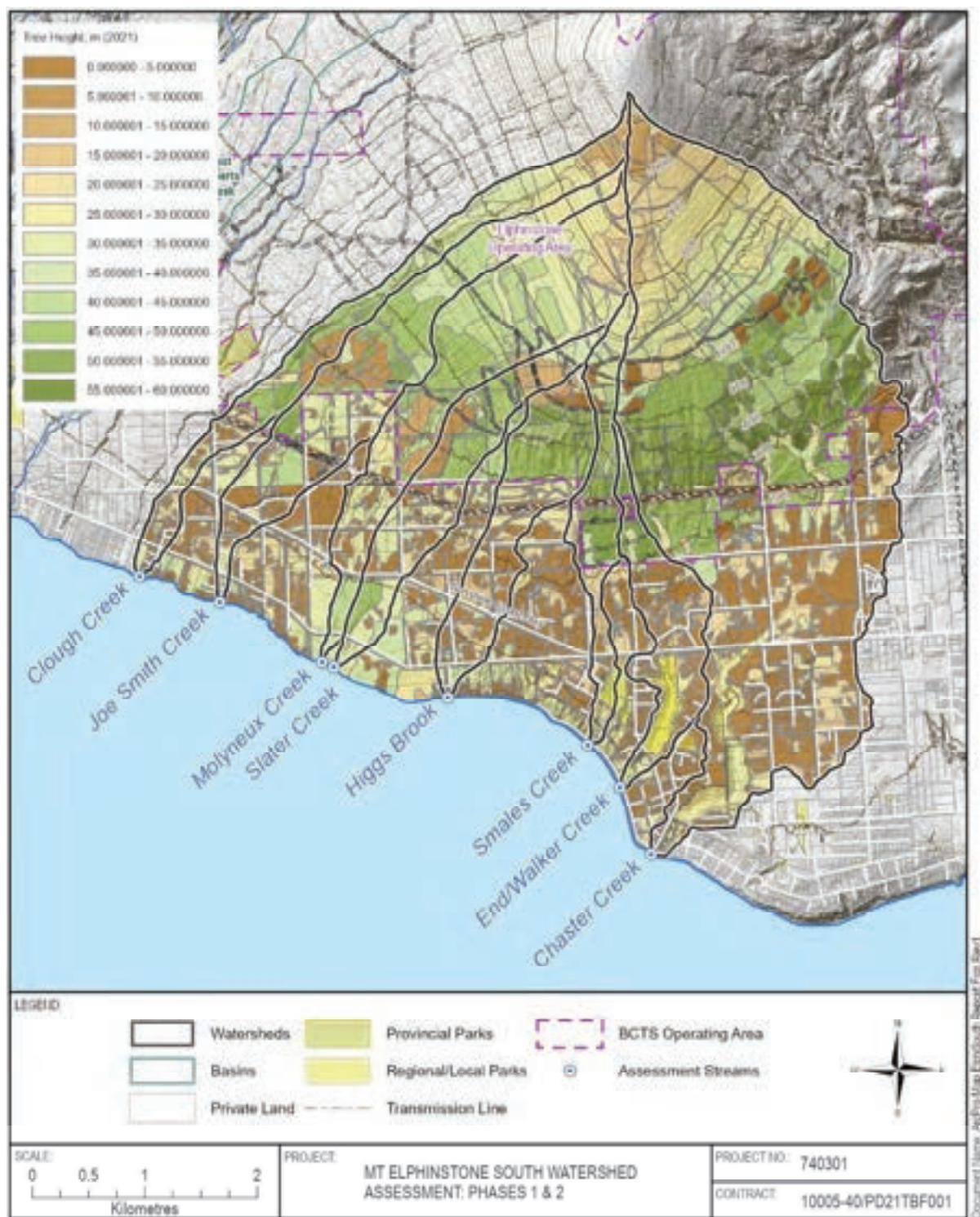


FIGURE 4.22 Spatial distribution of projected (2021) forest canopy heights in the assessment area.

TABLE 4.9 *Peak decade and level of forest disturbance within BCTS Chart.*

Stream/ Watershed	Chaster Creek	End/ Walker Cr	Smales Creek	Higgs Brook	Slater Creek	Molyneux Creek	Joe Smith Creek	Clough Creek
Peak disturbance years	1911- 1920	1891- 1900	1911- 1920	1911- 1920	1911- 1920	1941-1950	1911- 1920	1911- 1920
Peak disturbance (%) ¹	38%	46%	26%	68%	26%	23%	36%	30%

Notes: 1) Peak level of disturbance is represented as the proportion of the watershed area within BCTS Chart and corresponds to the decade listed above.

4.10.2. Residential and Commercial Areas

Private property within the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) and Town of Gibsons is located along the lower slopes of the assessment area. These properties support varied land uses, including residential, commercial, agricultural, and recreational use. Within the identified urban-interface watersheds, private land accounts for 20.7% to 56.3% of the drainage area (TABLE 4.1). The area subject to residential and commercial development in the assessment area is presented in FIGURE 4.23. For the purposes of hydrologic recovery modelling (Section 6.1.1), we have assumed that cleared areas on private land will be without mature forest canopy indefinitely.

The hydrology of the lower portion of the assessment area has been heavily influenced by various levels of urban development. Permanent land clearing, paving, and implementation of storm management infrastructure has adversely changed the runoff response in the lower portion of most of the assessment watersheds, although to varying degrees. Observations such as these may be cause for concern, depending on downstream values and their sensitivities, and are a major reason that has driven efforts over the last couple decades to improve stormwater planning by local governments (Stephens et al., 2002). We are aware the SCRd in cooperation with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has had urban stormwater assessments done, intended to help guide infrastructure planning and design (Delcan, 2009). With the anticipated increase in higher density residential communities as population increases, and a transition from open crop farming to greenhouse farming, Delcan (2009) provided estimates on projected changes to streamflow in the assessment area. Projected increases for the 2- year to 200-year return period peak flow events ranged from roughly 3% to 10% depending on the watershed. Delcan (2009) recommended that one mitigation strategy would be to require on-site vegetation and tree canopy retention with new development. They further recommended that the SCRd evaluate the results from the Tree Canopy Research Project⁷⁷ at the University of British Columbia and potentially update their existing Tree Cutting Bylaw (No. 350, 1991)⁷⁸.

⁷⁷ <https://ece-treecanopy.sites.olt.ubc.ca/>

⁷⁸ It is unknown whether these recommendations have since been applied by the SCRd.

Given the level of residential and commercial development in the assessment area, the assessment streams have likely been conditioned to some extent to an increase in streamflow over the last century. However, the level of urban development varies for each watershed and is often concentrated in high density clusters, while other “urbanized areas” may be more rural in nature and highly vegetated. The relative level of urban development⁷⁹ and location of densely urbanized areas within each watershed are as follows:

- Roughly 27% of the Chaster Creek watershed is considered urbanized, with densely urbanized areas concentrated in the southeast and south-central portion of the watershed;
- Roughly 48% of the End/Walker Creek watershed is considered anthropogenically disturbed, although a majority of the disturbance appears rural. Dense urban areas are concentrated along the eastern and western margins of the center of the watershed;
- Roughly 11.5% of the Smales Creek watershed has been anthropogenically disturbed and is predominantly rural;
- Roughly 27% of the Higgs Brook watershed has been anthropogenically disturbed and is largely rural in nature;
- Roughly 17% of the Slater Creek watershed has been anthropogenically disturbed and is largely rural in nature;
- Roughly 6% of the Molyneux Creek watershed has been anthropogenically disturbed and is largely rural in nature;
- Roughly 15% of the Joe Smith Creek watershed has been anthropogenically disturbed and is largely rural in nature; and
- Roughly 13% of the Clough Creek watershed has been anthropogenically disturbed and is largely rural in nature.

There is also an abundance of public and private roads distributed across the lower portions of the assessment area. These roads alter the drainage network as runoff is conveyed off of road surfaces and into adjacent ditch lines. Water is then transported along ditches until the ditch intersects a stream. Of note is the Sunshine Coast Highway which runs perpendicular to most of the assessment streams (MAP 1).

⁷⁹ The areas of residential and commercial development were determined using the LiDAR canopy height model and PlanetLabs satellite imagery and do not include naturally disturbed (i.e., by wildfire) areas or areas subject to forest harvesting.

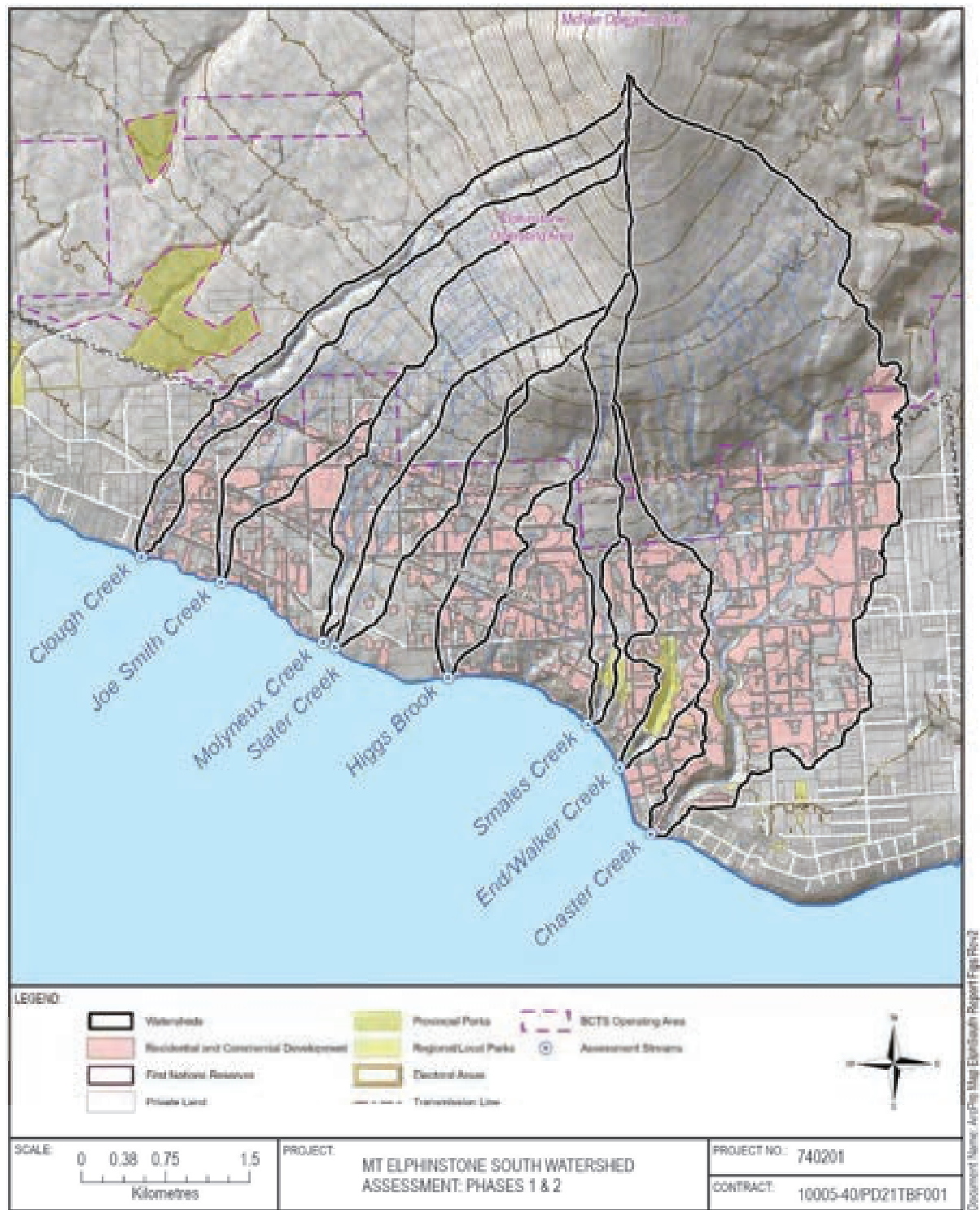


FIGURE 4.23 Residential and commercial development within the assessment area.

4.10.3. Biotic Disturbances

According to provincial surveys, natural disturbance agents have had limited effects within the assessment area (Province of British Columbia, 2021e). This includes the following:

- 0.8 ha of severe Douglas-fir beetle identified in 1996 within the upper Chaster Creek watershed;
- 26.8 ha of light Douglas-fir beetle and light laminated root rot in 2019 in the Clough Creek and Joe Smith Creek watersheds;
- 3.3 ha of light root disease identified in 2008 and 8.8 ha of light Laminated Root Rot identified in 2019 in the in the upper Higgs Brook watershed; and
- 28.7 ha of trace White pine Blister Rust at mid-elevations in the Molyneux Creek and Slater Creek watersheds.

Although a Western Hemlock Looper outbreak has been noted on the southern coast in the last few years⁸⁰, no records of its presence in the assessment area were identified.

4.10.4. Wildfire

According to the provincial wildfire database (Province of British Columbia, 2021d), a 40.9 ha wildfire occurred in 1941 just beyond the northeast boundary of the Chaster Creek watershed near the 800 m elevation; however, less than 2 ha of the Chaster Creek watershed was affected. No data is available regarding the major 1906 wildfire noted in Section 4.10.1.

While thinning stands (i.e., selective harvest), in conjunction with prescribed burning, can be an effective management option for mitigating wildfire risk in some wildfire regimes (Prichard et al., 2021), it may not be a suitable option for the assessment area. Halofsky et al., 2020 states that in wet forests of the Pacific Northwest, lowering stand density, reduces competition between trees, which can increase water availability. However, given that wetter, coastal forests of the Pacific Northwest generally experience infrequent, stand-replacing wildfire during periods of extreme drought, thinning of these forests may not significantly alter wildfire risk (Halofsky et al., 2018), although the fire regime may change with climate change.

⁸⁰ <https://globalnews.ca/news/8152889/western-hemlock-looper-moth-outbreak/>

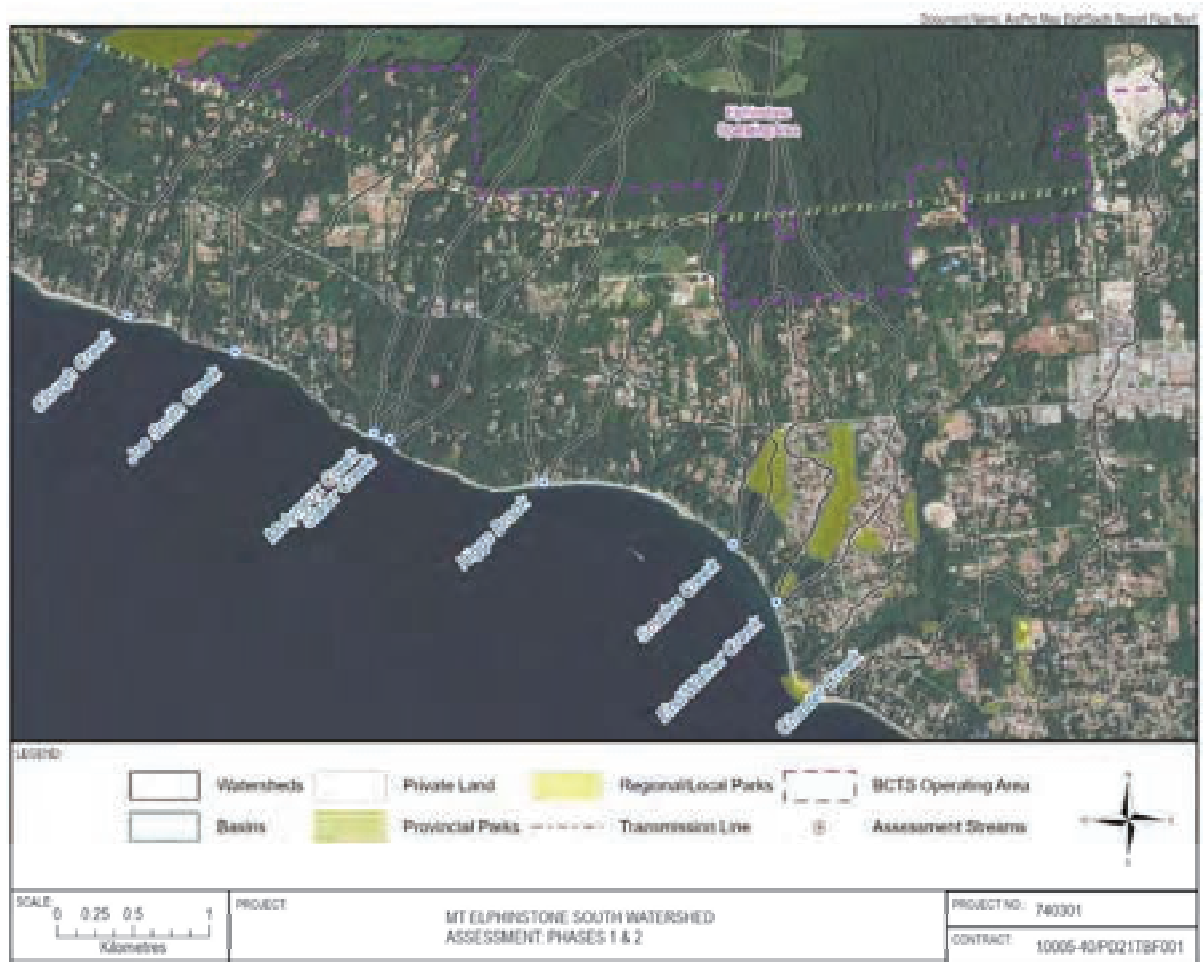


FIGURE 4.24 Satellite image (2019) of the lower elevations of the assessment area showing the extent of land clearing and urban development.

4.11. ROBERTS CREEK STUDY FOREST

The Roberts Creek Study Forest is located roughly 6 km west of the assessment area and was initiated to evaluate alternatives to clearcutting for harvesting and managing forests. One of the studies key objectives was to evaluate the influence of alternative silviculture systems on peak flows relative to conventional clearcut logging. Two alternative silviculture systems were implemented in the study forest in 1998 and 1999, which include variable retention, either by dispersed retention or grouped retention, and a strip shelterwood cut (i.e., strip cut). For the variable retention treatments, roughly 18% of the canopy was retained in patches and dispersed trees, and applied to 44% of the catchment area. Roughly 45 - 50% of the canopy was retained in the strip shelterwood cut, and applied to 32% of the catchment area. The treatments were applied in two phases to two small S6⁸¹ stream catchments ranging in size from 39 ha to 61 ha.

Hudson (2001) applied the paired watershed approach⁸², which involves comparing peak flows generated from a control catchment to those generated from the treatment catchments. The differences in peak flow response from each silviculture system can then be evaluated. Hudson (2001) found higher variability in the peak flow response from the dispersed and grouped variable retention treatments relative to the catchment subject to strip shelterwood cut. In the variable retention treatments, peak flows were sometimes lower, unaffected, or much higher than in the control. In the catchment subject to strip shelterwood cut, peak flows were more consistently affected by harvesting, although the effect was relatively small. The higher variability in the variable retention treatments was thought to be due to their greater response to rain-on-snow events. Deeper and more continuous snowpacks developed in the openings of the variable retention treatments relative to the strip shelterwood cut. As a result, more water was available for runoff during rain-on-snow events in the variable retention treatments, resulting in a greater peak flow response. Given the narrow openings in the strip shelterwood cut treatment, snowpack development was heavily influenced by the forest edges, and only able to develop in the center of openings. As such, snowpacks were thin and discontinuous relative to the larger openings in the variable retention treatments.

In addition to evaluating peak flow effects, the study forest was also used to evaluate the effect of variable retention and strip shelterwood treatments on water quality (Hudson and Tolland, 2002) and sediment production from blowdown (Hudson and D'Anjou, 2001). Given that nitrate is

⁸¹ S6 streams are identified as non-fish bearing streams not within a community watershed that are less than 3 m wide. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/silviculture/silvicultural-systems/silviculture-guidebooks/riparian-management-area-guidebook>

⁸² It is important to note that the chronological pairing approach was applied in this study, which has since been deemed an “uncontrolled” experiment (Alila et al., 2009; Yu and Alila, 2019). As such, the results should be interpreted cautiously.

considered one of the most sensitive indicators of watershed disturbance, Hudson and Tolland, (2002) compared nitrate concentrations in groundwater and surface flow from both treatment catchments. The researchers found increases in nitrate levels following treatments; however, the increases were not proportional to the area harvested. They speculated that the differing responses were largely due to differences in watershed characteristics rather than from the treatment effect and concluded that further research was required to obtain conclusive results.

Although the Forest Practices Code did not require buffer strips along S6 streams, first-order⁸³ S6 streams tended to be used as falling boundaries and were buffered. Initial attempts at buffering first-order streams often resulted in blowdown which could lead to sedimentation in the streams. As such, buffers were widened to reduce blowdown potential; however, questions remained on the best management approaches for zero-order⁸⁴ S6 streams that flow through cutblocks. Given the high density of zero order streams along Mount Elphinstone, establishing buffer strips around all of them is not practical. As such, Hudson and D’Anjou (2001) evaluated blowdown potential on a zero-order stream subject to a shelterwood cut silviculture system. The treatment was termed a Uniform Two-pass Shelterwood with Reserves, which involved the dispersed retention of Douglas fir and western red-cedar at a density of 90 stems per hectare and included eight yarding corridors located 30 – 60 m apart. Following the treatment, blowdown of susceptible leave trees occurred, which included three trees rooted in the stream channel. As a result, two large pulses of suspended sediment were recorded during the storm, increasing peak sediment concentrations by roughly ten-times relative to pre-treatment levels. The authors concluded that the proper streamside management for zero-order streams subject to partial harvesting systems is to remove trees adjacent to the channel with a high windthrow potential, while retaining understory vegetation to maintain stream channel stability. They also found that a buffer strip width of 20 m with edge feathering and/or canopy pruning was effective at mitigating blowdown potential along first-order S6 streams. It is important to note, however, that the authors highlight that this was a pilot study and was not a completely controlled experiment. The results should therefore be interpreted cautiously.

4.12. WATER USE

4.12.1. Surface Water Use

Although there are no registered community watersheds in the assessment area, according to the BC Water Rights Database (Province of British Columbia, 2022a), downstream or downslope of BCTS’ Chart there are 59 currently registered water licences across the eight assessment

⁸³ In this study, a first-order stream is considered an S6 stream that conveys flow year-round (i.e., perennial).

⁸⁴ In this study, a zero-order stream is considered an S6 stream that does not convey flow year-round (i.e., ephemeral).

watersheds (FIGURE 4.25, TABLE 4.10, MAP 1)⁸⁵. This includes licences to support domestic use, commercial enterprise, waterworks (local provider), and land improvement (general). In July 2021, BCTS contacted the registered holders of these water licensees to request information on their water system and permission to enter their property during field reviews. For those water licensees who granted permission to enter their property, a field meeting and review was conducted by Polar on July 12-16, 2021 to document stream conditions and existing water supply infrastructure (e.g., intakes, distribution lines). A summary of the field review is provided in APPENDIX C.

In the Chaster Creek watershed, there are 11 current water licences⁸⁶. This includes three waterworks licences held by the Town of Gibsons⁸⁷ and eight privately held domestic licences. One land improvement licence (to supply water for a pond) is also associated with one of the domestic licences. Point-of-diversions (PODs) (i.e., water intakes) associated with seven of the 11 licences in the Chaster Creek watershed were field reviewed. Although some derelict water supply infrastructure (e.g., water pipes, barrels, etc.) was identified (APPENDIX C), no active functional domestic water intakes were identified⁸⁸. Some water intakes and distribution pipes may have been damaged or rendered ineffective in past floods, and it is likely that several of the water licensees now rely on municipal water or groundwater for their domestic water requirements.

Within the End/Walker Creek watershed, there are four domestic and two land improvement licences. During the field review PODs for two of the four domestic and one of the two land improvement licences were reviewed. Of the two domestic licences reviewed, a water intake was observed at only one; however, it is unclear whether it is currently utilized. The one land improvement licence on McComb Brook was associated with a “fish pond”; however, the pond was heavily grown in and does not appear currently maintained given the debris at the pond outlet and sedimentation observed.

One domestic licence is located on Smales Creek, locally known as Elmer Creek. During the field review, water supply infrastructure was noted in the creek. This included a rudimentary intake, located in a pool with sufficient depth (sedimentation appears to be an issue), and PVC pipe along the creek.

⁸⁵ Based on our field review, some of the registered water licences are not being utilized at present (Appendix C).

⁸⁶ According to Madrone (2015), there may also be some unlicensed water use.

⁸⁷ We understand that these licenses are not actively been utilized. Water for the Town of Gibsons is sourced principally from groundwater or from the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) system, which is sourced from Chapman Creek and seasonally from the Chaster Well (Waterline, 2013).

⁸⁸ Only the pond associated with the land improvement licence was noted as functional.

In the Higgs Brook watershed, there are three current domestic licences, one of which also permits commercial enterprise use (i.e., for a children's farm). All but one of the domestic licences was field reviewed. Based on conversations and field review, most licences are not actively used. In at least one case, groundwater is used instead.

Three domestic licences are registered in the Slater Creek watershed. The POD location of one of the three was field reviewed; the other two were assessed from public roads above or below the property associated with the licence. In all cases, no evidence of actively used water intakes was identified.

A total of 15 domestic water licences are located in the Molyneux Creek watershed. Nine of these were field reviewed and in only two cases could we confirm that the water system was functional and/or actively used. In each case, however, groundwater is the primary water source, and surface water is used as a supplementary source (e.g., for irrigation). Evidence of former water systems were identified in three of the nine licences reviewed; however, the systems associated with these licences were in disrepair and are non-functional.

Within the Joe Smith Creek watershed, there are 11 domestic water licences, seven of which were field reviewed. Of these seven, only the uppermost one appeared to be in active use; all others reviewed were in disrepair, damaged or seemingly abandoned.

Nine domestic water licences are located in the Clough Creek watershed. Eight of these were field reviewed. Of these eight licences, active use was confirmed at only two locations. Some intakes may have been abandoned following the debris flow in 1983 and/or may have been replaced by groundwater supplies or municipal water.

In addition to the assessment watersheds, there are several current licences in “residual areas”⁸⁹ between Smales Creek and Higgs Brook as well as between Higgs Brook and Slater Creek (FIGURE 4.25, TABLE 4.10). This includes licences on Corwallis Creek, Pelican Brook, Leek Creek and East Leek Creek. None were field reviewed as these sources have little to no surface connectivity to BCTS' Elphinstone operating area.

⁸⁹ Residual areas (or face units) are areas between defined drainage areas of interest. Streams, if present, are typically smaller and convey less streamflow than those within the identified assessment streams.

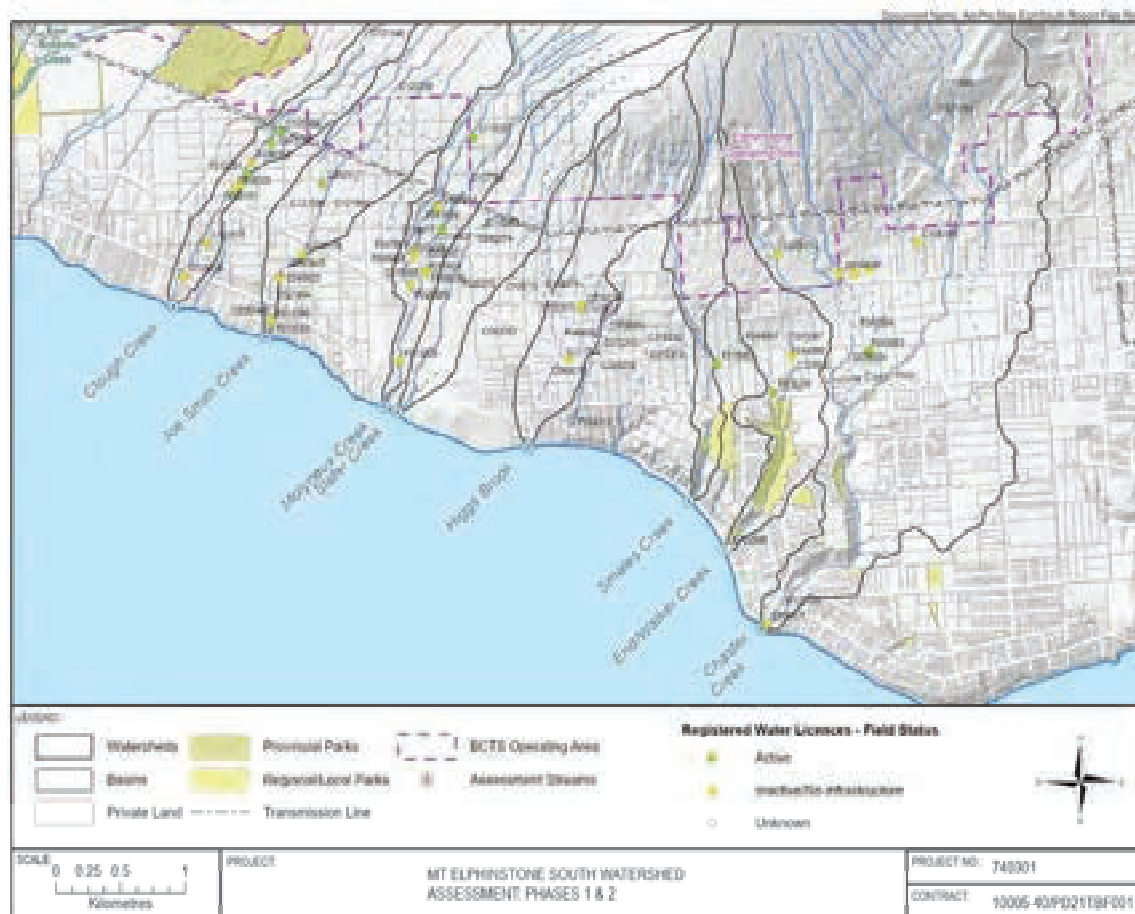


FIGURE 4.25 Current water licences in the assessment area.

TABLE 4.10 List of current surface water licences within the eight assessment watersheds. Licences are organized by watershed in order of approximate stream distance from mouth (km). Refer to MAP 1 for location.

Watershed	Source	Stream distance (km)	Licence	POD ⁹⁰	Priority Date (YYYYMMDD)	Purpose	Qty	Units
CHASTER CREEK	Chaster Creek	0.02	F020212	PD44711	19600714	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Chaster Creek	0.05	C116516	PD44713	19540607	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Chaster Creek	0.24	C121502	PD44715	19540513	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Shirley Creek (Chaster Trib 4.1)	2.70	C039934	PD45975	19710608	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Webb Brook (Chaster Trib 4.1.2)	3.10	F048883	PD45973	19731113	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Webb Brook (Chaster Trib 4.1.2)	3.10	F048883	PD45973	19731113	04A - Land Improve: General	-	-
	Webb Brook (Chaster Trib 4.1.2)	3.10	F048883	PD45972	19731113	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Webb Brook (Chaster Trib 4.1.2)	3.10	F048883	PD45972	19731113	04A - Land Improve: General	-	-
	Shirley Creek (Chaster Trib 4.1.1)	3.15	F040554	PD45979	19571002	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Co-op Springs (Chaster Trib 4.1.4.2)	3.60	C019935	PD45949	19410915	00A - Waterworks: Local Provider	199118.74	m ³ /yr
	Co-op Springs (Chaster Trib 4.1.4.2)	3.60	C019935	PD45950	19410915	00A - Waterworks: Local Provider	-	-
	Co-op Springs (Chaster Trib 4.1.4.2)	3.60	C019935	PD45951	19410915	00A - Waterworks: Local Provider	-	-
	Inge Creek (Chaster Trib 4.1.1.1.1)	4.30	C015414	PD45077	19410915	00A - Waterworks: Local Provider	82966.143	m ³ /yr
	Trethewey Spring (Chaster Trib 4.1.2.2)	4.10	C108199	PD63202	19540329	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Chaster Creek	5.30	C021314	PD45983	19520916	00A - Waterworks: Local Provider	331864.57	m ³ /yr
END / WALKER CREEK	Chaster Creek	5.5	C11685	PD45984	19740124	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	End Creek	0.02	C122666	PD44717	19671017	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	McComb Brook	1.40	F016236	PD45931	19520927	04A - Land Improve: General	616.74	m ³ /yr
	End Creek	1.72	C129942	PD45073	19350404	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day
	End Creek	1.84	C045087	PD45075	19750121	04A - Land Improve: General	4.54609	m ³ /day
	End Creek	1.84	F044096	PD45075	19610425	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
SMALES CREEK	End Creek	1.84	F044097	PD45075	19711207	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Elmer Creek	1.14	F015851	PD45080	19510215	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day

⁹⁰ POD: point of diversion (i.e., water intake)

Watershed	Source	Stream distance (km)	Licence	POD ⁹⁰	Priority Date (YYYYMMDD)	Purpose	Qty	Units
HIGGS BROOK	Higgs Brook	0.76	C069016	PD45103	19781107	01A - Domestic;	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Higgs Brook	0.76	C069016	PD45103	19781107	02D - Comm. Enterprise	4.54609	m ³ /day
	Higgs Brook	1.1	C107917	PD69089	19940323	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Higgs Brook	1.23	C070726	PD45105	19620720	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
SLATER CREEK	Valentine Spring	1.24	F020210	PD45121	19670401	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Slater Creek	1.57	C062074	PD45125	19820824	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day
	Slater Creek	1.66	C115988	PD75827	20010216	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
MOLYNEUX CREEK	Molyneux Creek	0.43	F013226	PD45128	19430824	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	West Molyneux Creek (Molyneux Trib 1)	1.10	F020285	PD45913	19580806	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.16	F017404	PD45136	19550829	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.19	C115496	PD75493	20000713	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.22	F020336	PD45138	19670919	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.27	C052371	PD45181	19781016	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Dora Brook (near Molyneux Trib 1.1)	1.30	C105329	PD66484	19920630	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	West Molyneux Creek (Molyneux Trib 1.2)	1.30	F045488	PD45914	19671121	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	West Molyneux Creek	1.35	F047915	PD45916	19680708	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.41	C114609	PD74933	19990806	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.56	C118817	PD77998	20030908	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	West Molyneux Creek (Molyneux Trib 1.2)	1.60	F051909	PD45917	19721211	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	West Molyneux Creek (Molyneux Trib 1.2)	1.80	C120214	PD78822	20041203	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Carol Brook (near Molyneux Trib 2)	1.94	C117783	PD77416	19980929	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day
	West Molyneux Creek (Molyneux Trib 1.2)	2.40	C119267	PD78322	20040216	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
JOE SMITH CREEK	Joe Smith Creek	0.12	F014265	PD60230	19480827	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Joe Smith Creek	0.14	C035140	PD60229	19690827	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Joe Smith Creek	0.14	F013152	PD60229	19450406	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Joe Smith Creek	0.28	C121664	PD60226	19490904	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Joe Smith Creek	0.52	C049823	PD60223	19600718	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Joe Smith Creek	0.58	C065406	PD60222	19871126	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Joe Smith Creek	0.78	C048176	PD60220	19760426	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day
	Joe Smith Creek	1.16	C121536	PD45927	19520124	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Joe Smith Creek	1.16	C121544	PD45927	19600408	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Joe Smith Creek	1.36	C050117	PD45928	19770815	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
CLOUGH CREEK	Clough Brook	0.26	C119215	PD60240	19271111	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day
	Clough Brook	0.62	C120577	PD79007	20050404	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Clough Brook	1.1	C038300	PD60238	19700730	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Clough Brook	1.16	F038101	PD60235	19550628	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Clough Brook	1.25	F013204	PD60234	19451020	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Clough Brook	1.35	F038102	PD60233	19520917	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Clough Brook	1.59	C072752	PD64132	19900723	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Clough Brook	1.66	C105989	PD67221	19890119	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Clough Brook	2.76	C121146	PD79317	20050823	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day

Watershed	Source	Stream distance (km)	Licence	POD ⁹⁰	Priority Date (YYYYMMDD)	Purpose	Qty	Units
RESIDUAL AREA BETWEEN SMALES CREEK & HIGGS BROOK	Cornwallis Creek	-	C058064	PD45095	19820218	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Cornwallis Creek	-	C065238	PD45089	19860717	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Cornwallis Creek	-	C072212	PD45091	19781117	02D - Comm. Enterprise: Enterprise	9.09218	m ³ /day
	Cornwallis Creek	-	C111584	PD45093	19550818	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Cornwallis Creek	-	F014313	PD45084	19450403	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Cornwallis Creek	-	F048882	PD45093	19750221	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Pelican Brook		C115312	PD65312	19911031	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Pelican Brook		C115312	PD65312	19911031	03B - Irrigation: Private	1233.48	m ³ /day
	Pelican Brook		C115312	PD65312	19911031	02E - Pond & Aquaculture	-	m ³ /day
	Pelican Brook		C115312	PD75314	19911031	01A - Domestic	-	m ³ /day
	Pelican Brook		C115312	PD75314	19911031	03B - Irrigation: Private	-	m ³ /year
	Pelican Brook		C115312	PD75314	19911031	02E - Pond & Aquaculture	7.46468	m ³ /day
RESIDUAL AREA BETWEEN HIGGS BROOK & SLATER CREEK	Pelican Brook		C115313	PD75309	19911031	03B - Irrigation: Private	2207.929	m ³ /day
	East Leek Creek	-	C102375	PD63608	19910411	02I32 - Swimming Pool	0	Total Flow
	Leek Creek	-	C043082	PD45107	19731105	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Leek Creek	-	C043082	PD45107	19731105	03B - Irrigation: Private	12334.8	m ³ /year
	Leek Creek	-	C102374	PD63610	19910411	03B - Irrigation: Private	2466.96	m ³ /year
	Leek Creek	-	C102374	PD63610	19910411	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day
	Leek Creek	-	C102374	PD63611	19910411	03B - Irrigation: Private	-	m ³ /year
	Leek Creek	-	C102374	PD63611	19910411	01A - Domestic	-	m ³ /day
	Leek Creek	-	C106731	PD45113	19570401	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day

Note that some water licences may be associated with multiple PODs.

4.12.2. Aquifers & Groundwater Use

Aquifers

The description of aquifers in the assessment area, provided below, is based on Advisian (2019), Waterline (2013), and McCammon (1977).

There are two principal aquifers located on the lower southern slopes of Mt. Elphinstone: Roberts Creek bedrock aquifer No. 555 and Gibsons/SCRD Grahams Landing/Elphinstone (Gibsons) confined alluvial aquifer No. 560 (FIGURE 4.26)⁹¹. A third shallower aquifer (Capilano Aquifer) is located above both principal aquifers; however, it is generally less productive and less utilized.

The Roberts Creek Aquifer is located in bedrock and spans the length of lower south and southwest-facing slopes. Bedrock is covered by about 20 m +/- of surficial materials. Recharge of this bedrock aquifer likely occurs by the following processes:

- mountain block recharge where precipitation infiltrates the upland bedrock joints and fractures or moves as groundwater along the contact between surficial materials and underlying bedrock; or as
- direct precipitation over the aquifer, which infiltrates through the surficial materials and into joints and fractures in the bedrock.

The Gibsons Aquifer is located in and around the Town of Gibsons within glaciofluvial sands and gravels (Pre-Vashon, Quadra Sands) overtop a bedrock basin. The aquifer is capped by Vashon basal till and Lower Capilano clay-rich glaciomarine sediments, both of which serve as an aquitard due to their low permeability. The aquitard lies beneath nearly 200 m of surficial material on the Gibsons Bench. The aquitard varies in thickness between 1 m and 10s of metres. Previous studies suggest there may be areas where the aquitard is absent in the centre of the aquifer. Recharge of the aquifer likely occurs by the following processes:

- mountain block recharge where precipitation infiltrates the upland bedrock joints and fractures or moves as groundwater flows along the contact between surficial materials and bedrock. About 55% of recharge to the aquifer is estimated to occur by mountain block recharge (Waterline, 2013);
- direct precipitation over the aquifer, which infiltrates through the confining surficial materials and into the aquifer. This process is expected to be significant only where confining materials are thin or absent; and
- infiltration along influent (i.e., losing) streams that have their incised streambed below confining (i.e., aquitard) materials.

⁹¹ Aquifer 1220 (Eastern slope of Mt Elphinstone) is to the east and effectively outside of the assessment watersheds.

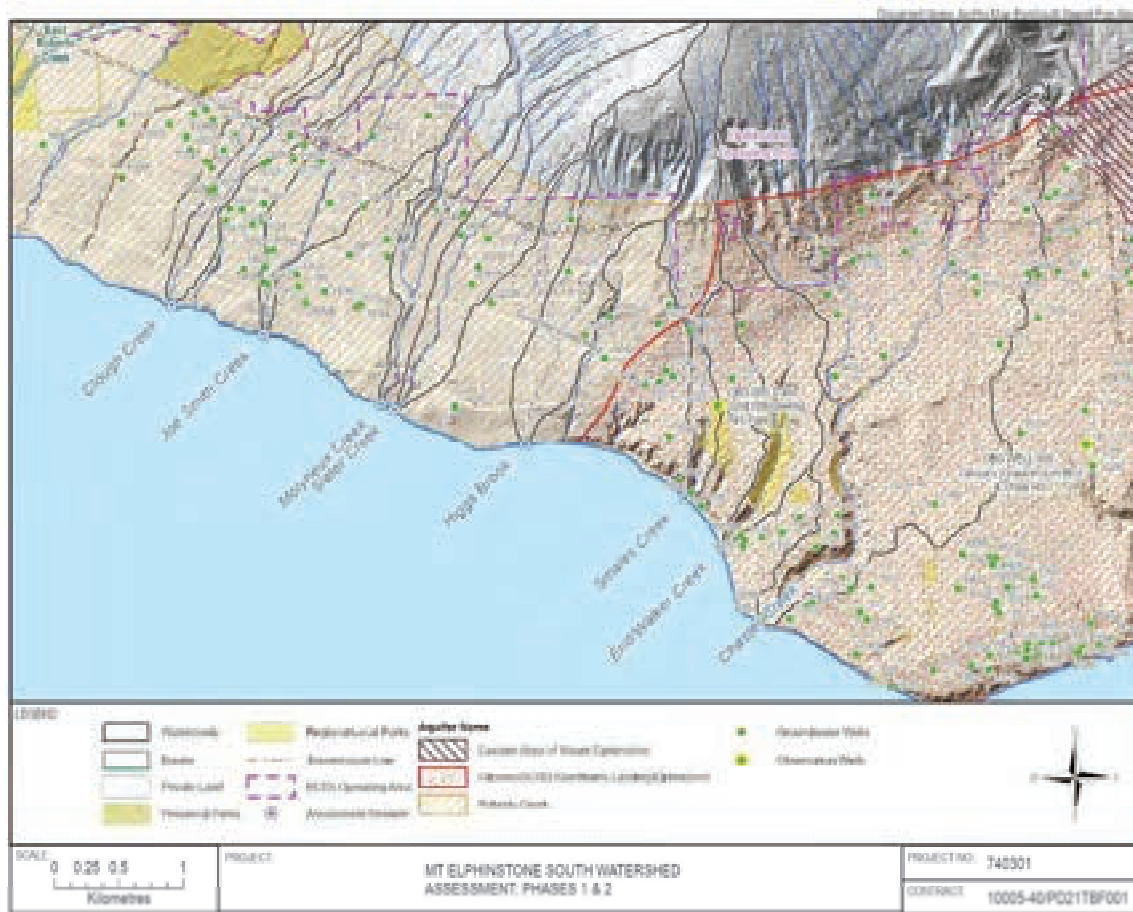


FIGURE 4.26 Provincially recorded aquifers and groundwater wells in the assessment area. Well tag numbers are indicated.

A seasonal perched water table has been noted in some areas of glaciofluvial sands and gravels of the Upper Capilano sediments. This water may contribute to springs in the area and supports limited seasonal usage from relatively shallow wells.

Groundwater Wells

According to the BC Groundwater Wells and Aquifers database (Province of British Columbia, 2021b), 94 wells are registered within or between⁹² the eight assessment watersheds (FIGURE 4.26, APPENDIX D, MAP 1). A total of 42 wells are associated with the Roberts Creek Aquifer, whereas 30 are associated with the Gibsons Aquifer. The remaining 22 wells are unassigned to an aquifer within the provincial database. The majority of the wells on the southwest-facing slopes source water from the Roberts Creek bedrock aquifer, while those on the Upper Gibsons Bench source water from the confined Gibsons Aquifer (Madrone, 2015). An undetermined number of wells source water from the relatively shallow unconfined Capilano Aquifer. However, as noted above, this aquifer tends to have limited seasonal use.

4.13. FISHERIES RESOURCES

Although none of the assessment streams are provincially recognized as Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds (FSWs), some support known fisheries values (FIGURE 4.27). According to provincial fish inventories (Province of British Columbia, 2021c) and SCRD and DFO (2021), fish have been recorded or suspected in Chaster, End/Walker, Molyneux, and Clough Creeks.

Of the assessment streams with known fish values, Chaster Creek supports the greatest number of fish species. In its lower reaches, below 3 m high falls, located 0.5 km downstream of the Sunshine Coast Highway (near stream km 2), the following species have been identified:

- Anadromous Cutthroat Trout,
- Sculpin,
- Chinook Salmon,
- Chum Salmon,
- Coho Salmon,
- Cutthroat Trout,
- Pink Salmon,
- Rainbow Trout, and
- Steelhead.

⁹² Area between assessment watersheds are identified as residual areas.

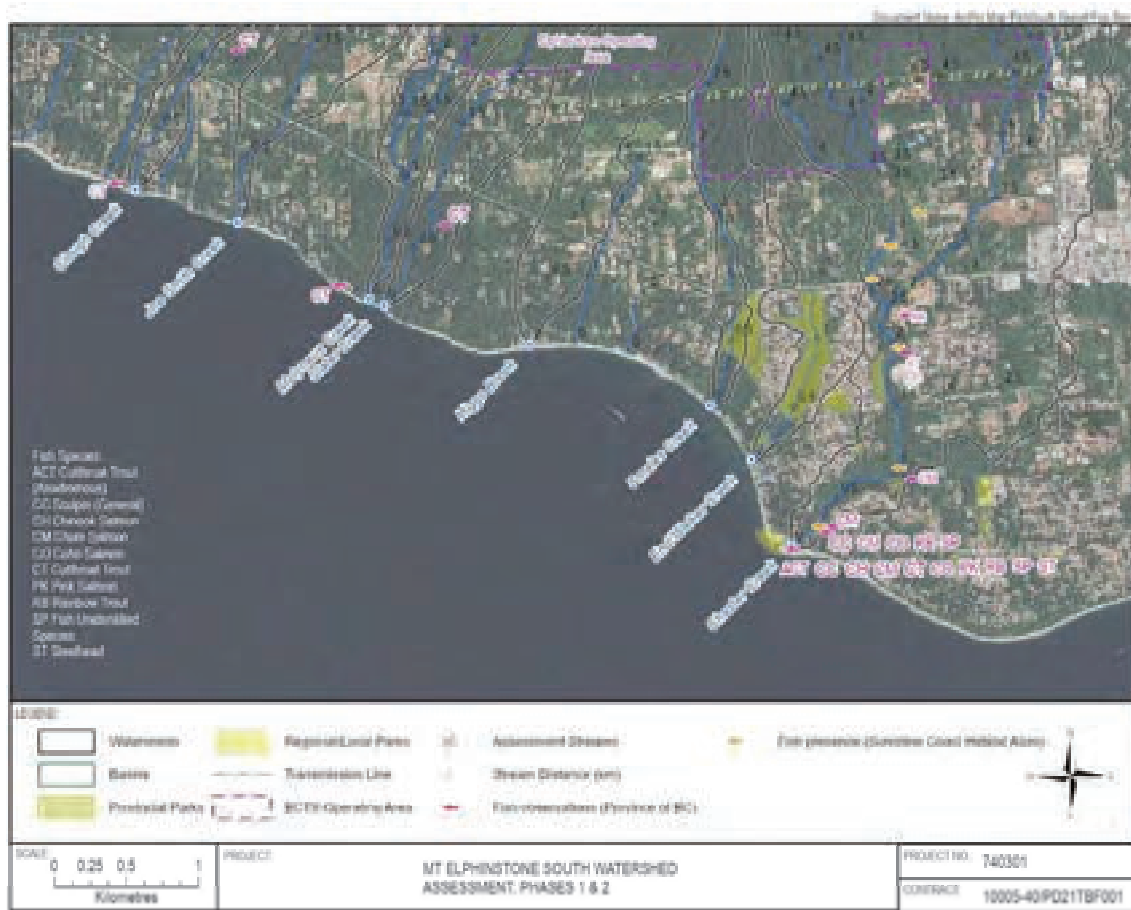


FIGURE 4.27 Recorded fish presence in the assessment area. Note that some points may be offset due to inaccurate legacy base maps upon which the data is based.

Above the falls on Chaster Creek near stream km 2.5, Rainbow Trout have been recorded. Although fish have not been recorded further upstream, SCR D and DFO (2021) suggest fish presence in the mainstem and several of the major tributaries of Chaster Creek. Similarly, fish presence is suspected in lower End/Walker Creek (i.e., below the Sunshine Coast Highway). Cutthroat trout are recorded in Molyneux Creek⁹³ near stream km 0.6 and Clough Creek near stream km 1.2. In addition, SCR D and DFO (2021) suggest that fish may be present in Clough Creek to approximately an elevation of 560 m.

We are unaware of any studies on these streams that have identified what specific factors are limiting fish distributions; however, we suspect that culverts on most streams near the mouth are one restriction as are falls, such as on Chaster. Steep gradients and coarse bed materials are also common.

⁹³ The fisheries database refers to legacy base mapping, which names the stream where Molyneux Creek is located as Joe Smith Creek (i.e., not the same Joe Smith Creek referred to in this report). In addition, the legacy mapping shows the alignment of the creek incorrectly crossing over Slater Creek.

5. WATERSHED VALUES

As noted in Section 2.1, risk identification is the first step in a risk analysis. It involves identifying the watershed values present in the watershed that could potentially be affected by one or more hydrogeomorphic hazards or processes⁹⁴. TABLE 5.1 identifies the primary values identified during the course of this assessment. This list is not intended to be exhaustive⁹⁵, but rather guide the assessment in considering what hydrogeomorphic processes should be evaluated. Based on our review of available background information from the assessment area, and with reference to BCTS Watershed Risk Management Framework checklists, TABLE 5.1 identifies the following principal values for consideration: human safety, private property, transportation, utilities, water rights & use, and fish and fish habitat. Furthermore, TABLE 5.2 identifies the potential hazard types specific to the eight assessment streams.

TABLE 5.1 *Summary of identified values within the assessment area.*

Value	Notes on potential type of risk
Human Safety	Residents, workers and the travelling public may be present at various locations downstream of BCTS' Chart. Recreational users and workers may also be present within BCTS Chart. Some may also be vulnerable to hydrogeomorphic hazards (e.g., floods, debris flows, debris floods, etc.) if they are present near streams subject to such hazards at the time they occur. Flood conditions may develop in response to noticeable storm events, usually over an extended period (hours to days). In such cases, there is typically some warning (e.g., rising stream levels) so that risks to human safety can be effectively mitigated (e.g., by evacuating flood-prone areas). Although less common, relatively destructive debris floods or debris flows can potentially be initiated along some of the incised gullies in the assessment area. Such events may occur as a result of natural or development-related sediment and debris delivery from landslides or sediment mobilization along stream channels (e.g., if log jams breach).
Private Property	Several private residences, properties, roads, including stream crossings, water intakes and wells are identified in the assessment area. Some of these values may potentially be vulnerable to flooding-related damage along the eight streams of interest and/or their tributaries.
Transportation Infrastructure	Several public roads (e.g., Sunshine Coast Highway #101, Gibsons Way, Lower Road, Ocean Beach Esplanade, Reed Road) are located downstream of BCTS' Chart and cross streams in the assessment area that may be subject to damage from flooding or other hydrogeomorphic events. In addition, there are several resource roads and trails that cross streams that are subject to flooding in the assessment area.
Utilities	Electrical and telecommunication lines run principally along public highways and public roads or along transmission line rights-of-way. Although these may be subject to service interruption as a result of windstorms and blowdown, they are generally not

⁹⁴ These values are referred to as potential elements-at-risk.

⁹⁵ First Nation cultural or archeological sites, aesthetic, or effects on corporate social licence are not considered.

Value	Notes on potential type of risk
	<p>subject to the hydrogeomorphic hazards considered in the assessment (Section 2.3). Underground natural gas pipelines may, however, be susceptible to flood-related scour where they cross streams (e.g., along Lower Road).</p>
Water Rights & Use	<p>As noted in Section 4.9, domestic water is sourced from several locations within or downslope of BCTS' Chart. This includes Chaster Creek and some of its tributaries, as well as End/Walker Creek, Smales Creek, Higgs Brook, Slater Creek, Molyneux Creek, Joe Smith Creek and Clough Creek. In addition, there are licences on small streams in residual areas between Higgs Brook and Slater Creek as well as between Smales Creek and Higgs Brook. It should be recognized, however, that of the total number of surface water licences registered in the assessment area, a relatively small percentage are currently in use (Section 4.12.1). Many licences are associated with private water systems that have been damaged by natural fluvial activity (e.g., aggradation), abandoned or otherwise not utilized for a number of reasons (e.g., alternative source available from municipality or from groundwater).</p> <p>Domestic water supply can potentially be affected if there is a reduction of supply (i.e., drought), specifically in late summer and early fall. In addition, water quality (e.g., turbidity) can potentially be affected by land use activities upslope, especially where soils are disturbed. Lastly, water intakes, particularly those that are poorly engineered or constructed, may be susceptible to floods.</p> <p>While water quality requirements are not as stringent, irrigation and land improvement water use can similarly be impaired if supplies decrease or if water intakes are subject to damage. Such use is noted in Webb Brook (Chaster Creek watershed) and Leek Creek (residual area between Higgs Brook and Slater Creek).</p> <p>As noted in Section 4.12.2, a total of 94 groundwater wells are recorded downstream of BCTS' Chart. These wells source water from two main sources: the largely confined alluvial Gibsons Aquifer and the bedrock Roberts Creek Aquifer. Some wells may also source water from the unconfined alluvial Capilano Aquifer (Section 4.12.2).</p>
Fish and fish habitat	<p>Several fish species are present downstream of BCTS' Chart, principally within Chaster Creek and its tributaries as well as lower End/Walker Creek, Molyneux Creek and Clough Creek. Potential changes to peak and low flows (magnitude, frequency and/or duration) may affect habitat values (e.g., via channel degradation/aggradation, loss of functioning wood, stream cover, food sources). Instream flows for fish survival may also be adversely affected during drought usually in late summer and early fall. Sedimentation associated with land uses can also be detrimental to fish habitat, impacting both water quality and stream channel conditions.</p>

TABLE 5.2 Summary of type of hazard by stream catchment.

Hazard	Elements-at-risk	Chaster Creek	End/Walker Creek	Smales Creek	Higgs Brook	Slater Creek	Molyneux Creek	Joe Smith Creek	Clough Creek
1) Peak flows (flooding, debris flood, and/or debris flow) - increased magnitude, frequency and/or duration	a) Human safety	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	b) Private property (e.g., flooding of property, damage or loss of land, damage to stream crossings, damage to water intakes and wells)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	c) Transportation & Utilities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2) Low flows & aquifer recharge - reduced baseflows and/or groundwater recharge	a) Water rights & use	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	b) Instream flow requirements for fish	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓
3) Sediment yield - increased erosion and subsequent deposition of sediment in streams	a) Water quality, for domestic use and fish	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4) Channel instability (i.e., channel disequilibrium) associated with increased flooding, sediment yield and/or loss of riparian function.	a) Private property (e.g., loss of land, damage to stream crossings and water intakes)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	b) Fish habitat	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓
5) Water contamination by pollutants	a) Water quality, for domestic use and fish	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

"X" denotes not applicable (value not identified)

6. SUMMARY OF HAZARDS IN THE ASSESSMENT AREA

This section reviews the types of hydrogeomorphic processes or hazards that have potential to affect identified values in the assessment watersheds (Section 5). This includes an overview of the hazard, a description of current watershed conditions and processes that influence that hazard, and the potential effects of forest development in the context of projected climate change. As indicated in Section 1.2, this assessment does not review specific forest development plans but rather forest development in general.

6.1. STREAMFLOW REGIME

Two primary goals of this assessment were to: 1) identify the likelihood and/or degree to which past disturbance in the assessment area influences the hydrologic regime; and 2) identify the likelihood and/or degree to which the hydrologic regime will change in response to potential future forest development. The potential for a change in the streamflow regime is assessed by considering the history of disturbance in the watershed as well as physical characteristics that influence runoff generation potential [e.g., climate, forest characteristics, elevation, slope, aspect, gradient, soils and method and extent of harvesting (i.e., ECA)], and the potential for runoff synchronization. Discussion of potential changes to the streamflow regime are discussed below for peak flows, low flows and aquifer recharge as effects on each may have the potential to adversely affect identified watershed values.

6.1.1. Peak Flows

As noted in Section 3.1, evaluation of peak flow hazard considers runoff generation potential and runoff synchronization. The former consideration is potentially influenced by ECA, a factor that differs from most other intrinsic characteristics of a stream catchment in that it can be influenced by forest management. In coastal watersheds, an evaluation of ECA typically includes identifying overall ECAs and ECAs within the elevation bands where rain, rain-on-snow zone or snow runoff generation typically occur (Hudson and Horel, 2007). Runoff generation during rain-on-snow events is often responsible for generating the most severe floods. Moreover, rain-on-snow tends to be more sensitive to forest disturbance than rain-only events. As such, and following recommendations from Dr. William Floyd, the evaluation of ECA was conducted assuming that rain-on-snow occurs at all elevations and a single rain-on-snow recovery curve was applied across all elevations of the assessment area.

We are aware of only one previous ECA recommendation in the assessment area by Madrone (2015). Based on their assessment of Chaster Creek they recommended that ECA within BCTS' Chart be capped at 25%. This threshold was identified as a measure to reduce the likelihood of adversely increasing peak flow, particularly along the lower, more sensitive alluvial reach of Chaster Creek where intakes were identified. In other creeks, such as Molyneux Creek (which was mistakenly identified as Joe Smith Creek due to the inaccurate legacy base maps), Madrone did not provide an ECA recommendation, believing the non-alluvial or semi-alluvial stream is sufficiently robust not to be adversely affected by any potential harvesting-related peak flow increases.

Based on the characteristics of the assessment watersheds, the runoff generation potential (RGP) is considered high in all watersheds with exception of End/Walker Creek above Highway 101, Smales Creek below Highway 101⁶, and Higgs Brook. RGP is considered low for these three stream reaches given they have considerable surface flow discontinuity and a propensity for water losses through infiltration.

With consideration of RGP and the research literature (Section 3.1.1), a majority of the assessment watersheds are expected to have a low peak flow hazard if ECA is below 20%. Between 20 and 30%, peak flow hazard is moderate, and above 30% such hazard is high. Exceptions to these hazard ratings include Smales Creek and Higgs Brook. In these creeks, the RGP is lower due to the discontinuous channels, therefore, peak flow hazard thresholds are higher. Current ECAs and how they relate to peak flow hazards for each assessment watershed is described below.

Current ECAs are spatially presented in FIGURE 6.1. To evaluate how the level of disturbance varies throughout the assessment area, additional points-of-interest (POIs) were identified along the assessment streams. ECAs were evaluated for overall watershed area and for the area above each POI. In total, 31 POIs were identified (FIGURE 6.2, FIGURE 6.3), and were generally placed in the following locations:

- At the confluence of major tributaries, to evaluate ECAs for basins and sub-basins;
- At elements-at-risk, to evaluate the level of disturbance upstream of these points; and
- At the boundary of BCTS' Chart to approximate the level of disturbance within the forest cover land base (i.e., the area not influenced by residential and commercial development).

Current ECAs above each POI and for the portion of BCTS Chart above each POI are identified in TABLE 6.2. Projected future ECAs that account for hydrologic recovery (assuming no additional forest development) are identified in APPENDIX E. The intent of the long-term projections is not to predict what actual conditions will be like in future (as specific forest development plans or

⁶ The RGP for Smales Creek above Highway 101 is considered high.

other natural disturbances are unknown), but rather to demonstrate the pattern and rate of hydrologic recovery that is expected under current conditions in each of the assessment watersheds.

Peak flow hazard for each POI is presented in TABLE 6.2 and FIGURE 6.3 and described below. The ECA recommendations put forth assume a clearcut silviculture system. If a selective harvest silviculture system (i.e., thinning) is used, ECAs are scaled based on the values in TABLE 6.1.

TABLE 6.1 *Assumptions for ECA calculations for a selective harvest silviculture system [from BC MOF (1999)].*

Basal Area Removed	ECA Assumption
<20%	100% recovery (i.e., 0% ECA)
20% to 40%	0.2 of area harvested ⁹⁷
40% to 60%	0.4 of area harvested
60% to 80%	0.6 of area harvested
>80%	0% recovery (i.e., (100% ECA)

ECA recommendations for each POI in TABLE 6.2 are based on the objective to limit the increase in peak flow hazard at POIs downstream of BCTS Chart, while maintaining ECAs below 20% for the portion of the watershed within BCTS Chart. It is important to recognize that in a nested system, the ECA recommendations for all watershed units must be met simultaneously. For example, if the ECA recommendation for a nested basin is greater than for the larger watershed in which it is nested, ECAs within the nested basin can increase as long as the larger watershed ECA recommendations are not exceeded. Given that Chaster Creek and Molyneux Creek have nested drainages, the maximum additional ECA to maintain current peak flow hazard levels are presented in FIGURE 6.4.

ECAs in the assessment area demonstrate that the extent of forest cover disturbance is greatest in the lower portion of the watersheds, which have been subject to varying degrees of residential and commercial development (FIGURE 4.23). This skews the overall watershed ECAs (i.e., above the mouth of each stream) and is likely to have resulted in streamflows along lower reaches of each creek that are effectively permanently urban-influenced⁹⁸.

⁹⁷ For example, 1 ha subject to 35% removal would have an ECA of 0.2 ha.

⁹⁸ There is considerable variability in the level of residential and commercial development between watersheds (Section 3.1.4).

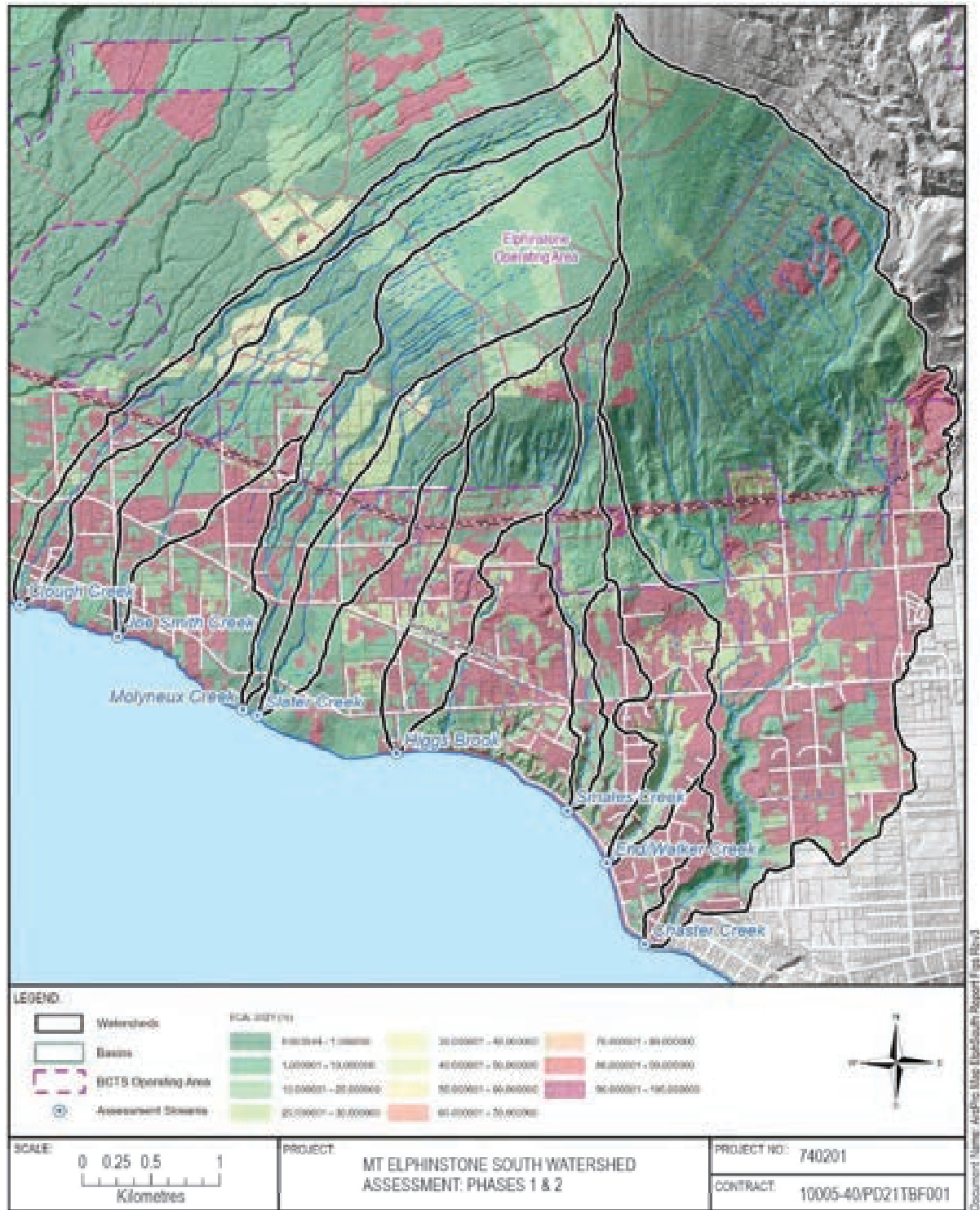


FIGURE 6.1 Equivalent clearcut areas (ECAs) for the assessment area.

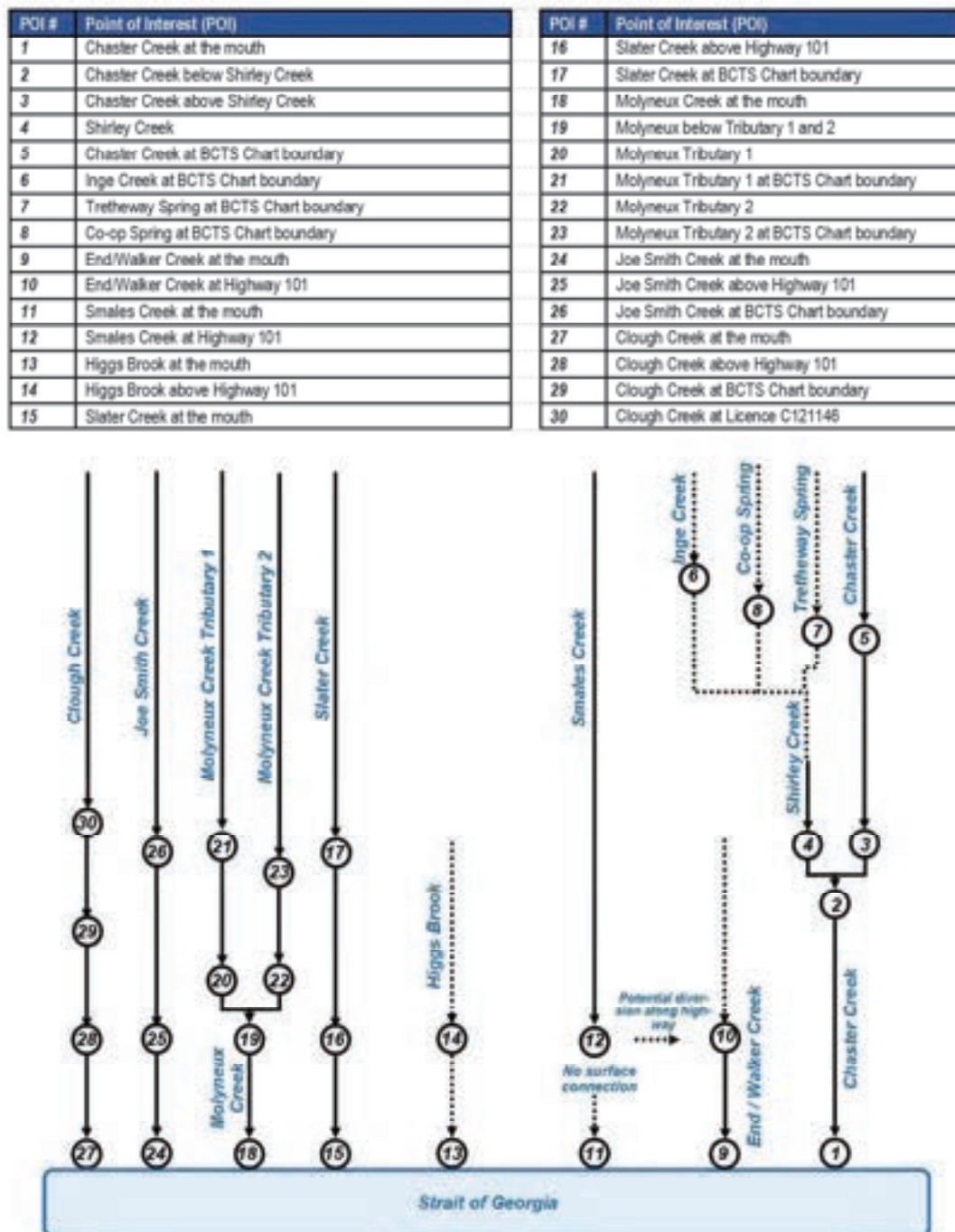


FIGURE 6.2 Schematic of the assessment watersheds including points-of-interest (POIs)

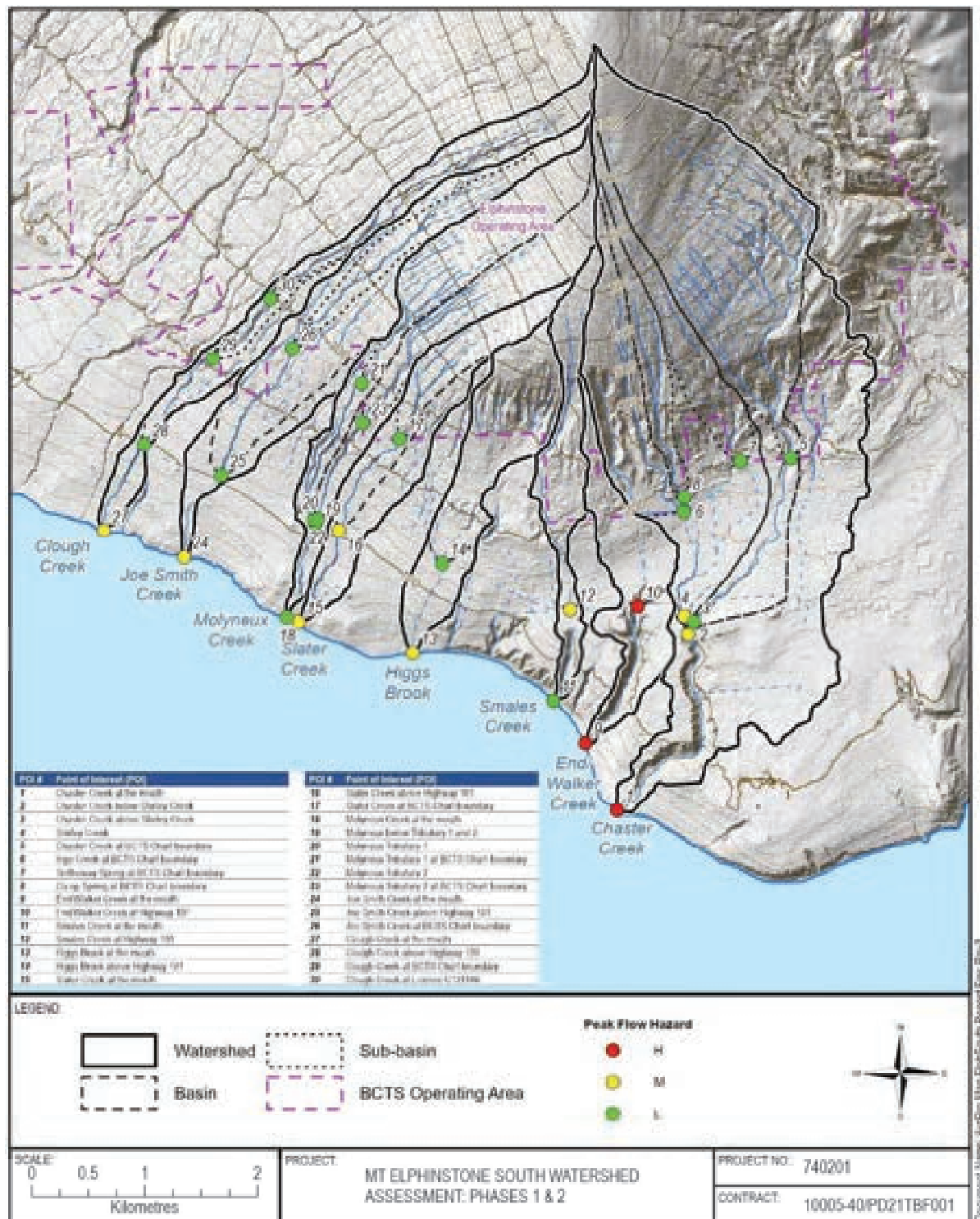


FIGURE 6.3 Points-of-interest (POIs) used to evaluate ECAs. Peak flow hazard at each POI is also presented.

TABLE 6.2 Current ECAs and peak flow hazard (PFH) levels above points-of-interest (POIs) in the assessment area. ECAs are presented in both hectares and % of overall drainage area. Due to nested stream catchments in several assessment watersheds, recommended ECA constraints are based on the most limiting constraint amongst the nested catchments.

Assessment Watershed	POI #	POI	Area above Points-of-Interest						Area within BCIS Chart				Maximum Additional ECA to Maintain Current PFH (ha) ⁴	ECA Assuming Maximum Harvest Occurs (ha)	ECA Assuming Maximum Harvest Occurs (%)	Summary of Maximum Additional ECA to Maintain Current PFH	
			Drainage Area (ha)	Current ECA Above POI (ha)	Current ECA Above POI (%)	Current Peak Flow Hazard (PFH)	Maximum ECA to Maintain Current Peak Flow Hazard		Chart (ha)	Current Chart ECA (ha)	Current Chart ECA (%)	Default Maximum					
							ECA Above POI (ha)	ECA Above POI (%)				Chart ECA (ha)					Chart ECA (%)
Chaster Creek	1	Chaster Creek at the mouth	1,072.9	363.9	33.9%	High	429.2	40%	626.2	65.3	10.4%	125.2	20%	59.9	291.5	26.5%	No more than 27.6 ha may be harvested within BCIS Chart within the Chaster Creek watershed, while at the same time < 11.4 ha is harvested above POI 3, <16.2 ha above POI 4, and <6.3 ha, <8.6 ha, and <6.6 ha above POIs 6-8, respectively.
	2	Chaster Creek below Shirley Creek	733.4	152.5	20.8%	Moderate	220.0	30%	577.8	56.0	9.7%	115.6	20%	59.6	180.4	24.6%	
	3	Chaster Creek above Shirley Creek	399.1	68.5	17.2%	Low	79.8	20%	343.8	33.8	9.8%	68.8	20%	11.4	79.9	20.0%	
	4	Shirley Creek	334.6	84.1	25.1%	Moderate	100.4	30%	234.3	22.3	9.5%	46.9	20%	16.2	100.3	30.0%	
	5	Chaster Creek at BCIS Chart Bdry	336.6	32.6	9.7%	Low	67.3	20%	336.6	32.6	9.7%	67.3	20%	34.8	44.0	13.4%	
	6	Inge Creek at BCIS Chart Bdry	102.7	14.3	13.9%	Low	20.5	20%	102.4	14.0	13.7%	20.5	20%	6.3	20.5	20.0%	
	7	Tretheway Spring at BCIS Chart Bdry	72.9	6.0	8.2%	Low	14.6	20%	69.4	4.2	6.1%	13.9	20%	8.6	14.6	20.0%	
	8	Co-op Spring at BCIS Chart Bdry	49.7	3.3	6.7%	Low	9.9	20%	48.9	2.7	5.6%	9.8	20%	6.6	9.9	20.0%	
End/Walker Creek	9	End/Walker Creek at the mouth	114.8	65.7	57.2%	High	-	-	19.3	2.6	13.3%	3.9	20% ¹	1.3	67.0	58.3%	No more than 1.3 ha may be harvested within BCIS Chart.
10	End/Walker Creek above Hwy 101	64	35.7	55.7%	High	-	-	19.3	2.6	13.3%	3.9	20% ¹	1.3	37.0	57.7%		
Smales Creek	11	Smales Creek at the mouth	94.6	23.3	24.7%	Low ²	-	-	62.1	10.2	16.5%	12.4	20%	2.2	25.5	27.0%	No more than 2.2 ha may be harvested within BCIS Chart.
12	Smales Creek above Highway 101	79.6	17.8	22.3%	Moderate	23.9	30%	62.1	10.2	16.5%	12.4	20%	2.2	19.9	25.1%		
Higgs Brook	13	Higgs Brook at the mouth	145	53.7	37.0%	Moderate ³	-	-	60.6	5.7	9.3%	12.1	20%	6.5	60.1	41.5%	No more than 6.5 ha may be harvested within BCIS Chart.
14	Higgs Brook above Hwy 101	111.2	33.9	30.5%	Low ³	-	-	60.6	5.7	9.3%	12.1	20%	6.5	40.4	36.3%		
Slater Creek	15	Slater Creek at the mouth	142.4	37.2	26.1%	Moderate	42.7	30%	72.0	10.7	14.8%	14.4	20%	3.7	41.0	28.8%	No more than 3.7 ha may be harvested within BCIS Chart, while no more than 1.8 ha harvested above POI 16.
16	Slater Creek above Hwy 101	80.6	19.9	24.7%	Moderate	24.2	30%	58.2	9.8	16.8%	11.6	20%	1.8	21.7	27.0%		
17	Slater Creek at BCIS Chart Bdry	54.1	8.6	15.9%	Low	10.8	20%	54.1	8.6	15.9%	10.8	20%	2.2	40.4	44.2%		
Molyneux Creek	18	Molyneux Creek at the mouth	264.8	38.2	14.4%	Low	53.0	20%	207.2	18.7	9.0%	41.4	20%	14.7	53.0	20.0%	No more than 14.7 ha may be harvested within BCIS Chart, while at the same time no more than 8.8 ha is harvested above POI 20, and 6.4 ha is harvested above POI 22.
	19	Molyneux below Tributary 1 and 2	249.1	34.6	13.9%	Low	49.8	20%	206.9	18.6	9.0%	41.4	20%	15.2	49.3	19.8%	
	20	Molyneux Tributary 1	137.2	18.6	13.6%	Low	27.4	20%	111.5	9.0	8.1%	22.3	20%	8.8	27.4	20.0%	
	21	Molyneux Tributary 1 at BCIS Chart Bdry	107.5	8.6	8.0%	Low	21.5	20%	107.4	8.6	8.0%	21.5	20%	12.9	17.4	16.4%	
	22	Molyneux Tributary 2	111.9	16.0	14.3%	Low	22.4	20%	95.4	9.6	10.0%	19.1	20%	6.4	22.4	20.0%	
	23	Molyneux Tributary 2 at BCIS Chart Bdry	90.5	8.5	9.4%	Low	18.1	20%	90.5	8.5	9.4%	18.1	20%	9.6	14.0	16.5%	
Joe Smith Creek	24	Joe Smith Creek at the mouth	228.6	57.6	25.2%	Moderate	68.6	30%	132.0	13.4	10.2%	26.4	20%	14.0	61.5	26.9%	No more than 3.9 ha may be harvested within BCIS Chart.
25	Joe Smith Creek above Hwy 101	190.8	34.2	17.9%	Low	38.2	20%	131.9	13.4	10.2%	26.4	20%	3.9	38.2	20.0%		
26	Joe Smith Creek at BCIS Chart Bdry	64.6	6.1	9.5%	Low	12.9	20%	64.6	6.1	9.5%	12.9	20%	6.8	40.0	45.5%	No more than 6.3 ha may be harvested within BCIS Chart.	
Clough Creek	27	Clough Creek at the mouth	154.1	31.8	20.6%	Moderate	46.2	30%	114.9	10.3	9.0%	23.0	20%	12.7	38.1		24.7%
	28	Clough Creek above Hwy 101	134.9	20.7	15.3%	Low	27.0	20%	114.9	10.3	9.0%	23.0	20%	6.3	27.0		20.0%
	29	Clough Creek at BCIS Chart Bdry	93.2	6.2	6.7%	Low	18.6	20%	93.2	6.2	6.7%	18.6	20%	12.4	12.5		13.4%
	30	Clough Creek at Licence C121146	79.3	4.8	6.0%	Low	15.9	20%	79.3	4.8	6.0%	15.9	20%	11.4	11.1		14.0%

Note:

- Given the discontinuous channel in the upper portion of the watershed, peak flow hazard downstream is not expected to measurably change if ECAs within BCIS Chart are maintained below 20%.
- Despite ECAs in excess of 20%, a low peak flow hazard is considered given the absence of a defined channel below Highway 101 (i.e., the channel is discontinuous).
- Despite elevated ECAs, a reduced peak flow hazard is assigned based on the discontinuous channel. Higgs Brook disappears into the subsurface along Gibsons Bench.
- When identifying the maximum additional ECA to maintain current PFH, consideration is given to the overall watershed constraint as well as the constraints for catchments nested within. Values in red and orange indicate the limiting constraints for that watershed unit. Values struck out would maintain current PFH for the respective POI/catchment; however, PFH would increase for another POI/catchment in the same watershed – thus values struck out are not recommended.
- Yellow highlighted cells show limiting factor for maximum ECA identified for each POI.

POI #	Point of Interest (POI)	POI #	Point of Interest (POI)
1	Chaster Creek at the mouth	16	Slater Creek above Highway 101
2	Chaster Creek below Shirley Creek	17	Slater Creek at BCTS Chart boundary
3	Chaster Creek above Shirley Creek	18	Molyneux Creek at the mouth
4	Shirley Creek	19	Molyneux below Tributary 1 and 2
5	Chaster Creek at BCTS Chart boundary	20	Molyneux Tributary 1
6	Inge Creek at BCTS Chart boundary	21	Molyneux Tributary 1 at BCTS Chart boundary
7	Tretheway Spring at BCTS Chart boundary	22	Molyneux Tributary 2
8	Co-op Spring at BCTS Chart boundary	23	Molyneux Tributary 2 at BCTS Chart boundary
9	End/Walker Creek at the mouth	24	Joe Smith Creek at the mouth
10	End/Walker Creek at Highway 101	25	Joe Smith Creek above Highway 101
11	Smales Creek at the mouth	26	Joe Smith Creek at BCTS Chart boundary
12	Smales Creek at Highway 101	27	Clough Creek at the mouth
13	Higgs Brook at the mouth	28	Clough Creek above Highway 101
14	Higgs Brook above Highway 101	29	Clough Creek at BCTS Chart boundary
15	Slater Creek at the mouth	30	Clough Creek at Licence C121145

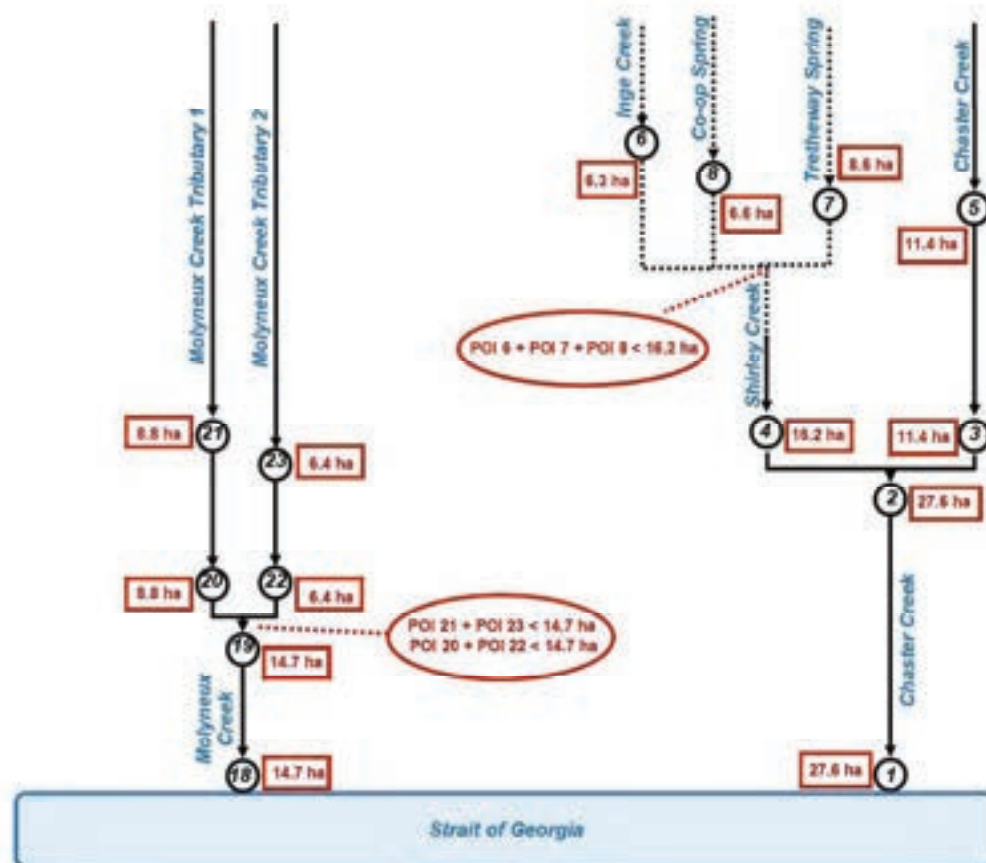


FIGURE 6.4 Schematic of the maximum additional ECA (values in red) to maintain current peak flow hazard in the Chaster Creek and Molyneux Creek watersheds.

The following descriptions by assessment stream identify the expected forest development effects on the current hydrologic condition. Even though BCTS maintains a low peak flow hazard within BCTS Chart, moderate and/or high peak flow hazards downslope of the chart are controlled by residential and commercial development. As such, meaningful reductions for some downstream POIs may never be realized because there is little to no hydrologic recovery associated with downstream residential and commercial development areas.

Chaster Creek

In the Chaster Creek watershed, eight POIs have been identified above which ECAs have been calculated (TABLE 6.2). Current ECA for the overall watershed (i.e., Chaster Creek at the mouth) is 33.9% (363.9 ha). Current ECA for the POIs within the watershed range from 6.7% for Co-op Spring at BCTS Chart Boundary to 25.1% for the Shirley Creek basin. The relatively high overall ECA is heavily weighted by residential and commercial land clearing in the lower portion of the watershed. Both the elevated ECA within this zone and the conversion of green spaces to impermeable surfaces and alteration of drainage patterns with stormwater infrastructure has likely had an influence on the rate at which urban runoff is conveyed to Chaster Creek. Similarly, relatively high ECAs in the Shirley Creek basin are in large part due to residential land clearing in the lower portion of the basin (between POI 4 and POIs 6-8). Current ECA for the portion the watershed within BCTS Chart is 10.4%; however, this does not represent an actual drainage unit and is only a proxy for the area disturbed.

As such, the current peak flow hazard (PFH) is considered high for the Chaster Creek stream reach between POI 1 and POI 2 (TABLE 6.2). A moderate peak flow hazard is identified for Chaster Creek below Shirley Creek (POI 2) and for the Shirley Creek basin (i.e., the streams between POI 4 and POIs 6-8). All stream reaches within BCTS Chart (POIs 5-8) currently have a low peak flow hazard. If BCTS is seeking development opportunities and wishes to maintain current peak flow hazard levels, ECAs within BCTS Chart should be limited to an increase of no more than 27.6 ha overall, while no more than 11.4 ha is harvested above POI 3, and no more than 16.2 ha is harvested above POI 4. An additional constraint is that ECAs within POIs 6-8 should be limited to an increase of no more than 6.3 ha, 8.6 ha, and 6.6 ha, respectively, while recognizing they can not exceed 16.2 ha collectively.

These recommendations reflect current (2021) conditions. More availability for harvest is expected in the future as stands recover. Recovery of 4.7 ha is projected by 2026 and 13.4 ha of recovery is projected by 2031 for the watershed overall (TABLE E.1, APPENDIX E).

End/Walker Creek

Current ECA in End/Walker Creek is 57.2% (65.7 ha) at the mouth, and 55.7% above Highway 101 (POI 10). Elevated ECAs are predominantly a result of residential and commercial land

clearing in the lower three quarters of the watershed and high proportion of deciduous species⁹⁹ in the ravine below BCTS Chart. Moreover, altered drainage patterns due to stormwater infrastructure are noted throughout the urbanized area of the watershed. The crown land portion of the watershed has relatively low drainage density and few, if any, classified streams. ECA within BCTS Chart is currently 13.3%.

As such, the current peak flow hazard is considered high for End/Walker Creek at the mouth and End/Walker Creek above Highway 101. Given the discontinuous channel in the upper portion of the watershed, peak flow hazard downstream is not expected to measurably change if ECAs within BCTS Chart are maintained below 20%. In other words, future development of up to 1.3 ha within BCTS Chart would serve to incrementally increase ECA, although peak flow hazard is expected to remain high at the two POIs.

Given the prevalence of residential and commercial development, and high proportion of deciduous in the lower portion of the watershed, projected hydrologic recovery is relatively slow. By 2026 and 2031, ECAs are projected to increase by 0.1 ha and 0.4 ha, respectively.

Smales Creek

Current ECA above Smales Creek at the mouth is 24.7% (23.3 ha). ECA above Highway 101 (POI 12) is 22.3%. Elevated ECAs are in large part due to residential and commercial land clearing in the lower portion of the watershed, a relatively high proportion of deciduous species in the center of the watershed, and forest development in the upper portion.

Altered drainage patterns due to stormwater infrastructure are noted in lower parts of the watershed. Field observations indicate that surface water generated upslope of Highway 101 is most likely diverted eastward along the north side of the highway towards End/Walker Creek, with some potentially diverted westward towards Whittaker Creek, depending on streamflows. Flow diversion towards Whittaker Creek was a factor responsible in part for the washout that occurred at the Lower Road crossing of Whittaker Creek on February 1, 2020 (Carson, 2020). Furthermore, no evidence of a defined channel immediately below Highway 101 was noted during the field review. Despite an ECA greater than 20% at the mouth, a low peak flow hazard is identified for POI 11 given the discontinuity of the channel from the upper and lower portion of the watershed. Peak flow hazard at Highway 101 (POI 12) is considered moderate. These peak flow hazard ratings are not expected to change if ECA is maintained below 20% within BCTS' Chart. In other words, harvesting an additional 2.2 ha within BCTS Chart would serve to maintain a low peak flow hazard at the mouth and a moderate peak flow hazard at Highway 101. By 2026, ECAs are projected to recover by 0.8 ha, and by 2031, 1.8 ha of recovery is projected.

⁹⁹ Deciduous stands intercept less rain and snow relative to coniferous stands. As such, ECA for the portion of a stand occupied by deciduous species were scaled by 25%.

Higgs Brook

Current ECA in Higgs Brook is 37.0% (53.7 ha) at the mouth and 30.5% above Highway 101 (POI 14). Elevated ECAs are predominantly a result of residential and commercial development in the lower two-thirds of the watershed. ECA within BCTS Chart is 9.3%. Streams in the upper portion of the watershed disappear subsurface as hillslopes transition from steep to shallow on the Gibsons Bench, roughly in the center of the watershed. Streams daylight (i.e., emerge from the subsurface) as slopes steepen in the lower portion of the watershed. Given the discontinuity of the channels in the upper and lower portion of the watershed, a moderate peak flow hazard is considered at the mouth (POI 13) and a low peak flow hazard is considered at Highway 101 (POI 14), despite elevated ECAs.

In the future, peak flow hazard is not expected to change if ECAs within BCTS Chart are not increased by more than 6.5 ha (i.e., ECA does not surpass 20% within BCTS Chart). Given some relatively newer openings in the upper portion of the watershed, ECAs are projected to improve with tree regeneration, potentially allowing more availability for harvest in the short- and medium-term. ECAs are projected to recover by 1.3 ha and 3.0 ha by 2026 and 2031, respectively.

Slater Creek

Current ECA in Slater Creek is 26.1% (37.2 ha) at the mouth (POI 15), 24.7% above Highway 101 (POI 16), and 15.9% at BCTS Chart Boundary (POI 17). Elevated ECAs are primarily a result of residential development in the lower portion of the watershed, and forest development in the upper portion. As such, current peak flow hazard is moderate for Slater Creek at the mouth and Slater Creek above Highway 101, and low for Slater Creek at BCTS Chart Boundary.

Peak flow hazard is not expected to change for the POIs within the watershed if ECA within BCTS Chart is maintained below 20%. As such, current peak flow hazard is not expected to change with future development of 3.7 ha within BCTS Chart, while no more than 1.8 ha be harvested above POI 16. Given a high proportion of young, fast-growing stands in the upper portion of the watershed, hydrologic recovery is expected to occur relatively quickly. As such, ECAs are projected to recover by 2.8 ha by 2026 and by 4.2 ha by 2031.

Molyneux Creek

Current ECA at Molyneux Creek at the mouth is 14.4% (38.2 ha). Current ECA in the remaining POIs range from 8.0% at Molyneux Tributary 1 at BCTS Chart Boundary (POI 21) to 14.3% at Molyneux Tributary 2 (POI 22). ECAs are predominantly a result of residential land clearing in the lower portion of the watershed, forest development in the middle portion, and stands composed of 15 to 50% deciduous species in the upper portion of the watershed.

Current peak flow hazard is low throughout the entire watershed. In the future, peak flow hazards are expected to remain low in all POIs if no more than 14.7 ha is harvested within BCTS Chart, with no more than 8.8 ha harvested above POI 20, and 6.4 ha harvested above POI 22, recognizing

that the collective sum above POI 20 and POI 22 can not exceed 14.7 ha. We recognize that this threshold is lower than the 25% threshold reported by Madrone (2015); however, we believe the conservatism is justified given the presence of some sensitive semi-alluvial stream reaches and at least two actively used water intakes (FIGURE 4.25). With hydrologic recovery, an additional 2.3 ha is projected to be available by 2026 and an additional 3.4 ha is projected to be available by 2031.

Joe Smith Creek

Current ECA in Joe Smith Creek is 25.2% (57.6 ha) at the mouth, 17.9% above Highway 101 (POI 25), and 9.5% at BCTS Chart Boundary (POI 26). Elevated ECA is predominantly due to residential development in the lower portion of the watershed, and forest development in the middle and upper portion. Moreover, stands composed of 15 to 50% deciduous species are noted in the upper portion of the watershed.

Current peak flow hazard is considered moderate at the mouth (POI 24), and low above Highway 101 (POI 25) and at BCTS Chart Boundary (POI 26). Current peak flow hazard is not expected to change as long as ECAs increase by no more than 3.9 ha within BCTS Chart. In the future, an additional 2.9 ha is projected to become available by 2026 and an additional 4.5 ha is projected to be available by 2031.

Clough Creek

Current ECA in Clough Creek is 20.6% (31.8 ha) at the mouth, 15.3% above Highway 101 (POI 28), 6.7% at BCTS Chart Boundary (POI 29), and 6.0% at surface water licence C121146 (POI 30). Elevated ECAs are a result of rural development in the lower portion of the watershed and forest development in the middle and upper portion.

Current peak flow hazard is moderate at Clough Creek at the mouth, and low in the remainder of the watershed (POI 28-30). In the future, peak flow hazard is expected to remain unchanged if no more than 6.3 ha is developed within BCTS Chart. With hydrologic recovery, an additional 2.2 ha and 3.3 ha is projected to become available by 2026 and 2031, respectively.

Effects of roads on peak flows

Although the removal of forest cover along road rights-of way are accounted for in ECA calculations, roads can also affect natural drainage patterns and increase runoff generation potential, thereby increasing the rate at which runoff water is delivered to streams. This is particularly important where roads intercept near-surface groundwater (Wemple and Jones, 2003).

Current (2021) road densities and lengths were calculated for the watershed units and are presented in TABLE 6.3. The road layer was compiled using the FTA, Digital Road Atlas, DEM bare earth hillshade, and streaming imagery. It is important to note, however, that these road

densities were calculated solely from a GIS-based exercise and were not field verified. Moreover, no information was available to differentiate between existing and deactivated roads.

Unsurprisingly, total road lengths and road densities are high given the level of urban development in the lower portion of the assessment area. Urbanization is generally concentrated below approximately 300 m, and the area above 300 m is largely Crown Land. As such, road lengths and densities above 300 m can be considered to generally represent the influence of forestry.

Recommended road density management thresholds are not provided as they can be somewhat misleading. For example, a high density of well built (i.e., well-spaced and working drainages, robust road surface, etc.) may have a lesser effect on hydrology than a low density of poorly built roads. As such, only qualitative ratings are provided. Road densities above 300 m are generally low with exception of Smales Creek with a density of 6.29 km/km². Despite the high densities in Smales Creek, road conditions within the watershed were observed to be in good condition. The current road alignments in the assessment area are generally on relatively low gradient terrain (FIGURE 4.2). As a result, road cuts are likely to be relatively shallow. Furthermore, due to relatively rapid preferential flow and high drainage density, shallow groundwater and surface water flow rates are similar, such that road-related effects (e.g., interception of shallow groundwater flow and conveyance as ditch flow) on drainage patterns and flow rates are expected to be small. Based on this, the net effect of forest resource roads on near-surface groundwater interception and ultimately peak flow hazard is low.

TABLE 6.3 *Road lengths and road densities for the assessment watersheds. An elevation of 300 m serves as a rough approximation for the boundary between urban roads (below) and forest resource roads (above).*

Watershed Units								
Stream / Watershed	Chaster Creek	End / Walker Cr	Smales Creek	Higgs Brook	Slater Creek	Molyneux Creek	Joe Smith Creek	Clough Creek
Roads								
Total length (km)	33.33	4.27	9.47	6.53	3.81	7.47	13.78	4.89
Total density (km/km ²)	3.11	3.71	9.97	4.50	2.68	2.82	6.02	3.18
Total road area (ha)	50.49	8.89	6.33	10.92	9.63	9.83	11.50	6.33
Length below 300 m (km)	28.62	4.27	3.50	6.53	3.51	4.46	-	4.89
Density below 300 m (km/km ²)	2.67	3.71	3.68	4.50	2.47	1.68	-	3.18
Road area below 300 m (ha)	37.70	8.19	4.65	9.94	5.46	3.23	9.59	4.69
Length above 300 m (km)	4.71	-	5.98	-	0.30	3.01	5.05	-
Density above 300 m (km/km ²)	0.44	-	6.29	-	0.21	1.14	2.21	-
Road area above 300 m (ha)	12.79	0.70	1.68	0.99	4.18	6.60	1.90	1.65

6.1.2. Low Flows

The current distribution of seral stages across the assessment area indicates that nearly the entire forested land base has been either naturally disturbed (e.g., by wildfire) or harvested within the last 150 years. In other words, forests in the assessment area are predominantly, if not entirely, second growth stands. As such, the history of disturbance has potentially influenced low flows of the assessment streams. The distribution of forest age classes within BCTS Chart offers some indication of relative water consumption overall (FIGURE 4.20) and for each of the assessment watersheds (FIGURE 6.5). This type of analysis as part of a watershed assessment is novel and based on limited data, so, the analysis is restricted to a qualitative exercise. Four age classes were identified based on structural stages outlined in the Standard for Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping in British Columbia (Ecosystems Working Group, 1998) and research literature on forest structure (Spies and Franklin, 1991) and on the effects of forest cover removal on low flows in the Pacific Northwest (e.g., Perry and Jones, 2017; Segura et al., 2020).

As discussed in Section 3.1.2, increases in late summer (i.e., July to September) flow volumes can occur in the first several years following forest cover removal¹⁰⁰. The increase in late summer flow is associated with the elimination of interception and transpiration losses and a net increase in soil moisture, which may contribute to groundwater recharge. However, such increases typically persist from a few years (Segura et al., 2020) to upwards of fifteen years (Perry and Jones, 2017). Once sufficiently dense regenerating forest becomes established, the potential for water demands from the forest increases, often resulting in less water available for infiltration and runoff than prior to harvesting. This is a phenomenon referred to as *over-recovery*, whereby the density and forest cover provided by vigorously growing tree plantations exceeds the original stand. Perry and Jones (2017) found that persistent low flow deficits (i.e., over-recovery) were less likely to occur when openings were less than 8 ha and were unlikely to occur when catchments were subject to a 50% thinning (i.e., shelterwood) silviculture system. As forest stands age, evapotranspiration rates decrease and low flows will trend towards baseline conditions; however, a return to baseline can be a lengthy process. Segura (2020) found that summer streamflow generated from 40- to 53-year-old Douglas fir stands was still 50% less than runoff generated from the mature/old (90- to 170-year-old) Douglas fir stands.

¹⁰⁰ It is important to recognize that the majority of studies evaluating the effect of forest cover removal on low flows are based on 100% basal area removal.



FIGURE 6.5 Distribution of forest ages within BCTS Chart by watershed. The histogram presents age classes by decade. The pie chart shows stand age distribution for four age classes based on water consumption (i.e., evapotranspiration rates) relative to mature (i.e., >80-year-old) stands. Stands 0-10 years old are expected to have relatively low water consumption, stands 11-40 years are expected to have relatively high water consumption, stands 41-80 years are expected to have relatively moderate water consumption and stands >80-years are expected to have normal water consumption (i.e., baseline).

As indicated above, forest stand ages throughout BCTS' Chart have been classified into four age classes to illustrate summer water use relative to baseline conditions. In this case, baseline conditions are represented by mature (>80-year-old) stands. Forest stands aged 0-10 years are considered to have relatively low water consumption, potentially resulting in water surpluses; young forest stands aged 11-40 years are considered to have relatively high water consumption; young/mature forest stands aged 41-80 years are considered to have relatively moderate water consumption; and mature forest stands greater than 80-years old are considered to have normal (baseline) water consumption. The likelihood that low flow conditions are currently being adversely affected in each of the assessment streams is assessed based on the distribution of forest ages in FIGURE 6.5. It is important to recognize, however, that as the age distributions change over time, so will the potential effect on low flows.

Upland Forest Cover

The likelihood that low flow conditions are adversely affected by the current distribution of seral stages is presented in TABLE 6.4.

Forest stands in Chaster Creek are predominantly old/mature stands (> 80-years old) followed by young/mature (41- to 80-year-old stands). Some over-consumption relative to baseline conditions can be expected from the young/mature stands. The proportion of young stands (11- to 40-year-old), however, is relatively small. Moreover, any over-consumption from these younger stands is expected to be somewhat counteracted by potential surpluses from the newer openings (0- to 10-year-old stands). As such, there is a moderate likelihood that flows during the late summer period (i.e., July to September) are currently reduced by the distribution of forest stand ages. Assuming no further development, the influence of maturing forest stands on late summer flows is expected to be slightly negative (i.e., increased potential for flow reduction) in the short-term as the new forest openings become established with young regenerating stands. Once the younger stands mature and evapotranspiration rates decrease, we would expect flows during the late summer period to be increased¹⁰¹.

A vast majority of forest stands in End/Walker Creek are greater than 80-years old and the young/mature stands are predominantly 71- to 80-years old (histogram in FIGURE 6.5). As such, there is a low likelihood that low flows are currently affected by the distribution of forest stand ages. Assuming no further development, a reduction in late summer flows can be expected in the short-term as new forest openings become established with young regenerating stands. Late summer flow volumes are expected to increase in the long-term as young stands mature.

Forest stands in Smales Creek are predominantly greater than 80-years old, with the remaining 21% and 10% as young/mature and new openings, respectively. Some over consumption can be

¹⁰¹ The increase in late summer flow conditions only accounts for the influence of forest cover and does not include potential reductions in flows associated with climate change.

expected by the young/mature stands; however, this is expected to be counteracted by potential surpluses from the newer openings. As such, there is a low likelihood that low flows are currently affected by the distribution of forest stand ages. There is potential for late summer flow to be reduced in the short-term, assuming no further development. This is a result of 10% of the watershed transitioning from new openings to young regenerating stands. As the young stands mature, late summer flows are expected to increase.

Forest stands in the Higgs Brook watershed are predominantly mature, followed by young/mature stands, young stands, and new openings. Higher water consumption relative to baseline conditions can be expected from the young and young/mature stands, although potential effects on low flows at the watershed scale are expected to be minor. Therefore, there is a low likelihood that low flows are currently affected by the distribution of forest stand ages. As forest stands mature, there is some potential for a reduction in late summer flows assuming no further development, although changes to the low flow regime are expected to be relatively minor compared to current conditions. The 7% of the watershed potentially contributing to increased late summer flows is expected to transition towards low flow deficits in the next ten years.

Forest stands within the Slater Creek watershed are 42% mature, 34% young, and 25% young/mature. Despite a dominance of mature stands, the over consumption of water from the young and young/mature stands are expected to influence the low flow regime in the watershed. As such, there is a high likelihood that the current distribution of forest ages is affecting low flows. Given the absence of new openings within the watershed, late summer flows are expected to increase in the future, assuming no further development. However, given the predominance of 11- to 20-year-old stands, late summer flows are expected to be reduced by regenerating stands for at least the next 20 to 30 years.

Forest stands in Molyneux Creek are predominantly young/mature, followed by mature, with a lesser proportion of young stands. Within the young/mature stands, forest ages are dominantly 60- to 80-years old and are expected to consume less water than younger stands within that age class. As such, there is a moderate likelihood that low flows are currently affected by the distribution of forest stand ages. Assuming no further development, late summer flows are expected to increase as younger stands mature, although flows are still expected to be reduced by regenerating stands for several decades.

In Joe Smith Creek, forests are composed of 44% mature, 39% young/mature, and 17% young stands. Despite a dominance of mature stands, higher water use from the young and young/mature stands is expected to influence the low flow regime. As such, there is a moderate likelihood that low flows are currently affected by the distribution of forest stand ages. Assuming no further development, late summer flows are expected to increase as younger stands mature, although late summer flows are still expected to be reduced by regenerating stands for several decades.

The distribution of stand ages within Clough Creek are similar to Joe Smith Creek. Therefore, there is a moderate likelihood that low flows in Joe Smith Creek are currently affected by the distribution of forest stand ages. Assuming no further development, late summer flows are expected to increase as younger stands mature, although late summer flows are still expected to be reduced by regenerating stands for several decades.

TABLE 6.4 *Effects of current stand age distributions on low flows in the assessment watersheds.*

Assessment Watershed	Likelihood that current forest structure is adversely affecting low flows
Chaster Creek	Moderate
End / Walker Creek	Low
Smales Creek	Low
Higgs Brook	Low
Slater Creek	High
Molyneux Creek	Moderate
Joe Smith Creek	Moderate
Clough Creek	Moderate

Riparian Areas

The research of Hicks et al. (1991) looked at the colonization of riparian areas by deciduous species following stream-side harvesting and suggested that evapotranspiration rates by such colonizing species could exceed those of the pre-harvest (mature) stand and result in reduced runoff during the low flow period. Moreover, Moore (2004) found evapotranspiration rates within the riparian areas of young Douglas fir forests exceeded those of mature forests by nearly 3.3 times. Historical logging practices in the assessment area often included harvesting of riparian areas, which led in some cases to colonization of deciduous species. The earliest available air photos from 1947 indicate that most riparian corridors were occupied by deciduous species by that time. Of note are the deeply gullied slopes in the Chaster Creek catchment below roughly 500 m elevation. These slopes have a very high density of sub-parallel incised gullies that are lined primarily with deciduous species. Roughly 20 to 25% of the forest cover is estimated to be deciduous in this area. In addition to the influence of the upland forest cover (i.e., everywhere excluding the riparian area) described above, the colonization of deciduous species within riparian corridors has likely resulted in increased water demands and consequently a reduction in low flows in most assessment streams. Fortunately, a majority of the deciduous vegetation is mature and therefore expected to utilize less water than it would have when it originally established (Moore et al., 2004). Harvesting deciduous riparian corridors as a means of potentially improving low flow conditions is not recommended. Any short-term amelioration of low flows would likely be superseded relatively quickly by rapidly regenerating and more vigorous young deciduous species.

The likelihood that low flows have been adversely affected by the current distribution of seral stages is low for End/Walker Creek, Smales Creek, and Higgs Brook; moderate for Chaster Creek,

Molyneux Creek, Joe Smith Creek, Clough Creek; and high for Slater Creek. With regards to future development, recommendations to mitigate potential adverse effects on low flows are provided in Section 9.

6.1.3. Groundwater/Aquifer recharge

Although relatively little research has been conducted on potential interactions between forest management activities and groundwater systems (Smerdon et al., 2009), several factors suggest that if BCTS maintains a low peak flow hazard and low likelihood of adversely affecting low flows (as described above), the risks associated with BCTS development in the assessment area on the groundwater supply are low. Similar to low flows, forest harvesting results in a reduction of site-level interception and transpiration. As such, an increase in net soil moisture can be expected following forest harvesting (Smerdon et al., 2009). As noted above, such an increase may be observed for up to 10-15 years (Perry and Jones, 2017). Beyond that time, there is a potential for decrease, but only if opening size exceeds 8 ha or if >50% of the overstory canopy is removed.

Furthermore, most wells appear to be established sufficiently deep within regional-scale bedrock or confined alluvial groundwater systems at distances several 100s of metres if not kilometres from BCTS' Chart. As a result, travel times for groundwater flow from BCTS' Chart to the principal aquifers and wells are on the order of decades to centuries (Doyle, 2013). Waterline (2013) found that groundwater ages within the Gibsons aquifer ranged from 10 to 80 years. They noted that the older water is likely sourced from mountain block recharge, and that the younger water is entering the aquifer where gaps in the overlying aquitard exist along the Upper Gibsons Bench (FIGURE 4.10). Waterline (2013) also evaluated aquifer response to precipitation events and found that the shallow unconfined Capilano Aquifer responded rapidly to precipitation inputs, while the deeper confined Gibsons Aquifer responded to precipitation two to 15 days later. They concluded that the Gibsons Aquifer was not directly connected to the overlying Capilano Aquifer nor to Gibsons Creek, Charman Creek or Chaster Creek. However, an indirect connection from the surface to the aquifer does exist, which is presumed to be in the form of "recharge windows" from unmapped portions of the aquifer.

In the assessment area, an increase in the site-level water balance and hence increase in the site-level groundwater table is possible following harvest, although with a high level of variability. Depending on the proximity of the harvested area to the zone of groundwater recharge, an increase in recharge may be realized; however, it is likely to occur over timescales too large for the increase to be measurable. This is particularly the case for the deeper confined Gibsons Aquifer. Moreover, a majority of aquifer recharge occurs during the wetter fall and winter months. During these times, evapotranspiration rates are low and therefore the likelihood that the removal of forest cover would measurably influence groundwater recharge is low. Combined with the measures noted above to maintain low peak flow and low flow hazard, such long time-scales for

groundwater movement relative to future forest harvest and silvicultural activities are likely to make harvest-related effects undetectable (Madrone, 2015).

6.1.4. Summary

In summary, the hydrology of the assessment watersheds is driven predominantly by rainfall; however, rain-on-snow is considered the principal driver of peak flows. Both relatively high ECAs due to the conversion of green spaces to impervious surfaces from residential and commercial land clearing, and stormwater infrastructure in urban areas is expected to have changed runoff generation potential along the lower reaches of the assessment streams. Moreover, most, if not all, forest stands in the upper portion of the assessment area have been subject to historical disturbance, either by wildfire or logging. As such, regenerating forest stands within BCTS Chart are at various levels of recovery and contain various proportions of deciduous species, which are considered less hydrologically recovered relative to coniferous stands.

Peak Flows

Based on the characteristics of the eight assessment streams, RGP is considered high for all watersheds with exception of End/Walker Creek above Highway 101, Smales Creek below Highway 101, and Higgs Brook, where RGP is considered low due to stream discontinuity. To identify peak flow hazard at various locations throughout the assessment area, 30 points-of-interest have been identified (FIGURE 6.2, FIGURE 6.3). With consideration of RGP and the research literature, recommended ECA maxima are provided on the basis of limiting increases in peak flow hazard at POIs downstream of BCTS Chart, while maintaining ECAs below 20% for the portion of the watershed within BCTS Chart.

Currently, ECAs within the assessment area range from 6.0% in forested BCTS Chart area to 57.2% including the urban / commercial areas. This means current peak flow hazards vary by point of interest (POI). A high peak flow hazard was identified for the following POIs:

- Chaster Creek at the mouth,
- End/Walker Creek at the mouth, and
- End/Walker Creek above Highway 101.

A moderate peak flow hazard was identified for the following POIs:

- Chaster Creek below Shirley Creek,
- Shirley Creek,
- Smales Creek above Highway 101,
- Higgs Brook at the mouth,
- Slater Creek at the mouth,
- Slater Creek above Highway 101,
- Joe Smith Creek at the mouth, and
- Clough Creek at the mouth.

A low peak flow hazard is identified for the remaining POIs.

If BCTS wishes to pursue development opportunities in the assessment watersheds, the maximum additional ECA available to maintain current peak flow hazard levels are identified (TABLE 6.2). These values range from 1.3 ha for End/Walker Creek (POIs 9 & 10) up to 16.2 ha for Shirley Creek (POI 4). Moreover, projected hydrologic recovery in terms of expected increases in ECA are provided in APPENDIX E.

Low Flows

With regards to summer low flows, the distribution of seral stages (i.e., forest ages) suggest that low flows have been influenced to varying degrees by historical disturbance. The likelihood that low flows have been adversely affected by the current distribution of seral stages is high for Slater Creek; moderate for Chaster Creek, Molyneux Creek, Joe Smith Creek, and Clough Creek; and low for End/Walker Creek, Smales Creek, and Higgs Brook. With respect to future development and based on the literature, alternative silviculture approaches in upland and riparian areas are recommended to minimize the likelihood of causing an incremental adverse effect on summer low flows. Furthermore, we also encourage the planting of a mix of conifer species similar to the pre-harvest (mature) stands to achieve similar long-term evapotranspiration rates.

Groundwater/Aquifer Recharge

If BCTS maintains current peak flow hazards and a low likelihood of adversely affecting low flows as described above, the risks associated with BCTS development in the assessment area on the groundwater supply are low. Site-level increases in the water balance can be expected following the removal of forest cover. This may result in localised increases in the groundwater table; however, such increases are only expected to persist for up to 10-15 years. Beyond that time, there is a potential for decrease, but only if opening size exceeds 8 ha or if >50% of the overstory canopy is removed. Given the long time periods associated with groundwater movement and recharge, to the confined Gibsons Aquifer, harvest-related effects are expected to be undetectable if the above constraints are met.

6.2. SEDIMENT YIELD

6.2.1. Roads

Based on our office and field review, few development-related sediment risks were identified in the assessment area¹⁰². Sechelt Roberts FSR (7575) and its branch roads have stable road surfaces

¹⁰² As discussed in Section 3.2.1, no formal site-level assessment of sediment yield (i.e., FREP WQEE protocol) was conducted at stream crossings.

and functional drainage infrastructures were noted along all reviewed active roads (FIGURE 6.8). Consequently, the erosion potential from active roads is low. Erosion potential does marginally increase in the vicinity of crossings of incised gullies, due to the increased height of road cuts that are typically required; however, these site-level risks appear to have been effectively mitigated where necessary (FIGURE 6.9), and sediment risks are low.

Road Crossings

Given the relatively small size of the streams in the assessment area, downstream dilution of sediment inputs is minimal. As such, sediment contributions from roads, particularly at stream crossings, can result in increased sediment concentrations downstream. A total of 89 active stream crossings in the assessment area were identified during the field reviews (TABLE 6.5, FIGURE 6.7). Although this does not necessarily represent an exhaustive inventory, it does represent a large sample of the stream crossings in active use. The spatial distribution of crossings is summarized in TABLE 6.6. Overall, 35% of the crossings are located in Chaster Creek, with 18% in Molyneux Creek, 12% in Slater Creek, 11% in Clough Creek, and 10% in Joe Smith Creek. The remaining three watersheds have 5% or less of the crossings identified. The distribution of crossings within BCTS Chart (i.e., on resource roads) or outside of BCTS Chart (i.e., public roads and highways) varies by watershed (TABLE 6.6). They are roughly evenly distributed in Chaster Creek, Slater Creek, Molyneux Creek; however, they are heavily weighted to the non-Chart in End/Walker Creek, Higgs Brook, Joe Smith Creek, and Clough Creek. Only Smales Creek had a greater number of crossings in the BCTS Chart. A total of 80% of the active stream crossings identified are various types of culverts, whereas 16% are bridges and 4% are fords¹⁰³. The specific type of crossing and size (if known) are presented in TABLE 6.5.

Although the number of stream crossings, or density of stream crossings per km² (reported in TABLE 6.6), may be useful as a high-level screening tool of the potential for sediment-related hazards (particularly on resource roads), we have placed little emphasis on this indicator for this assessment, instead relying on field-specific observations to evaluate the overall hazard in each watershed. Our field observations within BCTS Chart generally indicate that sediment hazards associated with stream crossings is low¹⁰⁴, largely as a result of gentle road grades, deactivation of unused roads, and effective control measures such as coarse gravel road surfacing and/or rock armour at culvert inlets and outlets or along bridge abutments. There are very few examples where sediment hazards are elevated in the assessment area within BCTS Chart. One includes bridge crossing No. 8 (FIGURE 6.7, FIGURE 6.9), where the road alignment passes through deep surficial sediments. Although control measures such as a rock retaining wall and coarse road

¹⁰³ Fords were identified principally along the BC Hydro right-of-way (ROW).

¹⁰⁴ The sediment hazard refers to the likelihood of measurable erosion and sedimentation to occur in the vicinity of stream crossings. It does not consider the potential for crossing damage or washout in the event of an extreme flood. Evaluation of design flows and flood conveyance at crossings is beyond the scope of the assessment.

surfacing reduce sediment hazards, the sediments in the vicinity still pose a moderate hazard. Such examples, however, are uncommon in the assessment area.

Potential Effects of BCTS Planned Development

BCTS' Chart within the assessment watersheds is largely characterized as gentle to moderate terrain (MAP 1, FIGURE 6.6). Sediment risks associated with forest development are primarily associated with the construction (including reactivation), maintenance, and use of new and existing roads and trails. Fine-textured soils may be susceptible to rutting, compaction and erosion if subject to mechanical disturbance or excessive traffic during wet weather or wet ground conditions. Sediment risks can, however, be mitigated with a number of control measures, depending on site-conditions. Several of these measures are outlined in Section 9. Assuming that these (or equivalent) control measures are documented in site-specific erosion control plans and are incorporated into road and harvest planning and construction, sediment yields and the risks associated with future forest development can be maintained at low levels.



FIGURE 6.6 View of gentle terrain near 600 m elevation in the Molyneux Creek watershed. Photo DSC00206, August 27, 2020.

TABLE 6.5 List of active stream crossings identified during the course of the assessment.

No.	Type	Road	Diameter (mm)
1	Bridge	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br16	-
2	Bridge	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br16	-
3	Bridge	Private	-
4	Bridge	Ocean Beach Esplanade	-
5	Bridge	Private	-
6	Bridge	Private	-
7	Bridge	Private (foot bridge)	-
8	Bridge	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
9	Bridge	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
10	Bridge	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575	-
11	Bridge	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
12	Bridge	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br16	-
13	Bridge (suspected)	Private	-
14	Bridge (suspected)	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br16	-
15	Culvert	Pixton Road	400
16	Culvert	Russell Road	1100
17	Culvert	Lower Road	1000
18	Culvert	Leek Road	1000
19	Culvert	Highway 101	-
20	Culvert	Lower Road	1400
21	Culvert	Pixton Road	900
22	Culvert	Orange Road	1200
23	Culvert	Private	-
24	Culvert	Highway 101	900
25	Culvert	Lower Road	2000 + 600
26	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br03	900
27	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br03	600
28	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br03	600
29	Culvert	Reed Road	1500
30	Culvert	Reed Road	1000

No.	Type	Road	Diameter (mm)
31	Culvert	Reed Road	1000
32	Culvert	Ocean Beach Esplanade	600
33	Culvert	Burton Road	900
34	Culvert	Highway 101	1200
35	Culvert	Ocean Beach Esplanade	1000
36	Culvert	Russell Road	900 (x2)
37	Culvert	Conrad Road	600
38	Culvert	Porter Road	600
39	Culvert	Highway 101	900
40	Culvert	Private	-
41	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
42	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
43	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
44	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
45	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
46	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	1000
47	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
48	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
49	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
50	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br23	-
51	Culvert	Highway 1010	600
52	Culvert	Private	1200
53	Culvert	Highway 101	1000
54	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br21	-
55	Culvert	Ranch Road	-
56	Culvert	Harmen Road	800
57	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br16	1200
58	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br03	900
59	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br03	900
60	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br03	900

No.	Type	Road	Diameter (mm)
61	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br03	900
62	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br03	2100
63	Culvert	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br03	2100
64	Culvert	Private	-
65	Culvert (concrete)	Highway 101	-
66	Culvert (concrete)	Lower Road	1200
67	Culvert (concrete)	Highway 101	1000
68	Culvert (concrete)	Henry Road	1600
69	Culvert (concrete)	Highway 101	1600
70	Culvert (concrete)	Highway 101	900
71	Culvert (concrete)	Lower Road	1200
72	Culvert (log)	Private	-
73	Culvert (multiplate)	Reed Road	1700
74	Culvert (pipe arch)	Milliner Road	2400
75	Culvert (suspected)	Private	-
76	Culvert (suspected)	Private	-
77	Culvert (suspected)	Private	-
78	Culvert (suspected)	Private	-
79	Culvert (suspected)	Private	-
80	Culvert (suspected)	Private	-
81	Culvert (suspected)	Orange Road	-
82	Culvert (suspected)	Pixton Road	-
83	Culvert (suspected)	Porter Road	-
84	Culvert (suspected)	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br21	-
85	Culvert (suspected)	Sechelt Roberts FSR 7575 Br16	-
86	Ford	BC Hydro ROW	-
87	Ford	BC Hydro ROW	-
88	Ford	BC Hydro ROW	-
89	Ford	BC Hydro ROW	-

Notes:

- 1) The list of active stream crossings is based on field observations made during the course of the assessment and should not be considered an exhaustive list (i.e., this is not a detailed stream crossing inventory).
- 2) Locations of stream crossings are presented on FIGURE 6.7.
- 3) Diameter of stream crossing is identified where known.

TABLE 6.6 Number of active stream crossings in the assessment area.

Watershed	Drainage Area (km ²)	Number of active stream crossings				Density of active stream crossings (#/km ²)			
		Bridges	Culverts	Fords	All	Bridges	Culverts	Fords	All
Chaster Creek (BCTS Chart)	6.26	4	10	3	17	0.64	1.60	0.48	2.71
Chaster Creek (Non BCTS Chart)	4.47	1	13	-	14	0.22	2.91	-	3.13
Chaster Creek (Overall)	10.73	5	23	3	31	0.47	2.14	0.28	2.89
End/Walker Creek (BCTS Chart)	0.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
End/Walker Creek (Non BCTS Chart)	0.96	-	4	-	4	-	4.19	-	4.19
End/Walker Creek (Overall)	1.15	-	4	-	4	-	3.48	-	3.48
Smales Creek (BCTS Chart)	0.62	-	3	-	3	-	4.83	-	4.83
Smales Creek (Non BCTS Chart)	0.32	-	1	-	1	-	3.08	-	3.08
Smales Creek (Overall)	0.95	-	3	-	3	-	3.16	-	3.16
Higgs Brook (BCTS Chart)	0.61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Higgs Brook (Non BCTS Chart)	0.84	-	5	-	5	-	5.92	-	5.92
Higgs Brook (Overall)	1.45	-	5	-	5	-	3.45	-	3.45
Slater Creek (BCTS Chart)	0.72	1	5	-	6	1.39	6.95	-	8.34
Slater Creek (Non BCTS Chart)	0.70	1	4	-	5	1.42	5.68	-	7.10
Slater Creek (Overall)	1.42	2	9	-	11	1.41	6.34	-	7.75
Molyneux Creek (BCTS Chart)	2.07	3	5	-	8	1.45	2.41	-	3.86
Molyneux Creek (Non BCTS Chart)	0.58	1	7	-	8	1.74	12.15	-	13.89
Molyneux Creek (Overall)	2.65	4	12	-	16	1.51	4.53	-	6.04
Joe Smith Creek (BCTS Chart)	1.32	-	2	-	2	-	1.52	-	1.52
Joe Smith Creek (Non BCTS Chart)	0.97	2	4	-	6	2.07	4.14	-	6.21
Joe Smith Creek (Overall)	2.29	2	6	1	9	0.87	2.62	0.44	3.93
Clough Creek (BCTS Chart)	1.15	-	2	-	2	-	1.74	-	1.74
Clough Creek (Non BCTS Chart)	0.39	1	7	-	8	2.55	17.83	-	20.38
Clough Creek (Overall)	1.54	1	9	-	10	0.65	5.84	-	6.49
Total Assessment Area (BCTS Chart)	12.94	8	27	3	38	0.62	2.09	0.23	2.94
Total Assessment Area (Non BCTS Chart)	9.23	6	45	-	51	0.65	4.88	-	5.53
Total Assessment Area (Overall)	22.18	14	71	4	89	0.63	3.20	0.18	4.01

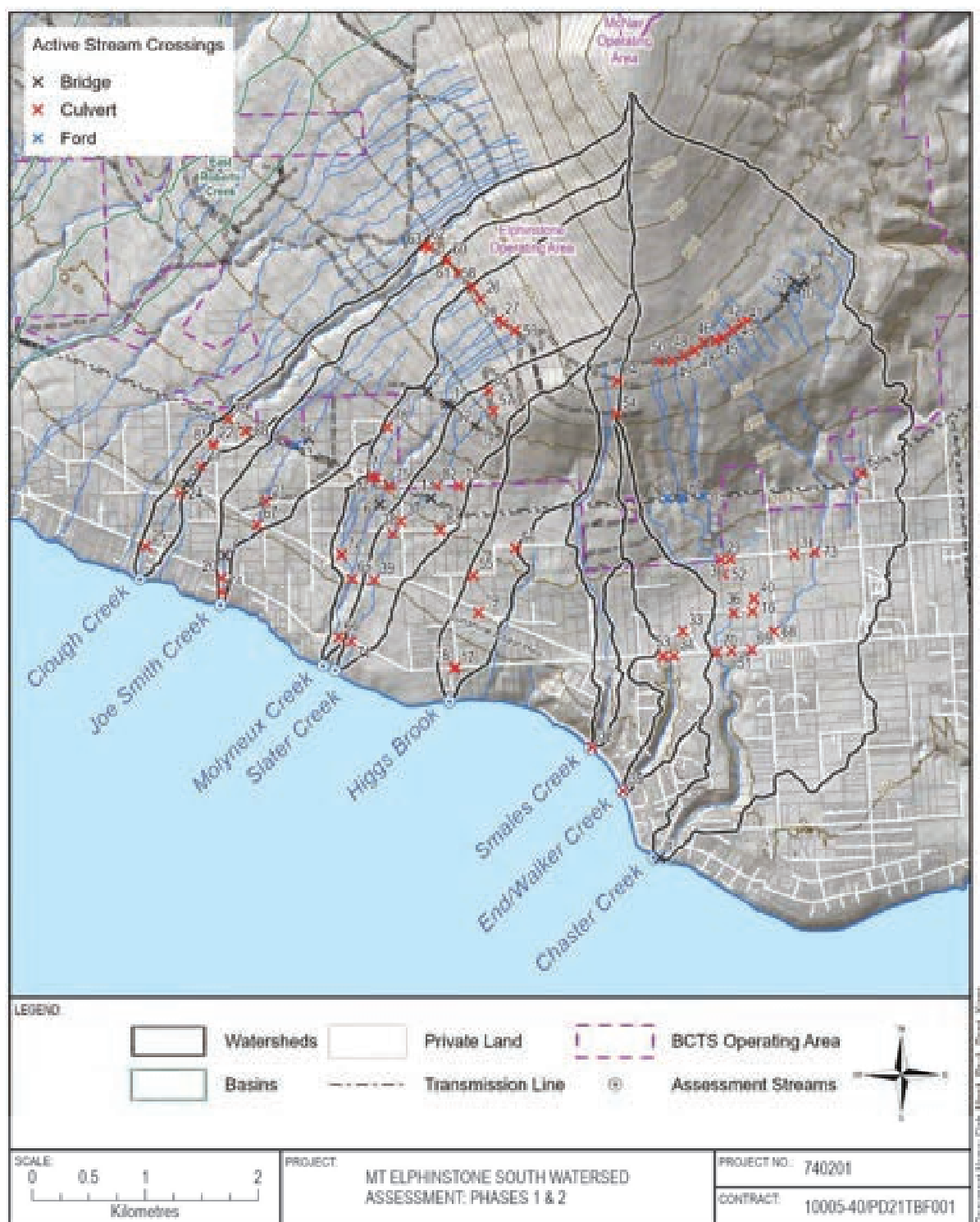


FIGURE 6.7 Locations of active stream crossings in the assessment area.

6.2.2. Landslides

In addition to the debris flow documented along Clough Creek in 1983 [prior to the *Forest Practices Code (FPC)* and *Forest and Range Practices Act (FPPRA)*], a historical air photo review revealed several smaller development related landslides in the area. Air photos from 1947 to 1982 indicate little to no slope instability in the assessment area; however, air photos from 1990 indicate a series of four smaller debris slides initiated roughly 75 m to 250 m southeast of the 1983 Clough Creek debris flow headscarp. These smaller slides are suspected to have been initiated during the same 1983 storm. By 2003, the smaller slide paths had greened up; however, the headscarp of the 1983 Clough Creek debris flow was still unvegetated and may have been a source of sediment. No other development or natural landslides were noted in the assessment area based on historical air photo and field reviews.

Limited relief and gentle to moderate hillslope gradients generally reduce the likelihood of landslides in the area (Madrone, 2015) and thus current sediment yields from landslides are low. However, as evidenced by the Clough Creek and Whittaker Creek washout, debris flows and debris floods along incised gullies, while rare, can be triggered by land use activities, especially where natural drainage patterns are modified on or above potentially unstable slopes. Initiation of such events can occur by landslides along unstable gully sidewalls (usually triggered by excess soil moisture or disturbance by windthrow) or by entrainment of accumulated in-channel debris and sediment during high flows (usually after log jams decay, lose integrity and release stored sediment and debris). In order to avoid or mitigate the potential for landslides, BCTS regularly engages with qualified terrain professionals during the development planning process and has an active road inspection and maintenance program.

Potential Effects of BCTS Planned Development

Given the gullied terrain, steeper potentially sensitive terrain is found adjacent to streams both classified and non-classified. In order to maintain low sediment-related hazard, planning of road alignments and cutblocks should consider and take precautions to avoid alteration of natural drainage patterns upslope of sensitive gullied terrain, minimize windthrow in riparian zones (e.g., by having windthrow assessments performed) and avoid wherever possible physical soil disturbance in riparian zones by heavy equipment (e.g., by establishing machine-free zones along riparian corridors). Such control measures should be tailored to the risk posed by increased sediment yield on downstream values. For example, on Molyneux Creek, there are several water licences near or within BCTS' Chart, including one that was field-confirmed to be actively supplying potable water to a private residence. In such a case, effective cutblock and road layout upslope, combined with control measures are of paramount importance given the close proximity of the elements-at-risk.

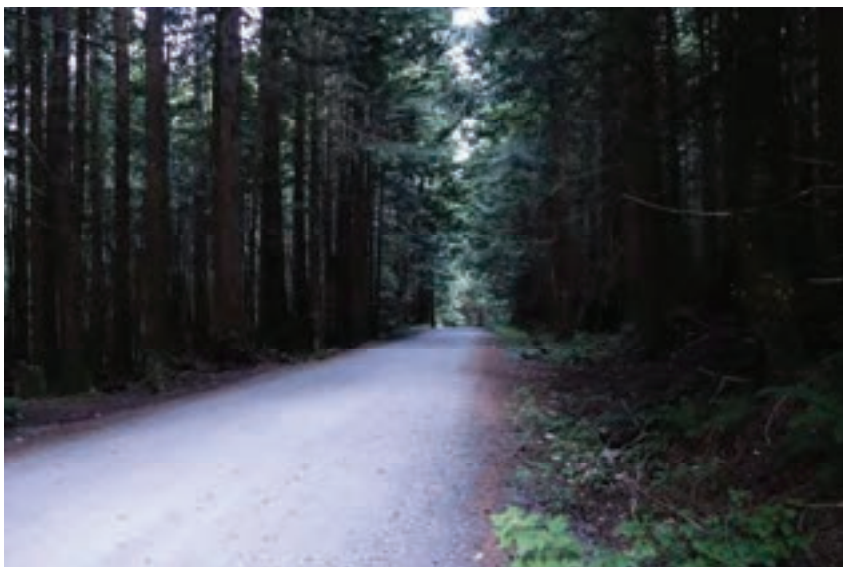


FIGURE 6.8 View of the Sechelt Roberts FSR (7575 Br 3) within the Molyneux Creek watershed at an elevation of 545 m. This example shows a stable road surface with low erosion potential. Photo DSC00079, August 27, 2020.



FIGURE 6.9 View of the Sechelt Roberts FSR (7575 Br 23) crossing of a tributary to Chaster Creek at an elevation of 620 m. This example shows a retaining wall that was constructed to stabilize the cutslope and minimize sediment delivery to the stream below. Photo IMG_3093 (Placemark 36), August 24, 2020.

6.3. RIPARIAN FUNCTION

When assessing riparian function, the focus is on identifying the degree to which natural riparian function (e.g., to provide shade, cover, stream habitat, stream bank stability, etc.) has or will be influenced by watershed disturbance. For the purposes of this assessment, a high-level overview of riparian function was conducted to evaluate the current riparian condition and its effect on sediment yield and channel stability. This included reviews of historical air photos and other imagery, as well as ground-based reviews at selected locations along the streams (FIGURE 2.1). As discussed in Section 3.3, applying the riparian FREP Protocol is considered beyond the scope of this assessment.

Historical conditions

A review of historical air photos dating from as early as 1947 serve to illustrate how historical logging practices and natural disturbances (e.g., wildfire) may have influenced riparian areas along the assessment streams. Most riparian corridors that had not been recently logged were dominated by deciduous species by 1947, which is suggestive that riparian areas were either subject to historic logging and/or naturally disturbed. In areas where logging had occurred close to 1947, the air photos reveal that riparian areas are logged along the upper reaches of all small streams with exception of Clough Creek. By 1957, the timber along the incised portion of Clough Creek between 400-700 m elevation had been logged, with little riparian vegetation remaining. By 1964, riparian areas/gullies along the mid-slopes, particularly in Chaster Creek, have a considerable deciduous component. The Chaster Creek ravine between stream km 1.0 and km 2.0 appears logged along its slopes by 1964. By 1967, the riparian areas logged in 1947 were densely colonized by deciduous species. By 1976, three sizeable clearcuts were noted with little to no riparian protection, which spanned across Joe Smith Creek, Molyneux Creek, Slater Creek and Higgs Brook at mid-elevations. By 1990, riparian areas along Clough Creek had been affected by the 1983 debris flow (Section 3.2.3).

Current Conditions

With the exception of road crossings and the BC Hydro right-of-way, riparian conditions within BCTS' Chart on Crown land within the eight assessment watersheds are characterized by mixed deciduous and second growth conifers with varying amounts of understory vegetation. Along classified streams, riparian vegetation is largely functional in providing bank stability and shade but is occasionally lacking in future recruitment of large woody debris. While most streams have ample volumes of instream wood, many of the stable larger-diameter pieces are disintegrating and are likely being replaced by smaller-diameter less stable wood recruited from the riparian zone. A reduction in stable in-stream wood could increase sediment transport rates over time (Montgomery et al., 2003), which could adversely affect stream crossings, water supply infrastructure and fish habitat. Although development in urbanized areas has resulted in localized riparian impacts due to the increased number of stream crossings and private properties with various land uses, riparian conditions were reasonably healthy and functional. This is partly due to the incised nature of many of the lower stream reaches (i.e., streams flow along deep ravines) that tend to prevent land use impacts. Credit, however, should also be given to the municipal government and residents for their stream and riparian stewardship. Where riparian disturbance was noted on private land, it tended to be localized and posed relatively low risk, since channels along the lower slopes with some exceptions are non-alluvial or semi-alluvial. In a few instances, watering locations for animals on agricultural properties could pose some downstream water quality risks. In other cases, localized reduction in riparian vegetation posed risks to property (i.e., buildings) adjacent to streams as a result of bank erosion (APPENDIX E, Figure 182). In turn, this has necessitated bank protection or retaining walls to be installed at some locations.

Potential effects of BCTS Planned Development

Conservation of water quality, fish habitat, wildlife habitat and biodiversity in riparian areas is an objective under Section 4.2.4 of BCTS' Forest Stewardship Plan #672 (BCTS Chinook Business Area, 2022). In order to achieve this objective, BCTS is tasked with identifying stream, lake and wetland riparian classes according to Sections 47, 48, and 49 of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR)*; adhering to restrictions in Riparian Management Areas, Riparian Reserve Zones and Riparian Management Zones as per Sections 50, 51, and 52(2) of *FPPR*; and where forest activities are planned for a Riparian Management Zone, meeting retention levels determined by a qualified professional through riparian assessment.

Normally, BCTS forest professionals plan harvesting opportunities to minimize disturbance of riparian zones along classified streams by establishing riparian reserves, wildlife tree retention areas (WTRAs), and/or machine-free zones. Road alignments are also planned, where possible, to minimize the number of stream crossings and localized riparian impacts. These general precautions are intended to minimize adverse effects on riparian function. Since a review of specific blocks was beyond the scope of this assessment, the riparian-related hazards associated with specific harvest plans cannot be determined at this time. However, such assessments are expected for the subsequent assessment phase.

6.4. STREAM CHANNEL STABILITY

Each of the eight assessment streams were field reviewed during Phase 1 and 2. Streams were observed above and below accessible locations, often near road crossings, and on or near private land with permission from property owners. Several stream reaches were fully reviewed if accessible. A selection of photos documenting current conditions observed along each stream is provided in APPENDIX F¹⁰⁵.

Overall, the assessment streams include a mix of channel morphologies and are generally non-alluvial on BCTS' Chart, and semi-alluvial or alluvial along the lower slopes. As noted above, despite historical disturbance to riparian areas, current riparian conditions are generally functional and wood debris is common. Furthermore, evidence of active bedload transport was common in most streams. A summary of channel response potential for each stream is presented in TABLE 6.7, and additional characteristics of each stream, which influences channel response potential, are provided below.

¹⁰⁵ For referencing purposes, photo locations are identified by stream name and distance upstream from the mouth (MAP 1). Tributaries that feed directly to the assessment streams are assigned numbers, e.g., Tributary 1, 2, 3. Streams that feed those tributaries would be identified by adding a decimal point, e.g., Tributary 1.1, 1.2, 1.3. And, streams feeding those (e.g., 1.1) would be assigned another decimal point, e.g., Tributary 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3. If known, local stream names are also identified.

TABLE 6.7 *Channel response potential for the assessment streams.*

Assessment Streams	Channel Response Potential
Chaster Creek	Low above the Gibsons Bench and Moderate on and below the Gibsons Bench.
End/Walker Creek	Low on the Gibsons Bench and Moderate below.
Smales Creek	Low along the lower and upper reaches, Moderate in the middle reach.
Higgs Brook	Low to Moderate
Slater Creek	Low
Molyneux Creek	Moderate
Joe Smith Creek	Moderate
Clough Creek	Low

Chaster Creek

Photos of Chaster Creek are shown on Figure 1 through Figure 31 (APPENDIX E). Tributaries of Chaster Creek below the hydro right-of-way are shown on Figure 32 through Figure 62 and tributaries of Chaster Creek above the hydro right-of-way are shown on Figure 63 through 73 (APPENDIX E).

Chaster Creek is the largest of the assessment streams and is fed by several tributaries on the south side of Mt. Elphinstone. Many of these tributaries originate as non-classified drainages or minor intermittently flowing streams on the upper gullied slopes of the watershed (MAP 1). As these streams converge, flows and the degree of channel incision increases. Near the hydro right-of-way, most of the tributaries follow well-incised gullies. As the tributaries flow onto the Gibsons Bench, between roughly the hydro-right-of-way and Reed Road, stream gradients decrease markedly from 26% to 4% (FIGURE 4.6); however, the creeks remain incised. Near the Sunshine Coast Highway (101), most tributaries converge into either the mainstem Chaster Creek or Shirley Creek (Tributary 4.1 on MAP 1). Below the highway the mainstem enters a well-vegetated deeply incised ravine, which it follows for nearly 2 km to its mouth at Ocean Beach Esplanade. Along the ravine a series of falls near stream km 2 is noteworthy as it poses a barrier to upstream migrating fish.

Channel morphology varies along Chaster Creek from steep colluvial and bedrock channels on the upper slopes to boulder-dominated step-pool channels on the mid slopes. Lower slopes include a mix of boulder and cobble dominated plane-bed and riffle-pool morphologies with abundant functional instream wood that has formed several jams and regulates to some extent sediment transport along the creek. In spite of the abundance of wood, sediment transport rates appear high along Chaster Creek and are responsible for abundant deposits of boulder and cobble gravel noted throughout the lower stream reaches. Much of this sediment is supplied naturally from the abundance of glacially-derived sediments present along the length of the creek. Wood present along the channels tends to be mature and is deteriorating. As this occurs, debris jams should become increasingly unstable and with each storm, the likelihood of log jam collapse and

sediment transport increases. Some of the observed characteristics and fluvial activity observed along Chaster Creek may possibly be associated with a stream channel still seeking equilibrium following a history of forest cover disturbance, including widespread wildfire in the early 1900s, and logging, which covered ~38% between 1911-1920 (Section 4.10). We speculate a similar situation may also exist in the other assessment streams; however, given their robust channel non-alluvial or semi-alluvial morphologies, such effects are much less evident.

Channel response potential (i.e., channel sensitivity) varies along Chaster Creek and is generally low along the slopes above the Gibsons Bench and moderate on and below the bench. As the channel is incised, contains abundant wood and coarse bed material, changes in channel morphology are unlikely. However, floods are capable of locally eroding banks, entraining in-channel sediment (i.e., stored behind debris jams) and transporting such sediment downstream. As a result, local channel conditions in terms of streambed texture and gradients have potential to change with changes to the flood regime, especially upstream of stream crossings where aggradation is often promoted. Even if the baseline hydrology remains unchanged, aggraded reaches often have low or no streamflow conditions in summer due to flows moving subsurface through accumulations of coarse sediment.

End/Walker Creek

Selected photos of End/Walker Creek below Reed Road are shown on Figure 74 through Figure 87, and those of End/Walker Creek above Reed Road are shown on Figure 88 through Figure 90 (APPENDIX E).

End/Walker Creek drains a considerably smaller and lower drainage area than Chaster Creek and thus has channel dimensions (i.e., widths and depths) several times smaller. MAP 1 shows that much of the End/Walker Creek drainage area falls on the Gibsons Bench with a relatively small area upslope. However, due to human alteration of drainage patterns along the highway, it appears that Smales Creek and possibly the residual area between Smales and End/Walker Creeks above the Sunshine Coast Highway drains towards McComb Brook, a tributary of End/Walker Creek. As a result, streamflows below the highway in End/Walker Creek may be higher than prior to human development in the area.

The upper portion of the End/Walker Creek watershed, while gullied, contains few if any perennial streams. Downslope movement of water is generally via subsurface flow to a point between Mountain and Burton Roads where small wetlands were observed. Water from these lower gradient areas then converges downstream near the Sunshine Coast Highway, where the mainstem of End/Walker Creek effectively begins its relatively steep (7% gradient) drop via a deeply incised ravine to the ocean. Along the well-vegetated ravine, woody debris is abundant as is coarse-textured sediment, sourced from the ample supply along the ravine walls. The lower ravine appears subject to stormflow, likely supplemented by the highway ditch diversion from Smales Creek noted above.

Overall, channel response potential or resilience to peak flows is low on the Gibsons Bench and moderate below, along the ravine. Functional riparian vegetation, abundant instream wood and relatively coarse-textured sediments tend to be resistant to morphologic change. However, similar to Chaster Creek, evidence of storm-related sediment transport is common. This may increase in future as instream wood, which regulates sediment transport, deteriorates.

Smales Creek

Photos of Smales Creek below Reed Road are shown on Figure 91 through Figure 111, whereas Smales Creek above Reed Road are shown on Figure 112 through Figure 116 (APPENDIX E).

The volume of runoff and size of Smales Creek at the mouth would suggest the creek drains a minor catchment area or has considerable infiltration losses. However, as noted above, diversion along the highway near the Sunday Cider entrance appears to convey Smales Creek towards McComb Brook, a tributary of End/Walker Creek (a portion of Smales Creek streamflow may also be diverted towards Whittaker Creek). Below the highway, Smales Creek is fed principally by groundwater that daylights along a deeply incised ravine. The channel along this section of creek has a cobble and boulder bed, dense riparian vegetation and abundant instream wood. Channel response potential is moderate.

Above the highway, Smales Creek follows a relatively well-incised gully for much of its length; the exception being the 500 m directly above the highway that flows along the Sunday Cider property. This lower gradient reach has a gravel-bed with riffle-pool morphology with some evidence of bank erosion due in part from local land use and riparian disturbance (e.g., trails, foot bridges). This lower gradient reach also promotes the deposition of sediments derived from upper reaches. Channel response potential is moderate. Smales Creek along the upper slopes is confined within a relatively deep gully, has abundant woody debris and coarse-textured sediment. As a result, channel response potential is low.

While Smales Creek follows the western boundary of its catchment, a considerable portion of the catchment to the east, much of which is within BCTS' Chart, contains no classified stream channels. It is expected that most of the precipitation on these areas generally moves subsurface as groundwater, where it may resurface downslope above the Sunday Cider property along an intermittently flowing tributary to Smales Creek, in an area of hydrophytic vegetation located in the residual area between Smales and End/Walker Creek, or in the Smales Creek ravine below the highway.

Higgs Brook

Photos of Higgs Brook are shown on Figure 120 through Figure 132 (APPENDIX E). Higgs Brook is a relatively steep (13%) cobble and boulder step-pool semi-alluvial channel. Streamflows vary considerably by location. Along the upper gullied slopes, streamflows are seasonal and

discontinuous. Along mid and lower slopes, the mainstem is well-incised and has ample evidence of bank erosion and sediment transport. Although woody debris is present, it appears less functional than other assessment streams, which may be related to the effects of past floods. High levels of aggradation were noted in many areas; however, due to the confinement of the channel, widespread morphologic changes are unlikely. Channel response potential for Higgs Brook varies from low to moderate.

Slater Creek

Slater Creek is shown on Figure 133 through Figure 142 (APPENDIX E). In many ways, Slater Creek is similar to Higgs Brook with gradients of about 19% on the upper slopes to 11% on the lower slopes. The creek is similarly incised for most of its length and the channel is semi-alluvial with boulder and cobble step-pool channel. Wood debris is abundant and functional in regulating sediment transport. Overall disturbance from past flooding appears considerably less than in Higgs Brook. Channel response potential is low.

Molyneux Creek

Photos of Molyneux Creek below the hydro right-of-way are shown on Figure 143 through Figure 167, whereas photos of Molyneux Creek above the hydro right-of-way are shown on Figure 168 through 178 (APPENDIX E). Molyneux Creek differs from the other streams along the southwest side of Mt. Elphinstone that have relatively narrow watersheds. Similar to Chaster Creek, Molyneux Creek has many small sub-parallel gullies in the upper portion of the watershed where streams originate as non-classified drainages or minor intermittently flowing streams. These converge into two main channels near an elevation of 340 m¹⁰⁶. Stream gradients along this semi-alluvial channel range from about 18% on the upper slopes to 10% on the lower slopes. As with most streams in the area, channels are deeply incised, have a boulder and cobble dominated bed and step-pool morphology heavily influenced by woody debris. Even though the creek has ample evidence of past flood-related sediment transport, the channel morphology appears relatively stable. Natural sediment transport, however, has apparently affected water supply infrastructure along the creek, burying and damaging several systems. As noted in Section 4.12.1, only 2 of 15 water licences were confirmed to be actively utilized. Overall, channel response potential is moderate.

Joe Smith Creek

Photos of Joe Smith Creek are shown on Figure 179 through Figure 206 (APPENDIX E). Joe Smith Creek has a relatively steep (14% gradient), semi-alluvial, boulder and cobble step-pool channel with varying volumes of woody debris and ample evidence of sediment transport. The creek is well-incised and is morphologically stable; however, localized bank erosion was evident in several locations, largely along private land where removal of riparian vegetation occurred. Although

¹⁰⁶ West Molyneux Creek (shown on MAP 1 as Molyneux Tributary 1.2) and Molyneux Creek mainstem (shown on MAP 1 as Molyneux Tributary 2)

bank protection or retaining walls have been used to mitigate such erosion, it appears to be a chronic issue along this stream subject to storm-related runoff. Channel response potential is moderate.

Clough Creek

Photos of Clough Creek are shown on Figure 207 through Figure 235 (APPENDIX E). Clough Creek drains a relatively long and narrow watershed that is fed by tributaries originating at the height of land on the south side of Mt. Elphinstone. Roughly five gullies with gradients approaching 30% converge to one relatively large gully at an elevation of 440 m. Downstream, gradients decline to about 11%. All but a 500 m reach between the hydro right-of-way and the highway are well incised and confined. The 500 m reach is partly confined, and was the location where in 1983 a debris flow, originating 5 km upslope, deposited much of its sediment and debris (Section 3.2.3). Similar to the other assessment streams, Clough Creek is semi-alluvial (i.e., bedrock or colluvium and alluvial sediments) with a coarse-textured streambed (boulders and cobbles). Also, given these characteristics, the channel is largely insensitive to change, in spite of naturally active sediment transport. While such sediment transport is not resulting in morphologic change, it does pose a risk to water supply infrastructure. Of the nine water licences on Clough Creek, only two were confirmed as actively being utilized. This is in part due to the natural fluvial activity present along this creek. Overall, channel response potential is low.

Potential Effects of BCTS Planned Development

As noted above, the likelihood of channel disequilibrium (i.e., instability) following forest development is based on channel response potential and whether there are measurable increases in flood magnitude/frequency and coarse sediment yield, as well as measurable reductions in riparian function and future woody debris recruitment.

Based on the most sensitive portions of each stream, channel response potential is moderate for all assessment streams except Slater Creek and Clough Creek, where it is low. Provided that peak flow hazard is not incrementally increased, sediment yields are not measurably increased, and riparian function is not impaired, there is a low likelihood of channel instability following forest development¹⁰⁷.

6.5. POLLUTANTS

Accidental oil and fuel spills and leaks associated with heavy equipment operation are of concern at any location, and especially in riparian areas along fish streams or streams that are relied upon for water supply. Pollutants have the potential to cause significant contamination of streams

¹⁰⁷ This is contingent upon effective control measures being implemented as outlined in Section 9.

and/or aquifers upon which the public rely for their water supply. BCTS Environmental Management System (EMS) environmental field procedure (EFP) 06 Fuel Handling outlines appropriate fuel storage & securing, dispensing, transportation, spill prevention and response measures, with restrictions specifically identified for riparian management areas. With strict adherence to and monitoring of these control measures during all forest development activities, risks of contamination should be minimized. As noted above in Section 6.2, we recommend that a Qualified Professional (QP) act as environmental monitor during forest development activities at a frequency and intensity commensurate with the level of activity on-site. The QP should ensure that all control measures are in place and functioning and that all EFPs are adhered to.

7. RISK SUMMARY

A main goal of this watershed assessment is to identify the potential hydrogeomorphic risks associated with future BCTS forest development in the assessment watersheds, although no specific plans have been confirmed. Key elements-at-risk, identified in Section 5, include: human safety, private property¹⁰⁸, transportation infrastructure, utilities, water rights & use, and fish and fish habitat. Peak flows (including floods, debris floods and debris flows), low flows & aquifer recharge, sediment yield, channel destabilization, and water contamination by pollutants are the principal hazards under review. If the likelihood or severity of one or more of these hazards is increased, there are elements at risk downstream that could be affected. Partial risk for each of the principal hazards are described in the following sections.

7.1. PEAK FLOWS

TABLE 7.1 provides a summary of the qualitative partial risk analysis for stream segments with a peak flow hazard above a low rating. Based on elements-at-risk identified along all assessment streams, peak flow risk in the assessment area is equivalent to peak flow hazard (Section 2.2). The following is a description of current peak flow risk for stream reaches between the 30 identified points-of-interest.

Chaster Creek

At Chaster Creek, peak flow risk ranges from high at the mouth to moderate below the confluence with Shirley Creek. Upstream of Shirley Creek, peak flow risk along Chaster Creek is low. Peak flow risk along Shirley Creek ranges from moderate at the mouth (POI 4) to low at the confluence with Inge Creek (POI 6), Tretheway Spring (POI 7), and Co-op Spring (POI 8). Peak flow risk for the Shirley Creek tributaries (POIs 6-8) are currently low.

End/Walker Creek

Peak flow risk is high along the entirety of End/Walker Creek; however, the stream is discontinuous in the upper portion of the watershed.

Smales Creek

Peak flow risk along Smales Creek ranges from low at the mouth to moderate at Highway 101 (POI 12). The low risk rating at the mouth is a result of a discontinuous channel with no defined channel noted below the highway. Above Highway 101 the peak flow risk is considered moderate.

¹⁰⁸ Includes, but is not limited to, residences, structures, water intakes, wells, stream crossings.

Higgs Brook

Peak flow risk along Higgs Brook ranges from moderate to low from the mouth to Highway 101 (POI 13 to POI 14). Despite relatively high ECAs, a low and moderate risk is considered due to the lack of surface connectivity from the upper and lower portion of the watershed, where surface flow disappears into the subsurface along the Gibson Bench.

Slater Creek

Peak flow risk along Slater Creek is moderate from the mouth to Highway 101 (POI 16), and ranges from moderate to low from the highway to the BCTS Chart boundary (POI 17).

Molyneux Creek

All streams within the Molyneux Creek watershed are considered to have a low peak flow risk.

Joe Smith Creek

Peak flow risk along Joe Ross Creek varies from moderate at the mouth to low at Highway 101 (POI 25). A low peak flow risk is identified for Joe Ross Creek upstream of Highway 101. Preventing an increase in peak flow hazard is desirable given the presence of some sensitive semi-alluvial stream reaches.

Clough Creek

Peak flow risk along Clough Creek varies from moderate at the mouth to low at Highway 101. Upstream of the highway the peak flow risk is considered low for all stream reaches.

Peak flow risk is not expected to incrementally increase if future BCTS development remains consistent with the recommendations outlined in Section 6.1.1. It should be recognized that incremental flood risks due to forest development are within a context of assessment watersheds currently with a low to high peak flow hazard, which are naturally subject to frequent rainstorm-driven and less frequent rain-on-snow-driven floods. Gradually increasing rainfall and storm intensity is projected with climate change. As a result, there is potential that peak flow risk may be amplified with the projected effects of climate change (Section 7.7).

TABLE 7.1 Summary of stream segments with peak flow hazard above a low rating. Organized roughly in upstream order along each stream segment.

Watershed	Stream segment	Stream distance (km)	Peak flow hazard P(H)	Potential elements-at-risk	Notes	Refer to figures in Appendix E (Volume 2)
Chaster Creek	Chaster Creek	0.00-2.30	Moderate to High	Fish & fish habitat	Several fish species have been recorded between the mouth and falls located near km 2.0 (refer to Section 4.13). The channel is fluvially active with considerable bedload transport. Log jams and aggradation noted throughout. Habitat conditions are highly variable.	000-030
				Chaster House and access bridge near stream km 0.02	Chaster House is located within a few metres of the left (east) bank of Chaster Creek and may be vulnerable to flooding and erosion given its proximity and elevation. A relatively low concrete retaining wall currently provides some erosion protection to the property.	002-003
				Domestic water licence F020212 (stream km 0.02)	No water supply infrastructure noted. Suspect the property is supplied by municipal water.	-
				Ocean Beach Esplanade bridge near stream km 0.04	This concrete bridge deck with relatively low freeboard (~1.5 m maximum above streambed) may be vulnerable to flooding and erosion during high flows. This may be exacerbated by aggradation.	004
				Domestic water licence C116516 (stream km 0.05)	No water supply infrastructure noted. Suspect the property is supplied by municipal water.	-
				Private bridge at stream km 0.10	This log and timber bridge has evidence of rot and has relatively low freeboard (~1.5 m maximum above streambed). Evidence of aggradation. This bridge could trap debris and/or collapse causing downstream effects.	005
				Domestic water licence C121502 (stream km 0.24)	Could not identify water supply infrastructure. Suspect the property is supplied by municipal water.	-
	Shirley Creek	2.30-3.50	Low to Moderate	Fish & fish habitat (suspected)	Fish (rainbow trout) have been recorded above the falls (near stream km 2.0) in Chaster Creek and tributaries.	-
				Highway 101 crossing (#70) near stream km 2.50	900 mm diameter concrete culvert. Large woody debris noted near inlet. Recommend clearing of culvert to prevent culvert plugging.	037

Watershed	Stream segment	Stream distance (km)	Peak flow hazard P(H)	Potential elements-at-risk	Notes	Refer to figures in Appendix E (Volume 2)
				Domestic water licence C039934 (stream km 2.70)	Could not identify water supply infrastructure. Suspect the property is supplied by municipal water.	038
				Russell Road crossing (#36) near stream km 3.00	Russell Road culvert was reportedly washed out 8 years ago. Current crossing consists of a pair of 900 mm diameter culverts.	039
				Domestic water licence F040554 (stream km 3.15)	Could not identify water supply infrastructure. Suspect the property is supplied by municipal water.	-
				Private properties between Highway 101 and Russell Road	This section of channel through private land was not accessed during the review. Likely affected by past flooding and erosion as such effects are noted upstream and downstream.	-
				Private properties between Russell Road and Reed Road (including private road crossing)	Property owners have reported flood and erosion concerns associated with tributaries to Shirley Creek. A November 2021 atmospheric river event recently resulted in bank erosion and downcutting along Inge Creek, a stream that was reportedly diverted from the End/Walker Creek watershed to the Chaster Creek watershed by a property owner following a 1994 flood. The 2021 flood also damaged a private road crossing, which has since been repaired.	-
End/Walker Creek	End/Walker Creek	0.00-1.40	Moderate to High	Fish & fish habitat (suspected)	Little information is available on the fisheries values of this stream. Culvert at mouth may impede upstream fish movement. The channel is fluvially active with considerable bedload transport. Log jams and aggradation noted throughout. Habitat conditions are highly variable.	-
				Ocean Beach Esplanade crossing at stream km 0.00	1000 mm diameter culvert.	075
				Private property near Ocean Beach Esplanade near stream km 0.05	Private property is protected by a low concrete retaining wall along the right (north) bank of End/Walker Creek.	076

Watershed	Stream segment	Stream distance (km)	Peak flow hazard P(H)	Potential elements-at-risk	Notes	Refer to figures in Appendix E (Volume 2)
				Land improvement water licence C122666 (stream km 0.05)	Cylindrical concrete sump noted in middle of creek. Unknown conditions and whether it is in operation as an intake. This intake is exposed to potential fluvial activity.	076
				Highway 101 crossing (#34) of End/Walker Creek at stream km 1.20	1200 mm diameter concrete culvert. Outlet is 4 m above streambed on south side of highway. Plunge pool scour noted.	080
				Highway 101 crossing (#53) of McComb Brook at stream km 1.20	1000 mm diameter culvert. Outlet is 4 m above streambed	-
				Water licence F016236 (stream km 1.40)	Above highway is a 15 m x 15 m "fish" pond with 6-inch diameter pipe that controls outflow on a 2 m tall concrete weir. Outlet was plugged with debris. The pond is heavily grown-in and appears unmaintained.	081
Smales Creek	Smales Creek	0.80-1.70	Low to Moderate	Private property (e.g., Sunday Cider) near stream km 0.80	Property with Sunday Cider business. Owner has owned property for 6 years. 2020 had the highest winter storm peak flow they have observed. For 4 years in a row this stream has been close to overflowing the banks. Stream is dry most of the year, but owner concerned about peak flows. Stream is fluvially active with aggradation causing reduced channel capacity through the property. Bank heights are variable and property is at risk of flooding.	094-101
Higgs Brook	Higgs Brook	0.00-0.80	Moderate	Domestic water licence F015851 near stream km 1.10	Rudimentary water supply system noted in stream. Intake(s) in pools with exposed water line along stream bed.	098
				Trail near mouth	Higgs Brook parallels a public trail near the mouth. Evidence of erosion is noted where riparian vegetation is scant.	121
				Private property (stream km 0.10)	Private property has evidence of erosion on the left (east) bank of Higgs Brook. A utility building is at risk of being undermined with continued erosion. Bank protection is recommended to prevent loss damage to building and potential stream impacts.	123
				Crossings at Lower Road & Leek Road (#17)	1000 mm diameter culverts. Scour noted below culverts and along channel in the vicinity of the crossings.	127

Watershed	Stream segment	Stream distance (km)	Peak flow hazard P(H)	Potential elements-at-risk	Notes	Refer to figures in Appendix E (Volume 2)
Slater Creek	Slater Creek	0.00-1.00	Moderate	& 18 near stream km 0.25)		
				Private property (stream km 0.25-0.80)	Higgs Brook has a relatively steep (10-20%) channel and passes through several private properties. The channel is fluvially active with bank erosion, downcutting and sediment transport noted throughout. Below the highway, a children's farm is adjacent to the stream, and has evidence of bank disturbance by farm activities.	-
				Highway 101 crossing (#19) at stream km 0.80	Stream crossings was not observed in the field.	-
		1.00-2.00	Low to Moderate	Lower Road crossing (#71) at stream km 0.25	1200 mm diameter concrete culvert. Woody debris noted near inlet. Recommend clearing to prevent culvert plugging.	134
				Highway 101 crossing (#39) at stream km 1.00	900 mm diameter culvert.	-
				Private property between Highway 101 and Pixton Road	This segment of Slater Creek flows through multiple properties. It is an incised channel with coarse streambed. Bank erosion is common as is evidence of aggradation. Most residences are located well above the stream and are at low risk of flooding. A possible exception includes the properties near the BC Hydro right-of-way, where the creek passes through a series of ponds.	-
				Domestic water licences F020210 (Valentine Spring) near stream km 1.24	No information available as private land could not be accessed.	-
				Domestic water licence C062074 near stream km 1.57	No information available as private land could not be accessed.	-
				Crossing at Porter Road (#38) near stream km 1.40	600 mm diameter culvert below approximately 2.5 m of road fill. Road could be at risk of washout in the event of debris and sediment plugging. Recommend culvert capacity review.	138

Watershed	Stream segment	Stream distance (km)	Peak flow hazard P(H)	Potential elements-at-risk	Notes	Refer to figures in Appendix E (Volume 2)
Joe Smith Creek	Joe Smith Creek	0.00-0.80	Low to Moderate	Crossing at Conrad Road (#37) near stream km 1.55	600 mm diameter culvert. Road could be at risk of washout in the event of debris and sediment plugging. Recommend culvert capacity review.	-
				Domestic water licence C115988 near stream km 1.66	No information available as private land could not be accessed.	-
				Crossings at Pixton Road (#82) near stream km 2.00	Culvert suspected at Pixton Road with private bridge on driveway nearby.	-
				Private property between mouth and Highway 101	Joe Smith Creek flows through multiple properties. It is a relatively steep incised channel often flowing over bedrock or coarse sediments. Bank erosion is common as is evidence of aggradation. Erosion is particularly noteworthy near the mouth where riparian function is limited.	179-198
				Domestic water licence F014265 at stream km 0.12	Property owner does not currently use water licence. Potable water supplied by municipality.	-
				Domestic water licence C035140 at stream km 0.14	Stream channel reviewed in vicinity of mapped intake. No water infrastructure noted. Suspect property supplied by municipal water system.	-
				Domestic water licence F013152 at stream km 0.14	Stream channel reviewed in vicinity of mapped intake. No water infrastructure noted. Suspect property supplied by municipal water system.	-
				Milliner Road crossing (#74) at stream km 0.15	Pipe arch culvert, approximately 2.4 m wide 1.2 m high.	184
				Domestic water licence C121664 at stream km 0.28	PVC pipe presumably associated with the water licence was noted in the culvert crossing of Lower Road and down a portion of the channel below Lower Road. Above Lower Road the channel is aggraded and the water distribution line is obscured. The intake could not be identified; it is likely buried under debris and/or sediment. It is unknown whether it remains functional.	189-190
				Lower Road crossing (#20) at stream km 0.30	1400 mm diameter culvert	189

Watershed	Stream segment	Stream distance (km)	Peak flow hazard P(H)	Potential elements-at-risk	Notes	Refer to figures in Appendix E (Volume 2)
				Private foot bridge (#7) at stream km 0.45	Foot bridge spans creek. Abutments may be at some risk but coarse rock and bedrock mitigate erosion risk.	194
				Domestic water licence 049823 at stream km 0.52	Property owner has not used water licence or well for last 10 years. Property is serviced by municipal water. PVC pipe is exposed at several locations along the channel. Intake location appears buried by sediment.	195
				Domestic water licence C065406 at stream km 0.58	Did not access property. Suspect that property is serviced by municipal water similar to neighbours.	-
				Domestic water licence C048176 at stream km 0.58	Reviewed channel in the vicinity of the mapped POD. No functional intake or water supply infrastructure noted. Some equipment in disrepair noted. Channel aggraded and may have buried intake. Suspect the property is serviced by municipal water.	-
				Private driveway culvert crossing near stream km 0.70 (not listed in stream crossing inventory)	Five 600 mm diameter culverts on private driveway. Evidence of debris plugging and aggradation. Potential washout of this crossing could cause a cascading effect downstream at Lower Road.	198
				Highway 101 crossing (#67) at stream km 0.8	1000 mm diameter concrete culvert.	199
				Fish & fish habitat (suspected)	Little information is available on the fisheries values of this stream. Cutthroat trout have been recorded near the mouth. The channel is fluvially active with considerable bedload transport. Aggradation noted throughout. Habitat conditions are highly variable.	-
Clough Creek	Clough Creek	0.00-0.90	Low to Moderate	Private properties between the mouth and Highway 101	Clough Creek is a fluvially active stream with active bedload. The channel is generally incised or confined and poses low risk to properties. Bank erosion and aggradation are common and may pose local issues some properties however.	207-218
				Domestic water licence C119215 at stream km 0.26	Concrete weir noted at stream km 0.3 (below Lower Road). Appears full of sediment and non-functional. No evidence of serviceable water supply system. Suspect this licence dating back from 1927 is no longer in use.	210

Watershed	Stream segment	Stream distance (km)	Peak flow hazard P(H)	Potential elements-at-risk	Notes	Refer to figures in Appendix E (Volume 2)
				Lower Road crossing (#25) at stream km 0.30	2000 mm diameter culvert with additional 600 mm diameter secondary culvert. Inlet protected by a concrete block retaining wall that has evidence of deterioration. Above lower road is a private foot bridge. Recommend review of structural stability of retaining wall at culvert inlet.	211, 213
				Domestic water licence C120577 at stream km 0.62	Reviewed stream in the vicinity of the licence. Did not identify any water supply infrastructure.	216
				Highway 101 crossing (#24) at stream km 0.90	900 mm diameter culvert that may be undersized. Road embankment, however on south side of highway is slumping and potentially poses a sediment hazard. Recommend stabilization of road fill and review of culvert capacity.	219

7.2. LOW STREAMFLOWS

Water supply during late summer and fall is of great concern on the Sunshine Coast, especially following drought conditions experienced in 2022¹⁰⁹. Inadequate water supplies directly affect water users as well as fish and aquatic organisms. It should be noted that low streamflows at a specific location can be affected not only by the volumetric rate of water conveyed along a stream, but also stream conditions, specifically where a stream is aggraded and some or all of the available streamflow moves sub-surface. In this section, reference is made to the volumetric rate of flow and not the effect of aggradation on surface flow.

With consideration of the physical watershed characteristics, meteorological drivers, and current distribution of seral stages (i.e., stand ages) across the assessment area, the research literature suggests that the likelihood that low flows have been adversely affected by forest cover disturbance to date varies from low to high across the assessment area. Increased low flow risk¹¹⁰ is primarily a result of higher water use associated with younger regenerating stands relative to older mature stands.

Based on the identified elements-at-risk, low flow risk in the assessment area is currently high in Slater Creek; moderate in Chaster Creek, Molyneux Creek, Joe Smith Creek, and Clough Creek; and Low in End/Walker Creek, Smales Creek, and Higgs Brook.

It should be recognized that these risk ratings are within a context of assessment watersheds that are subject to decreasing summer precipitation and increasing temperatures, which not only reduce natural water supply but also result in increasing water demand. As a result, there is potential that low flow risk may be amplified with the projected effects of climate change (Section 6.6) even though the incremental risk from forest harvesting remains low.

7.3. GROUNDWATER/AQUIFER RECHARGE

Assuming BCTS maintains current peak flow and low flow risks, the risks associated with BCTS development in the assessment area on the groundwater supply and aquifer recharge are low. Site-level increases in the water balance can be expected following the removal of forest cover, which may result in localised increases in the groundwater table. However, such increases are only expected to persist for up to 10-15 years. Beyond that time, there is a potential for decrease,

¹⁰⁹ <https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Community/EmergencyOps/2022-Nov-15%20Drought%20Order%202%20amended%20non-critical%20use%20SCRD%20signed%20copy.pdf>

¹¹⁰ A higher low flow risk is considered as an increased likelihood that forest disturbances have negatively influenced the magnitude, timing, and frequency of low flows.

but only if opening size exceeds 8 ha or if >50% of the overstory canopy is removed. Given the long time periods associated with groundwater movement and recharge to the confined Gibsons Aquifer, harvest-related effects are expected to be undetectable if the above constraints are met.

7.4. SEDIMENT YIELD

Sediment yields from BCTS' Chart, associated both with sediment generation on roads and by landslides, are currently low. In part this is due to well planned, constructed and maintained resource roads, consideration of riparian management zones, and referral to qualified professionals to identify terrain-related risks or blowdown risks and provide options for risk mitigation. Reliance on such professionals has been standard practice since the implementation of the Forest Practice Code¹¹¹, which was implemented to reduce the likelihood of events such as debris flow that occurred in Clough Creek in 1983.

Potential sediment risks associated with future forest development are primarily associated with the construction (including reactivation), maintenance, and use of new and existing roads and trails, and with potentially sensitive (gullied) terrain adjacent to streams. Assuming that best management practices around streams and riparian zones as identified in BCTS' Environmental Management System (EMS) and environmental field procedures (EFPs) are followed and control measures identified in Section 9 are considered, sediment yields and the hazards associated with planned forest development can be maintained at low levels.

7.5. STREAM CHANNEL STABILITY

Based on our office and field analyses, channel response potential (i.e., channel sensitivity) is moderate in all assessment streams but Slater Creek and Clough Creek, where it is low. This means that while some localized reaches have potential to adjust morphologically, they are generally insensitive to changing hydrologic or sediment inputs. This robustness is driven by the incised or confined nature of most channels, the coarse-textured (cobble and boulder) gravel streambed, lateral and vertical control provided by bedrock or erosion-resistant glacial deposits (e.g., till), the functional riparian conditions, and/or the ample supply of functional wood debris. Given these factors, channel stability risks associated with forest development on BCTS' Chart are presently low and are expected to remain so assuming that the peak flow hazard and sediment hazard are not incrementally increased.

It is important to recognize that low risks do not imply that the assessment streams are or will be static or fluvially inactive. The assessment streams are fluvially active and do naturally respond to rainstorm- and rain-on-snow-driven events with episodes of sediment transport. Evidence of

¹¹¹ Subsequently replaced with the *Forest and Range Practice Act (FRPA)* in 2004.

such activity is widespread. In most cases, this is regulated by functional wood debris. However, this debris is mature and deteriorating at various rates. As debris jams collapse over a number of years to decades, there will be natural increases in sediment pulses, even without any measurable change to the flood regime.

7.6. POLLUTANTS

As noted in Section 7.6, pollutants such as fuel, can pose a risk to water quality in the event of spills and leaks. Such risk is omnipresent across the assessment watersheds, particularly along highways, roads and more densely populated urban areas. On BCTS' Chart on Crown land, such hazards are low and can be mitigated with planned future forest development by strict adherence to BCTS EMS and EFPs. As a result, the risks posed by planned forest development is expected to be low.

7.7. CLIMATE CHANGE CONTEXT

Each of the hydrogeomorphic risks described above should be understood within the context of on-going and future climate variability and change. As discussed in Section 4.7, the hydrology of the assessment watersheds is driven principally by fall and winter rain, with snow and subsequently rain-on-snow occasionally influencing the watersheds. With limited surface storage (e.g., lakes, reservoirs, wetlands), streamflows in the assessment watersheds generally have a high runoff generation potential¹¹² that closely reflect the magnitude, frequency and duration of rainstorms in the region.

The climate of the assessment area is influenced not only by large-scale atmospheric circulation patterns that occur over inter-annual time scales (PDO and ENSO), but also long-term climate change associated with anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions (PCIC, 2013, 2021). Temperatures have steadily increased over many decades, and are projected to further increase in future under a number of assumed CO₂ emission scenarios; RCP 8.5 is utilized here for discussion. On the Sunshine Coast, annual temperature is projected to increase by 4.7 °C by the 2080s (PCIC, 2021). This poses several risks, including, but not limited to, elevated stream temperatures and reductions in water quality for fish, increased water demands for irrigation, increased potential for drought, and increased severity and extent of wildfires.

In addition, evaporation could intensify as temperatures rise as will the transfer of heat from oceans to the air. This could mean stronger winds and increased risk of blowdown of susceptible trees. It also could mean more frequent and intense rainstorms. By the 2080s, storm-related rainfall

¹¹² Exceptions include End/Walker Creek above Highway 101, Smales Creek below Highway 101¹¹², and Higgs Brook.

is projected to increase by up to 20% for relatively frequent 2-year return period events and up to 40% for relatively rarer 50-year return period events (Western University, 2021). High intensity precipitation, often associated with land-falling atmospheric rivers, are expected to be of higher magnitude and occur more frequently as a result of climate change (Murdock et al., 2016; Gillett et al., 2022).

On an annual basis, precipitation is expected to modestly increase (+4.8%) by 2080. However, seasonal changes pose more direct risks in the assessment watersheds. By the 2080s, winter precipitation is projected to increase by 9.7%. This may increase the potential for flooding, but it may also be beneficial for water supply if some of this water recharges local aquifers. Summer precipitation, however, is projected to decrease by 22% by the 2080s, which could mean an increased severity and frequency of drought conditions, which could reduce late summer and fall low flows.

Given these ongoing and increasing pressures, minimizing incremental increases to current hazard levels within BCTS' Chart with regards to peak flows, low flows, sediment yield and channel instability is paramount to the conservation of water resources and protection of watershed values. As such, risk management options should be implemented as part of future forest development planning. These recommendations are summarized in Section 9.

Although outside the scope of this assessment, overall watershed management, particularly in light of the projected changes from climate change (e.g., increased frequency and magnitude of storm) will also require effective coordination by local and provincial government, First Nations, and other stakeholders in order to identify and implement active control measures outside of BCTS Chart to reduce near- and long-term hazards. This could include reforestation along lower reaches and engineering approaches to mitigate the effects of projected higher flows and lower flows in urban areas.

8. CONCLUSIONS

This report summarizes the results of a watershed assessment of eight urban interface streams (i.e., assessment streams/watersheds) on the southern slopes of Mt. Elphinstone between Gibsons and Roberts Creek, BC (MAP 1). These streams include (from east to west): Chaster Creek, End/Walker Creek, Smales Creek, Higgs Brook, Slater Creek, Molyneux Creek, Joe Smith Creek, and Clough Creek. The principal objectives of the assessment are to review the current conditions within each of the assessment watersheds, identify the potential hydrogeomorphic hazards and risks from potential future forest development within BCTS' Chart on downslope watershed values, and provide risk management options to reduce, mitigate or avoid such risks. It is important to recognize that the scope of the assessment is intended to provide BCTS with direction on how to proceed with forest development planning in order to minimize hydrogeomorphic risks; it does not review specific forest development plans.

The assessment is guided by BCTS' *Watershed Risk Management Framework* (Polar, 2022) and is consistent with *Joint Professional Practices Guidelines: Watershed Assessment and Management of Hydrologic and Geomorphic Risk in the Forest Sector* (Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia and Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals, 2020). The approach includes office-based analyses and field-based reviews performed in two phases. The first phase examined watershed and underlying aquifer characteristics, levels of past land use disturbance, identification of potential watershed values downslope of BCTS' Chart, and identification of potential hazards and risks. The second phase refined the risk analysis by obtaining stakeholder knowledge of the area and conducting further field review of streams and potential elements-at-risk. A third phase of assessment work separate from this report will be focussed on site-level review of specific forest development plans.

Within the assessment watersheds, the following downslope/downstream potential elements-at-risk were identified: human safety, private property, transportation infrastructure, utilities, water rights & use, and fish and fish habitat. Peak flows, low flows, sediment yields, channel destabilization, and water contamination by pollutants are the principal hazards under review.

Based on an understanding of history of the area, current conditions, and the context of ongoing and future climate change, an analysis of current and projected future hazards and risks from forest development within BCTS' Chart in the assessment watersheds was conducted. Based on this assessment, the following conclusions were drawn:

Streamflows (Peak and Low Flows) and Aquifer Recharge

1. The assessment streams have a rain-dominated flow regime, with highest flows generally driven by frontal systems in November and December. Rain-on-snow is considered to be

the dominant process responsible for major, potentially damaging floods at all elevations. Assuming the presence of a snowpack, rain-on-snow runoff is often most severe when warm temperatures, strong winds, and intense rainfall, potentially associated with an atmospheric river (AR), coincide. Given the limited relief of the assessment watersheds, snow is transient in many years, and often plays a minor role in the annual hydrograph of the assessment streams. It can, however, be a significant component in cooler years when seasonal snowpacks can form at lower elevations.

2. Based on the physical watershed characteristics that affect runoff generation, meteorological conditions typical of the area, and land uses, the runoff generation potential (RGP) for the assessment watersheds is high in all watersheds with exception of End/Walker Creek above Highway 101, Smales Creek below Highway 101¹¹³, and Higgs Brook. RGP is considered low for these three stream reaches given they have considerable surface flow discontinuity and a propensity for water losses through infiltration. This means that streamflows generally respond somewhat rapidly to precipitation inputs in most of the assessment watersheds. As such, the flood regime closely reflects the magnitude, frequency and duration of rainstorms in the assessment area.
3. Low (base) flows in the assessment streams, which are controlled by rainfall inputs and groundwater contributions, are generally at their lowest in July and August, under the influence of high-pressure weather systems but can extend well into the fall (e.g., fall 2022).
4. The climate of the assessment area is influenced not only by large-scale atmospheric circulation patterns that occur over inter-annual time scales (PDO and ENSO), but also long-term climate change associated with anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. PCIC (2021) project that average annual temperatures and precipitation will increase by 4.7 °C and 4.8% by the 2080s, respectively (assuming RCP 8.5).
5. Increased temperatures with climate change are projected to pose a number of risks, including, but not limited to elevated stream temperatures and reductions in water quality for fish, increased potential for drought, increased water demands for irrigation, and increased severity and extent of wildfires. In addition, evaporation will intensify as temperatures rise as will the transfer of heat from the ocean to the air. This could mean more intense windstorms and rainstorms along the Sunshine Coast.
6. Although the range of uncertainty in future precipitation projections is considerable, on an annual basis precipitation is projected to decrease by 1.0% by the 2050s and increase by 4.8% by the 2080s (PCIC, 2021). Summer precipitation, which is relevant to the

¹¹³ The RGP for Smales Creek above Highway 101 is considered high.

maintenance of water supplies and instream flows for fish, is projected to decrease by 13% by the 2050s, and 22% by the 2080s. This suggests an increasing potential for drought conditions on the Sunshine Coast. Conversely, seasonal precipitation in winter is projected to only slightly increase by 0.9% by the 2050s; however, by the 2080s, the increase rises to 9.7% (PCIC, 2021). These increases could be beneficial in replenishing aquifers; however, they also could increase antecedent soil moisture conditions leading up to potential storm-driven flood events. According to Western University (2021), storm-related rainfall intensity is also projected to increase. Relatively frequent rainstorms with a 2-year return period are projected to increase in magnitude by 6-11% by the 2050s and 14-20% by the 2080s. Rarer 50-year return period storms are projected to increase by 12-24% by the 2050s and 30-38% by the 2080s (Western University, 2021). These changes would suggest an increased likelihood of floods over time. Moreover, occasional snowfall can still be expected to occur in the future across all elevations (William Floyd, pers. comms., 2023). Rain-on-snow generated peak flows are therefore expected to persist in the future.

7. Peak flow hazard is a function of runoff generation potential and runoff synchronization (Section 2.3.1). The former is potentially influenced by Equivalent Clearcut Area (ECA), an index of forest disturbance and regrowth in a watershed, which can be influenced by forest management. Following recommendations from Dr. William Floyd¹¹⁴, the evaluation of ECA was conducted assuming that rain-on-snow is the primary peak flow generating mechanism and can occur at all elevations. Therefore, ECA was evaluated using a single rain-on-snow recovery curve from Hudson and Horel (2007) and was applied across all elevations.
8. ECAs in the assessment area demonstrate that the extent of forest cover disturbance is greatest in the lower portion of the watersheds, which have been subject to varying degrees of residential and commercial development. This skews the overall watershed ECAs (i.e., above the mouth of each stream) and is likely to have resulted in streamflows along lower reaches of each creek that are urban-influenced, although to varying degrees. Moreover, most, if not all, forest stands in the upper portion of the assessment area have been subject to historical disturbance, either by wildfire or logging. As such, regenerating forest stands within BCTS Chart are at various levels of recovery and contain various proportions of deciduous species, which are considered less hydrologically recovered relative to coniferous stands.
9. ECAs were evaluated for drainage areas upstream of 30 points-of-interest (POIs) in the assessment area. Currently, ECA ranges from 6.0% in forested BCTS Chart area to 57.2% above a POI which includes extensive rural/residential and commercial development.

¹¹⁴ Research Hydrologist for the Coast area Research Section, BC Ministry of Forestry.

This means current peak flow hazards vary by POI. A high peak flow hazard was identified for the following POIs:

- Chaster Creek at the mouth,
- End/Walker Creek at the mouth, and
- End/Walker Creek above Highway 101.

A moderate peak flow hazard was identified for the following POIs:

- Chaster Creek below Shirley Creek,
- Shirley Creek,
- Smales Creek above Highway 101,
- Higgs Brook at the mouth,
- Slater Creek at the mouth,
- Slater Creek above Highway 101,
- Joe Smith Creek at the mouth, and
- Clough Creek at the mouth.

A low peak flow hazard is identified for the remaining POIs.

10. Although the removal of forest cover along road rights-of way are accounted for in ECA calculations, roads can affect natural drainage patterns and effectively increase runoff generation potential through the interception of shallow groundwater flow and conveyance as ditch flow to the stream network. In the assessment watersheds, the likelihood of such effects, both associated with current and future roads is low. This stems from a combination of relatively rapid preferential shallow subsurface flow along effectively impermeable surficial materials or bedrock and relatively high drainage density. As a result, shallow groundwater and surface water flow rates are similarly rapid, such that road-related effects on drainage patterns and rates are expected to be small.
11. With regards to summer low flows, the distribution of seral stages (i.e., forest ages) suggest that low flows have been influenced to varying degrees by historical disturbance. The likelihood that low flows have been adversely affected by the current distribution of seral stages is low for End/Walker Creek, Smales Creek, and Higgs Brook; moderate for Chaster Creek, Molyneux Creek, Joe Smith Creek, Clough Creek; and high for Slater Creek. With respect to future development, recommendations are provided in Section 9 to minimize the likelihood of causing an incremental adverse effect on summer low flows.
12. If BCTS maintains current peak flow hazards and a low likelihood of adversely affecting low flows (as described in Section 9), the risks associated with BCTS development in the assessment area on the groundwater supply are low. Site-level increases in the water balance can be expected following the removal of forest cover. This may result in localised

increases in the groundwater table; however, such increases are only expected to persist for up to 10-15 years. Beyond that time, there is a potential for decrease, but only if opening size exceeds 8 ha or where thinning occurs, if >50% of the overstory canopy is removed. Furthermore, most wells downslope of BCTS' Chart appear to be established sufficiently deep within regional-scale bedrock or confined alluvial groundwater systems at distances several 100s of metres if not kilometres from BCTS' Chart. Given the long time periods associated with groundwater movement and recharge, to the confined Gibsons Aquifer, harvest-related effects are expected to be undetectable if the above constraints are met.

Sediment Yield

13. Few forest development-related sediment risks were identified in the assessment area. Overall, the current erosion potential from active roads is low. Erosion potential does marginally increase in the vicinity of crossings of incised gullies, due to the increased height of road cuts that are typically required; however, these site-level risks appear to have been effectively mitigated where necessary, and sediment risks remain low.

A total of 89 active stream crossings in the assessment area were identified during the field reviews. Although this does not necessarily represent an exhaustive inventory, it does represent a large sample of the stream crossings in active use. Our field observations within BCTS Chart generally indicate that sediment hazards associated with stream crossings is low¹¹⁵, largely as a result of gentle road grades, deactivation of unused roads, and effective control measures such as coarse gravel road surfacing and/or rock armour at culvert inlets and outlets or along bridge abutments. There are very few examples where sediment hazards are elevated in the assessment area within BCTS Chart.

14. In addition to the debris flow documented along Clough Creek in 1983 [prior to the *Forest Practices Code (FPC)* and *Forest and Range Practices Act (FPPRA)*], a historical air photo review revealed several smaller development-related landslides initiated roughly 75 m to 250 m from the Clough Creek debris flow headscarp. These smaller slides are suspected to have been initiated during the same 1983 storm. No other development or natural landslides were noted in the assessment area. Limited relief and gentle to moderate hillslope gradients combined with BCTS' operating procedures that require engagement with qualified terrain professionals where necessary during the development planning process, reduces the likelihood of landslides in the assessment area, such that current sediment yields from landslides are low.

¹¹⁵ The sediment hazard refers to the likelihood of measurable erosion and sedimentation to occur in the vicinity of stream crossings. It does not consider the potential for crossing damage or washout in the event of an extreme flood. Evaluation of design flows and flood conveyance at crossings is beyond the scope of the assessment.

15. Potential sediment risks with future forest development are likely to be associated with the construction (including reactivation), maintenance, and use of new and existing roads and trails. Fine-textured soils, where present, may be susceptible to rutting, compaction and erosion if subject to mechanical disturbance or excessive traffic during wet weather or wet ground conditions. These risks can, however, be effectively mitigated with a number of control measures, depending on site-conditions. Several of these measures are outlined in Section 9. Assuming that these (or equivalent) control measures are effectively implemented, sediment yields and the risks associated with future forest development can be maintained at low levels.

Riparian Function

16. With the exception of road crossings and the BC Hydro right-of-way (ROW), riparian conditions within BCTS' Chart on Crown land within the eight assessment watersheds are characterized by mixed deciduous and second growth conifers with varying amounts of understory vegetation. Along classified streams, riparian vegetation is largely functional in providing bank stability and shade but is occasionally lacking in future recruitment of large woody debris. While most streams have ample volumes of instream wood, many of the stable larger-diameter pieces are disintegrating and are likely being replaced by smaller-diameter less stable wood recruited from the riparian zone. A reduction in stable in-stream wood could increase sediment transport rates over time, which could adversely affect stream crossings, water supply infrastructure and fish habitat. Urbanization in the lower portion of the assessment area increases the potential for localized reductions in riparian function (e.g., near stream crossings and private properties); however, given the incised nature of most stream reaches, riparian areas remain largely intact and functional.
17. BCTS forest professionals plan harvesting opportunities to minimize disturbance of riparian zones along classified streams by establishing riparian reserves, wildlife tree retention areas (WTRAs), and/or machine-free zones. Road alignments are also planned, where possible, to minimize stream crossings and localized riparian impacts. These general precautions are intended to minimize adverse effects on riparian function. Since a review of specific blocks will be completed during Phase 3, the riparian related hazards associated with specific harvest plans cannot be determined at this time.

Stream Channel Stability

18. A selection of photos documenting current conditions observed during the field review along each stream is provided in Appendix E. Overall, the assessment streams include a mix of channel morphologies and are generally non-alluvial on BCTS' Chart, and semi-alluvial or alluvial along the lower slopes. Additional description of each of the assessment streams is provided in Section 6.4.

19. The likelihood of channel disequilibrium (i.e., instability) following forest development is a function of channel response potential and whether there are measurable increases in flood magnitude/frequency and coarse sediment yield, as well as measurable reductions in riparian function and future woody debris recruitment. Based on the most sensitive portions of each assessment stream, channel response potential is moderate for all assessment streams except Slater Creek and Clough Creek, where it is low. The robustness of the assessment streams is a function of their incised or confined nature, the coarse-textured (cobble and boulder) gravel streambed, lateral and vertical control provided by bedrock or erosion-resistant glacial deposits (e.g., till), the riparian conditions, and/or the ample supply of functional wood debris. Given these factors, the hazard associated with channel instability is presently low in all assessment streams. Provided that peak flow hazard remains low, sediment yields are not measurably increased, and riparian function is not impaired, there is a low likelihood of channel instability associated with future forest development in the assessment watersheds.

Pollutants

20. BCTS Environmental Management System (EMS), environmental field procedure (EFP) 06 Fuel Handling outlines appropriate fuel storage & securing, dispensing, transportation, spill prevention and response measures, with restrictions specifically identified for riparian management areas. With strict adherence to these control measures during all future forest development activities, risks of contamination can be minimized.

Risk Analysis

21. A main goal of this watershed assessment is to determine the potential hydrogeomorphic risks associated with future BCTS forest development in the assessment watersheds and provide risk management options to avoid or mitigate such risks. Key elements-at-risk include: human safety, private property, transportation infrastructure, utilities, water rights & use, and fish and fish habitat. Peak flows (including floods, debris floods and debris flows), low flows & aquifer recharge, sediment yield, channel destabilization, and water contamination by pollutants are the principal hazards under review herein.
22. TABLE 7.1 provides a summary of the qualitative partial risk analysis for stream segments with a peak flow hazard above a low rating. These results indicate the current likelihood of the hazards reviewed are predominantly low, although some are moderate or high along specific stream reaches. Management recommendations to maintain current hazard ratings are provided in Section 9. Subsequent development plans will be subject to Phase 3 analysis of site-level risks and conditions.

Each of the hydrogeomorphic risks described above should be understood within the context of on-going and future climate variability and change (Sections 4.7 and 7.7). Given these ongoing

and increasing pressures, minimizing incremental increases in hazard ratings within BCTS' Chart with regards to peak flows, low flows, sediment yield and channel instability is paramount to the conservation of water resources and protection of watershed values. As such, risk management options should be implemented as part of future forest development planning. These are summarized in Section 9.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

This section outlines management recommendations available to avoid or mitigate the hydrogeomorphic risks identified above.

Streamflow Regime (Peak and Low Flows) & Aquifer Recharge

1. Based on the characteristics of the assessment watersheds and the research literature, ECA recommendations for each POI were formed on the basis of limiting incremental increases in peak flow hazard at POIs downstream of BCTS Chart. Moreover, it is recommended that the ECA be below 20% for the portion of the watershed within BCTS Chart. The ECA recommendations made include a level of conservatism beyond what previous assessments (i.e., Madrone, 2015) have identified in the assessment area, and furthermore these recommendations are considered prudent within the context of climate change (Section 7.7), the inherent uncertainty in ECA estimates (APPENDIX B), and the values identified along each stream (APPENDIX C). The maximum additional ECA to avoid increasing current peak flow hazards while also maintaining ECAs below 20% within BCTS Chart are listed in TABLE 9.1. These values represent current (2021) conditions and are expected to change with hydrologic recovery.

TABLE 9.1 *Maximum additional ECA to avoid incremental increase in peak flow hazard.*

Assessment Watershed	Recommended additional ECA within BCTS Chart to avoid incremental increase in peak flow hazard
Chaster Creek	<p>≤ 27.6 ha overall AND</p> <p>≤ 11.4 ha above POI 3</p> <p>≤ 16.2 ha above POI 4</p> <p>≤ 6.3 ha above POI 6¹¹⁶</p> <p>≤ 8.6 ha above POI 7¹¹⁶</p> <p>≤ 6.6 ha above POIs 8¹¹⁶</p>
End/Walker Creek	≤ 1.3 ha overall
Smales Creek	≤ 2.2 ha overall
Higgs Brook	≤ 6.5 ha overall
Slater Creek	<p>≤ 3.7 ha overall AND</p> <p>≤ 1.8 ha above POI 16</p>
Molyneux Creek	<p>≤ 14.7 ha overall AND</p> <p>≤ 8.8 ha above POI 20</p> <p>≤ 6.4 ha above POI 22.</p>
Joe Smith Creek	≤ 3.9 ha overall
Clough Creek	≤ 6.3 ha overall

¹¹⁶ The collective ECA of POIs 6-8 must not exceed 16.2 ha to meet the constraint imposed on POI 4.

2. Alternative silvicultural¹¹⁷ approaches should be considered to minimize the incremental increases to current peak flow hazards. This includes small openings¹¹⁸, strip cuts or individual tree selection. Such approaches would aim to preserve natural levels of wind exposure and shade and have been reported to reduce hydrologic risks (Hudson, 2001).
3. In order to manage runoff generation at the site-level, it is important to maintain natural drainage patterns throughout all watersheds. This includes continued alignment of new roads to avoid or minimize interception of surface or near-surface groundwater. If groundwater interception cannot be avoided, minimize the heights of road cuts and/or use alternative road construction methods (e.g., overlanding and using coarse, porous rock ballast) with limited disturbance to natural drainage. Restore natural drainage patterns by deactivating unnecessary roads and trails, and lastly, avoid excessive soil compaction to prevent creation of preferential pathways for runoff during and following forest harvesting.
4. Where feasible, the promotion of urban forest is recommended to promote hydrologic recovery in areas subject to residential and commercial development.
5. With respect to future development, the literature suggests that to minimize incremental adverse effects on summer low flows, alternative silviculture approaches should be considered. These approaches include small openings or individual tree selection (i.e., thinning). The principal objective of applying such silvicultural approaches is to limit changes to site-level energy balance by promoting shade to reduce the potential for increased solar radiation, and limiting the potential for increased energy from wind (i.e., turbulent heat fluxes) following harvest.

In the late summer low flow period, riparian zones serve as primary conduits for water movement. Riparian area retention should be a management objective to limit the potential for increased water demands from recolonizing deciduous and coniferous species, which tend to be higher than mature conifer species. For S4 and larger streams, current riparian management and free-growing standards should serve to minimize not only disturbance of sensitive riparian areas, but also the likelihood of deciduous colonization in such areas. For the smaller S5 and S6 streams, a management zone is recommended within defined gullies or draws¹¹⁹. Unless riparian reserves are sufficiently windfirm, thinning or retention of nonmerchantable species may be preferred for S5 and

¹¹⁷ The ECA recommendations assume a clearcut silviculture system. If a selective harvest silviculture system is used, ECAs are scaled based on the values in TABLE 6.1.

¹¹⁸ If more than one opening is associated with a single cutblock, the space between openings should be large enough such that the adjacent opening is sufficiently buffered from wind and solar radiation.

¹¹⁹ These areas should be determined through site-level field review.

S6 streams to limit the risk of blowdown associated with reserves (Hudson and D’Anjou, 2001). Moreover, thinning with relatively high retention levels would serve to maintain some level of shade and reduce the potential for deciduous colonization. Based on the above, the following management options should be considered¹²⁰:

In riparian areas:

- For S4, S5, and S6 streams, a management zone is recommended within gullies or draws, and these areas should be prioritized for relatively high retention levels in order to minimize changes in riparian water demands via evapotranspiration.

In upland areas:

- Maintaining net opening size to less than 8 ha¹²¹,
- Implementing partial harvest silviculture systems (i.e., thinning), or
- A combination thereof.

6. Climate change is projected to increase stress on water supply and water quality in the assessment area. In light of such projections, forest management could play a role in mitigating climate change and supporting long-term sustainable water supply through establishment of a broad range of seral stages across each watershed. This has the potential to reduce overall water demands from the forest land base, to promote biodiversity, and could reduce the potential for interface wildfires, which are expected to become increasingly common and severe with climate change. While difficult to quantify, we also encourage the planting of a mix of species¹²² similar to the pre-harvest (mature) stands to achieve similar evapotranspiration rates in the long-term. A total resource planning approach with water sustainability as one of its key objectives is one option to consider. Such an approach could complement and directly inform the Source to Sea Project¹²³ and Elphinstone-Gibson Watershed/Aquifer dialogue recently hosted by the Town of Gibsons.
7. Many crossings in the urban areas and on MOTI roads were installed several decades ago and may be undersized in light of climate change projections. They may also become more prone to debris plugging as mature instream wood deteriorates and is transported downstream. We recommend that BCTS share this information with MOTI, the Sunshine Coast Regional District, and Town of Gibsons. We recommend the appropriate party

¹²⁰ These management objectives should be met while maintaining the ECA thresholds identified previously.

¹²¹ If more than one opening is associated with a single cutblock, the space between openings should be large enough such that the adjacent opening is sufficiently buffered from wind and solar radiation.

¹²² Stocking standards require a mix of species, particularly along riparian areas (Tom Johnson, pers. comms., 2023).

¹²³ <https://gibsons.ca/sustainability/natural-assets/source-to-sea-project/>

consider a stream crossing review to pre-emptively identify and replace undersized or potentially non-functional crossings, especially those which pose higher downstream environmental risks with failure.

Sediment Yield

8. In order to minimize the risk of increasing sediment yields associated with landslides, BCTS should continue to retain qualified professionals to identify terrain-related and blowdown risks and provide options for risk mitigation. Madrone (2015) recommended that within the Chaster Creek watershed all potential development areas between 200 m and 600 m elevation be assessed for terrain stability, and they further cautioned against road construction or harvesting in two areas with a high density of steep, deeply-incised gullies. We concur with these recommendations; however, with the benefit of high-resolution LiDAR-based bare-earth imagery, we further recommend that terrain stability assessments guide forest development planning in all eight assessment watersheds where harvesting or road construction is planned on slope gradients exceeding 50%. This largely occurs along deeply-incised gullies identified in FIGURE 9.1.
9. While the potential for generation and delivery of sediment to the stream network from current roads is low, BCTS should continue to employ best management practices around streams and riparian zones as identified in BCTS' Environmental Management System (EMS) and environmental field procedures (EFPs). This includes adherence to wet weather shutdown procedures (Statlu, 2018b) during all forestry activities involving heavy equipment not only for safety reasons (for which they were developed) but also to minimize soil erosion and sediment delivery to the stream network.

Moreover, to help minimize sediment risks during future forest development, we recommend that works involving potential soil disturbance or large cuts and fills within 50 m of a stream channel and installation of bridges or major culverts be monitored by a Qualified Professional (QP) at a frequency and intensity commensurate with amount of soil disturbance and stream values at risk.

The QP should be experienced in erosion and sediment control and should be in direct communication with BCTS should a stop work order be necessary in the event that weather or other factors that pose unacceptable risks (e.g., damaged or ineffective control measures) are identified. Furthermore, we recommend that prior to harvesting, a monitoring program be established, preferably by the same QP, to gauge the specific sediment contributions from those specific roads and road crossings that will be utilized. Monitoring and record keeping should adhere to FREP WQEE protocols and sample locations before, during and after road construction and harvest.

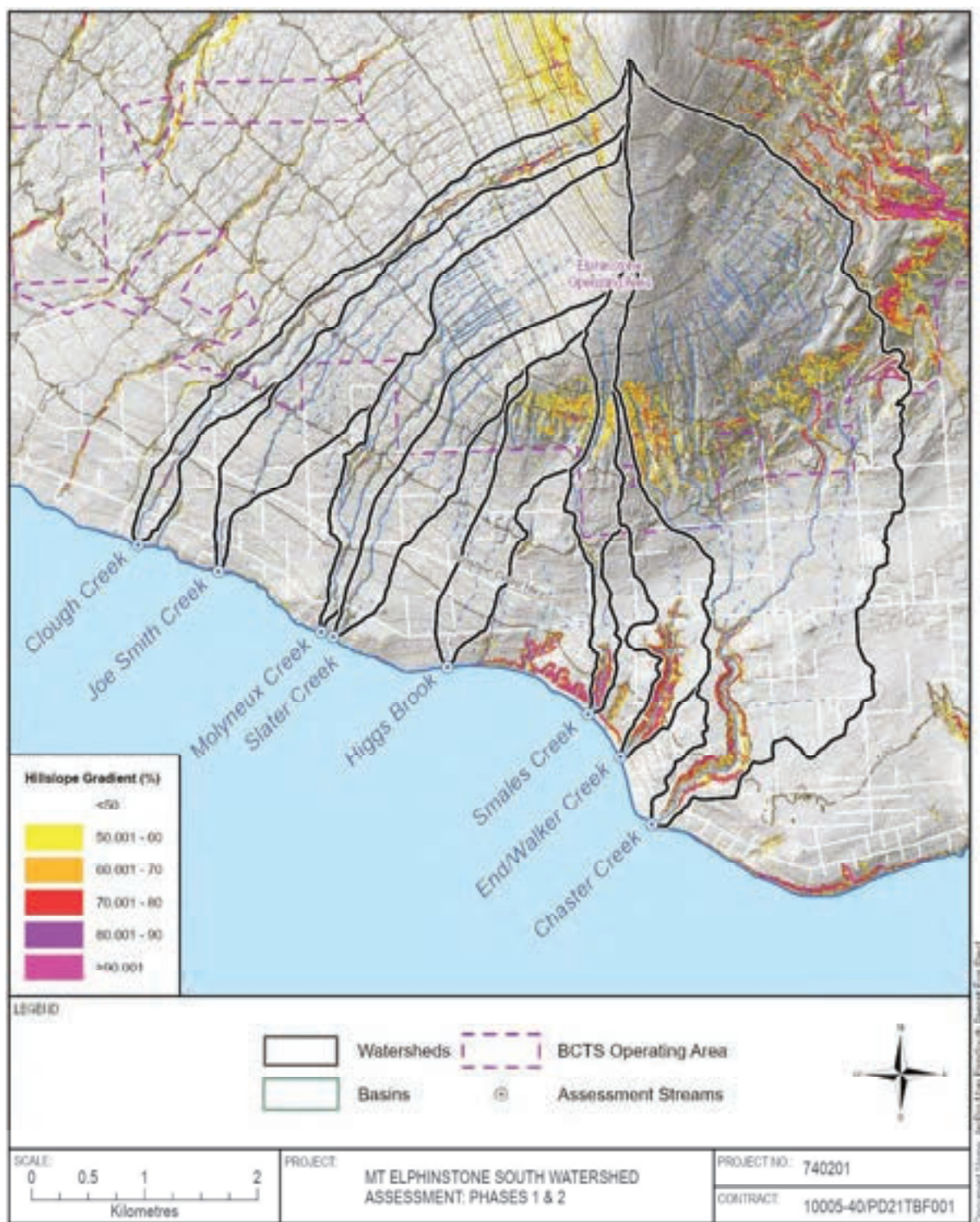


FIGURE 9.1 Hillslope gradients in excess of 50% in the assessment area

10. It is recommended that road building and surface materials be sourced from the lower portion of the assessment area (or other area offsite) where the geology is primarily intrusive rocks (FIGURE 4.7). The sedimentary rocks in the upper portion of the assessment area are expected to be more erosive, with a greater potential to increase suspended sediment if transported to streams.
11. In order to maintain low sediment-related hazard, planning of road alignments and cutblocks should consider and take precautions to avoid alteration of natural drainage patterns upslope of sensitive gullied terrain, minimize windthrow in riparian zones (e.g., by having windthrow assessments performed) and avoid wherever possible physical soil disturbance in riparian zones by heavy equipment (e.g., by establishing machine-free zones along riparian corridors). Such control measures should be tailored to the risk posed by increased sediment yield on downstream values. For example, on Molyneux Creek, there are several water licences near or within BCTS' Chart, including one that was field-confirmed to be actively supplying potable water to a private residence. In such a case, effective cutblock and road layout upslope combined with control measures are of paramount importance given the close proximity of an element-at-risk.
12. Future sediment risks can further be mitigated using control measures, currently employed by BCTS. These include the following:
 - Avoiding, where possible, road alignments near riparian areas and areas with high hillslope-stream connectivity;
 - Reducing surface erosion on cut and fill slopes by planning road alignments that: i) minimize the height of road cuts; ii) avoid fine-textured soils, especially in groundwater seepage areas; and iii) utilize appropriate erosion control measures¹²⁴, with the guidance of a qualified erosion control professional;
 - Reducing the erosion of ditches by: i) minimizing ditch flow with establishment of water-bars and cross-ditches spaced according to field conditions; and ii) applying appropriate erosion control measures along ditches with the guidance of a qualified erosion control professional¹²⁵;
 - Reducing erosion of the road surface and improving drainage off the road surface by: i) establishing an appropriate density of water bars and/or cross ditches, ii) crowning, out-sloping or in-sloping road surfaces, and iii) regular grading to minimize rutting while being careful not to leave grader berms that may prevent drainage of the road surface; iv) limiting the lengths of climbing grade where possible; v) elevating the road surface with coarse road ballast if areas of high groundwater/soil moisture are encountered; and vi) where necessary, adding a

¹²⁴ For example, hydro- or pneumatically-applied mulch/seed, or installation of erosion control blankets.

¹²⁵ For example, riprap, turf-reinforcement mat, seeding.

- cap of aggregate over the native soil, underlain by geotextile (to avoid downward migration of the aggregate);
 - Reducing erosion at stream crossings by: i) ensuring the crossing is appropriately sized to permit the design flow, and the design flow accounts for the projected increases in storm intensity in the future (Section 4.7.2); and ii) armoring culvert inlets and outlets, typically with riprap; and
 - Reducing surface runoff to streams by: i) minimizing the length of ditches that directly flow into streams; and ii) directing ditch flow via cross-ditches into stable forested areas where there is no classified stream within a short distance downslope.
 - Reducing sediment risks at bridge crossings by regularly cleaning bridge decks.
13. The alignment of new road crossings should be perpendicular to the orientation of the channel and only in areas with lateral stability to minimize interference with natural hydrogeomorphic processes (e.g., alluvial fans, debris flow gullies). Climbing roads on fans should be avoided and fail-safe designs should be considered where roads are aligned across active gullies or alluvial fans.
14. Risk ratings and detailed mitigation options should be included in all phases of access from construction to deactivation. This includes culvert sizing or location, stabilization of road cuts, fills and road surface, erosion and sediment controls, and any special site- and weather-specific shut-down guidelines [over and above those outlined by Statlu (2018b)] to avoid heavy equipment trafficking and sediment production.

Riparian function

15. In accordance with the Riparian Management Area Guidebook¹²⁶, riparian reserves should be established on S1-S3 streams to avoid reduction of riparian function and to mitigate erosion and sediment delivery. For S4, S5, and S6 streams, retention of mature overstory and nonmerchantable timber is recommended within their respective riparian management zones.
16. Based on recommendations from Hudson and D’Anjou (2001), in areas subject to a partial harvest silviculture system, trees adjacent to S6 streams with a high windthrow potential should be removed to mitigate the potential for increased sedimentation as a result of blowdown. Moreover, windthrow assessments will be increasingly important if projections for more intense windstorms materialize.

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<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/silviculture/silvicultural-systems/silviculture-guidebooks/riparian-management-area-guidebook>

Pollutants

17. To avoid water contamination, we recommend that all forest development activities follow strict adherence to BCTS EMS and EFPs for the appropriate fuel storage & securing, dispensing, transportation, spill prevention and response measures, including specific restrictions within riparian management (or reserve) zones.

Site Level Recommendations

18. Inge Creek currently flows along Reed Road in a ditch that has evidence of downcutting and scour. The creek originally did not flow along this stream alignment, but was established in the 1990s post-flooding by a property owner. To mitigate for erosion along Reed Road and reduce the potential for sedimentation downstream, control measures should be considered for the ditch.
19. The following site level recommendations are identified from TABLE 7.1. Should these recommendations not fall within BCTS Chart area or are beyond BCTS' authority, we recommend that BCTS inform the appropriate party of the issues identified below.

Chaster Creek:

- Recommend clearing the large woody debris noted at the inlet of 900 mm diameter culvert at the Highway 101 crossing (#70) along Shirley Creek near stream km 2.50.

Higgs Brook

- Bank protection is recommended near stream km 0.10 to prevent loss or damage to the undermined utility building and potential stream impacts.

Slater Creek

- Recommend clearing the large woody debris noted at the inlet of 1,200 mm diameter culvert at the Lower Road crossing (#71) along Slater Creek near stream km 0.25.
- Recommend a review of culvert capacity at the Porter Road crossing (#38) along Slater Creek near stream km 1.40.
- Recommend a review of culvert capacity at the Conrad Road crossing (#37) along Slater Creek near stream km 1.55.

Clough Creek

- Recommend a review of structural stability of the retaining wall at the culvert inlet at Lower Road crossing (#25) along Clough Creek near stream km 0.30.
- Recommend stabilization of road fill and review of culvert capacity for the 900 mm diameter culvert located at the Highway 101 crossing (#24) along Clough Creek near stream km 0.90.

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APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

ABCFP	Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals
Active Fluvial Units (AFUs)	The portion of a floodplain which water can be expected to flow during a runoff event of magnitude 1 in 100 years or more and that portion of an alluvial fan on which there is evidence of active hydrogeomorphic processes such as naturally occurring fluvial erosion or evidence of mass wasting. AFUs should be expected to occur on portions of all streams > 1.0 m stream channel width.
Adaptive Management Plan (AMP)	A monitoring or research initiative that is developed and implemented during operational planning, timber harvesting, silvicultural treatment, or road construction, including maintenance and deactivation phases, to examine the outcomes of management strategies and practices that vary from default legislative requirements, the results of which will inform the development of future management strategies and practices.
Agreement Holder	The holder of an agreement under British Columbia's Forest Act or Range Act.
Alluvial fan	A conical deposit of stream-derived sediment that is formed where stream gradient decreases and stream channels become laterally unconfined. These can exist either mid-slope or near the mouth of a stream.
Assurance Statement	A declaration by a Specialist assuring that the Specialist's work meets the intent and direction as provided by Joint Professional Practices Guidelines and a forest licensee's Watershed Risk Management Framework.
Bare Ground	All land surface not covered by vegetation, rock, or litter.
BC Timber Sales Program	An independent organization within the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, created to develop Crown timber for auction. BCTS was founded in 2003 with a mandate to provide the cost and price benchmarks for timber harvested from public land in British Columbia. Through 12 Business Areas and an operational presence in 33 locations, BCTS manages some 20 percent of the provincial Crown allowable annual cut.
Bedload	Bedload is a term used to describe particles in a stream that are being carried or transported along the streambed.
Biogeoclimatic Classification System	A hierarchical classification system of ecosystems that integrates regional, local and chronological factors and combines climatic, vegetation and site factors.
Biogeoclimatic Unit	Part of the biogeoclimatic ecosystem classification system. Recognized biogeoclimatic units are a synthesis of climate, vegetation and soil data and are defined as "classes of geographically related ecosystems that are distributed within a vegetationally inferred climatic space."
Biogeoclimatic (BEC) Zone (and Subzone)	<p>A BEC zone is a geographic area having similar patterns of energy flow, vegetation and soils, as a result of a broadly homogenous macroclimate.</p> <p>A BEC subzone is a unit with less climatic variability and a narrower geographic distribution than the zone. Subzones are distinguished by a unique composition of plant species. They are climatically based and represent precipitation and temperature regimes.</p>
Blowdown (Windthrow)	Uprooting by the wind. Also refers to a tree or trees so uprooted.
Blue List Species	Species of special concern (formerly called "vulnerable") in British Columbia. These species are not immediately threatened, but are of concern because of characteristics that make them particularly sensitive to human activities or natural events.
Bog	A class of wetland characterized by a thick layer of sphagnum-based peat. It receives its water primarily from direct precipitation. Bog waters tend to be acidic and nutrient-poor.
Canopy Cover	The percentage of ground covered by a vertical projection of the outermost perimeter of the natural spread of foliage of plants. Small openings within the canopy are included, and coverage may exceed 100 percent.
Channel	The stream banks and stream bed formed by fluvial processes.
Channel Bed	The bottom of the stream below the usual water surface. Beds contain sediments deposited by moving water, such as rocks, sand, gravel and sediment.

Channel Sensitivity (Channel Response Potential)	The inherent susceptibility of a stream channel to changes in discharge and sediment supply. The response of a channel may include changes in bed texture (e.g., grain size), geometry (i.e., width, depth, slope), planform (e.g., sinuosity), and/or bedforms (e.g., pools). Such potential responses have potential direct impacts on water quality, water supply infrastructure, and fish and fish habitat.
Clearcut	An area of forestland from which all merchantable trees have recently been harvested.
Climate	The average weather conditions of a place over many years.
Climate Change	An alteration within the climate system that departs significantly from previous average conditions and is seen to endure, bringing about corresponding changes in ecosystems and socio-economic activity.
Consequence	The effect on human well-being, property, the environment, or other things of Value, or a combination of these. Consequence can be certain or uncertain and have positive or negative effects. Most commonly, consequence is considered to be the change, loss, or damage to risk elements caused by a harmful event such as a flood or landslide.
Colluvium	Unconsolidated sediments deposited at the base of hillslopes. Colluvium is transported by hillslope processes and may range in size from silt to boulders.
Community Watershed	The drainage area above the most downstream point of diversion on a stream for which the water is for human consumption, and which is licensed under the <i>Water Act</i> for (i) a waterworks purpose, or (ii) a domestic purpose if the licence is held by, or is subject to, the control of a water users' community as incorporated under the <i>Water Act</i> . Community watersheds are designated under the Government Actions Regulation. To protect the water that is diverted for human consumption, such areas require special management to: conserve the quality, quantity and timing of water flow and prevent cumulative hydrological effects having a material adverse effect on water. There are currently 466 designated community watersheds in B.C. with most established in the 1980s and 1990s.
Control Measure	Actions and/or activities that are taken to prevent, eliminate or reduce the occurrence of an identified hazard.
Coupled Hillslope (Hillslope-stream coupling)	A channel is considered coupled to a hillslope when sediment mobilized on the hillslope by landslide activity directly enters the stream channel. Sediment delivery to coupled reaches is dominated by landslides, while sediment movement through the reach is by debris flow and fluvial processes. Channel gradient is typically >5 per cent. Coupled reaches are identified by the following indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no valley flat; sediment or debris mobilized by landslides directly enters the stream channel; • The surrounding slopes are steep and likely to initiate landslides that can transfer sediment directly to the stream channel; • The channel is small relative to the volume of sediment and debris that may be transferred from the surrounding hillslopes; and • Debris flows may be initiated from within the reach.
Cross Ditch	A ditch excavated across the road at an angle and at a sufficient depth, with armouring as appropriate, to divert both road surface water and ditch water off or across the road.
Crown forested land base (CFLB)	The CFLB is the area of productive forested Crown land in a defined area. It does not include private land, non-forested areas like alpine, lakes, roads, or non-productive forest like brush. A proportion of old-growth targets can be located within the forested portion of parks, ecological reserves and other areas managed by the Crown. Within the CFLB, the area or amount of old-growth can be identified or located in constrained or inaccessible areas within the unit area to which the order applies, up to the target stated for each biogeoclimatic variant.
Crown Land	Land that is owned by the government of Canada or the province of British Columbia.
Crown Range	Crown land included within the boundaries of a range district, but does not include Crown land that is subject to a lease issued under the <i>Land Act</i> .

Culvert	A culvert is one or more pipes, pipe arches, or structures below the road surface, used to let water flow from one side of the road to the other.
Cumulative Effects	Cumulative effects are changes to environmental, social and economic values caused by the combined effect of past, present and potential future human activities and natural processes.
Cutblock	A specific area of land with defined boundaries, authorized for harvest.
Cutslope	The face of an excavated bank required to lower the natural ground line to the desired road profile.
Deactivation	Measures taken to stabilize roads and logging trails during periods of inactivity, which include control of drainage, removal of sidecast where necessary, and re-establishment of vegetation in preparation for permanent deactivation.
Debris	Wood and other organic materials typically mixed with mineral soils resulting from mass-wasting events which can be delivered to stream channels and the aquatic environment
Deleterious substance (as defined by Fisheries Act)	"A substance or water containing substance in such quantity or concentration, or that has been so treated, processed or changed, by heat or other means, from a natural state that it degrades or alters water quality to the detriment of fish, fish habitat or use by man of fish found in the receiving water"
Domestic Water Intake	A domestic water intake is the point at which water is diverted from a stream for domestic purposes (e.g., human consumption, food preparation or sanitation and household purposes).
Dynamic Channel Equilibrium	<p>A state of balance resulting from the interplay of four basic factors (sediment discharge, sediment particle size, streamflow, and channel gradient) that maintains alluvial stream channels in their most efficient and least erosive form. The term "dynamic" is important, as the energy of a stream is always at work sustaining or re-establishing its equilibrium condition. Land-use effects at site-specific or watershed scales can upset the dynamic equilibrium thereby triggering a process of stream adjustments. If one of the four factors change, one or more of the other variables must increase or decrease proportionally if equilibrium is to be maintained.</p> <p>For example, if channel gradient is increased (e.g., by channel straightening) and streamflow remains the same, either the sediment load or the size of the particles must also increase. Likewise, if flow is increased (e.g., by upslope forest cover removal) and the channel gradient stays the same, sediment load or sediment particle size has to increase to maintain channel equilibrium. Under these examples' conditions, a stream seeking a new equilibrium will tend to erode more of its banks and bed, transporting larger particle sizes and a greater sediment load. Such stream adjustments may be undesirable, particularly where they affect downstream elements-at-risk.</p>
EGBC	The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of British Columbia, also operating as Engineers and Geoscientists BC.
Engineering/Geoscience Professional	Professional engineers, professional geoscientists, and licensees ¹²⁷ , who are registered or licensed by Engineers and Geoscientists BC and entitled under the Engineers and Geoscientist Act to engage in the practice of professional engineering or professional geoscience in British Columbia.
Element at Risk (Risk Element)	Values that are put at Risk by an identified source of harm or potential harm.
Ephemeral Drainage	An area of land where water drains away for brief, transient periods following an influx of moisture such as from localized snowmelt or heavy precipitation.
Equivalent Clearcut Area (ECA)	Equivalent clearcut area (ECA) is a commonly used index of the extent of forest disturbance and regrowth in a watershed (Winkler et al., 2010b). The ECA of a clearcut is derived by reducing the total area cut by recovery, which is estimated

¹²⁷ The use of the term "licensees" here means as defined in the Act.

	from relationships between snow accumulation and melt or interception of precipitation and crown closure (Winkler and Roach, 2005) or tree height (Hudson and Horel, 2007). The cumulative ECAs for all openings are summed to provide an ECA for the entire catchment (Winkler et al., 2010b).
Even-aged	A forest stand or forest type in which relatively small (10-20 years) age differences exist between individual trees. Even-aged stands are often the result of fire or a harvesting method, such as clearcutting or the shelterwood method.
Fish (as defined by Fisheries Act)	"Parts of fish; shellfish, crustaceans, marine animals and any parts of shellfish, crustaceans or marine animals; and the eggs, sperm, spawn, larvae, spat and juvenile stages of fish, shellfish, crustaceans and marine animals"
Fish-bearing	Lakes, streams, and ponds that have resident fish populations.
Fish Habitat (as defined by Fisheries Act)	"Spawning grounds and nursery, rearing, food supply and migration areas on which fish depend directly or indirectly in order to carry out their life processes"
Forest Management Activities	Activities carried out by Forest Professionals and others affecting forest ecosystems including, but not limited to, forest harvesting and roads; silviculture; forest wildfire prevention, suppression, and post-wildfire Risk Management; forest pathogen suppression and post-attack rehabilitation; and right-of-way clearing.
Forest Professional	Registered professional foresters, registered forest technologists, or special permit holders who are registered with or licensed by the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals (ABCFP) and entitled under the Professional Governance Act to engage in the practice of professional forestry in British Columbia.
Framework	A written document that provides the context, scope, and standards for managing risks from forest management activities in a licensee's Chart. A framework is intended to optimize the use of organizational resources by focusing the greatest efforts on the areas of greatest concern. In managing risks to watershed values, the following principle should apply: as the severity of consequence increases, the degree of caution applied to risk management also increases.
Floodplain	An area of low-lying ground adjacent to streams that are primarily formed by stream-derived sediments and are subject to being flooded.
Fluvial	Pertaining to, or produced by, the action of a stream or river.
Forest and Ranges Practices Act (FRPA)	The Forest and Range Practices Act and its regulations govern the activities of forest and range licensees in BC. Replaced the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act.
Forest Licence (Forest Licensee)	A forest licence allows orderly timber harvest over a portion of a sustained yield management unit, and the timely reforestation of harvested areas according to a strategic resource management plan for each timber supply area. The licence has a term of 15 to 20 years, generally replaceable every five years (some are non-replaceable) and Charts that shift over time. A forest licence specifies an annual allowable cut, requires a management and working plan, and specified management activities.
Forest Resources	Resources and values associated with forests and range including, without limitation, soil, visual quality, timber, water, wildlife, fisheries, recreation, botanical forest products, forage, and biological diversity.
Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP)	A key planning element in the <i>Forest and Range Practices Act</i> framework and the only plan subject to public review and comment and government approval. In FSPs licensees are required to identify results and/or strategies consistent with government objectives for values such as water, wildlife and soils. These results and strategies must be measurable and once approved are subject to government enforcement. FSPs identify areas within which road construction and harvesting will occur but are not required to show the specific locations of future roads and cutblocks. FSPs can have a term of up to five years.
Free Growing	An established seedling of an acceptable commercial species that is free from growth-inhibiting brush, weed, and excessive tree competition; or young trees that are as high as or higher than competing brush, with one metre of free-growing space around their tops.

Geomorphology	The science of landforms with emphasis on their origin, evolution, form, and distribution across the physical landscape.
Geotextile Filter Fabric	A synthetic material placed on the flat, under road fill, with the primary functions of layer separation, aggregate confinement, and distribution of load.
GIS	Geographic Information System
Gully	A channel or small valley cut by concentrated, non-continuous runoff such as during snowmelt or following heavy rains.
Habitat	The place where an organism lives including the characteristics of that environment that make it especially well suited to meet the life cycle needs of that species.
Harvesting	The practice of felling and removing trees or the removal of dead or damaged trees from an area.
Hazard	<p>A source of potential harm, or a situation with a potential for causing harm, in terms of human injury; damage to property, the environment, and other things of value; or some combination of these (Wise et al., 2004).</p> <p>Hydrologic and geomorphic processes in themselves are not hazards until they are identified as having the potential to harm a specific Value. When a hydrologic or geomorphic process has the potential to harm a Value, the process is a hazard in relation to that Value, and the Value becomes an element at risk in relation to that hazard.</p> <p>Note: The term hazard is sometimes used synonymously with the terms probability and likelihood of occurrence. Hazard, however, describes a harmful or potentially harmful event or situation, while probability and likelihood of occurrence describe the potential for the event or situation to occur. The interchangeable use of these terms is confusing and is discouraged.</p>
Higher Level Plan	A resource management plan that establishes the broader, strategic context for operational plans. The objectives determine the mix of forest resources to be managed in a given area.
Hydraulicking (Hydraulic Mining)	Hydraulic mining, or hydraulicking, is a form of mining that uses high-pressure jets of water to dislodge rock material or move sediment. In the placer mining of gold, the resulting water-sediment slurry is directed through sluice boxes to remove the gold.
Hydrogeomorphic Hazards	A collective term use to describe hazards associated with hydrologic and geomorphic processes that often interact and affect the nature and characteristics of stream channels and watersheds. Examples include landslides, debris flows, debris floods, and floods.
Hydrologic Assessment	An investigation of a particular area, site, process, or event within a Watershed Unit. This type of assessment can involve a study of both hydrologic and geomorphic processes but may not include either the full scope of a Watershed Assessment or the entire area of a Watershed Unit. The objectives and scope of these assessments can vary widely, depending on the reason for the assessment.
Hydrologic Recovery	Refers to stand-scale interactions between forests and hydrologic processes, and means the extent to which a regenerating forest stand compares to a reference stand (typically a pre-disturbance stand) with respect to characteristics affecting streamflow response (rainfall interception, snowpack development, and ablation behaviour).
Hydrology	The science that deals with the waters above and below the land surfaces of the Earth; their occurrence, circulation and distribution, both in time and space; their biological, chemical, and physical properties; and their interaction with their environment.
Hydrometric	Pertaining to the measurement of components of the hydrological cycle including rainfall, flow characteristics of surface water, groundwater, and water quality.
Insolation	The amount of solar radiation that reaches the ground surface.
Interface Watershed	Watersheds that support land uses other than forestry and other resource-based industries (e.g., mining). Interface watershed may include one or more of the

	following: communities, settlements, private land, residences, commercial development, industrial operations, agriculture, public infrastructure, recreational areas.
Key watershed reporting unit	Defined as basins, sub-basins and residual areas within the Key Watersheds.
Landform	A distinct topographic feature, is three-dimensional in form, and is generally defined by ridges, valleys, shorelines, and skylines. Landform examples include hills and mountains.
Landslide	A movement of rock, debris or earth down a slope. Landslides can be a result of a natural events and/or human activities.
Licensee	An individual, company, or Provincial Crown agency that has the legal right to carry out Forest Management Activities on public or private land.
Likelihood	<p>The chance of something happening. Likelihood is often expressed as the chance of occurrence over a given time period (ISO, 2015) using relative terms such as very low to very high or very unlikely to almost certain. Probability is a mathematical expression of likelihood.</p> <p>Note: If Specialists choose to use terms such as “hazard”, they should define the term as it is used in their reports. The use of the term “hazard” to mean “Likelihood” is discouraged.</p>
Local Resource Use Plan (LRUP)	A plan approved by the district manager for a portion of the provincial forest that provides area-specific resource management objectives for integrating resource use in the area.
Major culvert	As per the <i>Forest and Range Practices Act (FPRA)</i> , <i>Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR)</i> , a "major culvert" means a stream culvert that (a) is one of the following: (i) a pipe having a diameter of 2 000 mm or greater; (ii) a pipe arch having a span greater than 2 130 mm; (iii) an open bottom arch having a span greater than 2 130 mm, or (b) has a maximum design discharge of 6 m ³ per second or greater.
Managing Professional	An individual, typically a Member of ABCFP or EGBC, responsible for establishing and implementing the steps outlined in the Watershed Risk Management Framework, that addresses management of Hydrologic and Geomorphic Risks in relationship with Forest Development.
Mitigate	To take measures in advance to offset or reduce the Likelihood of negative effects; for example, distributing harvest areas with regard to aspect, elevation zone, or other factors to reduce the Likelihood that peak flow increases will occur, or to reduce the possible magnitude of peak flow increases, or to establish standard operating procedures for road construction to reduce the potential for instability or drainage problems.
Natural Resource District	A natural resource district is an administrative area established by the BC Ministry of Forest, Lands, Resource Operations and Rural development (FLNRORD) with resources and values associated with forest and range including, and without limitation to, soil, visual quality, timber, water, wildlife, fisheries, recreation, botanical forest products, forage, and biological diversity.
Objective	A concise, time-specific statement of measurable planned results that correspond to pre-established goals in achieving the desired outcome. Commonly includes information on resources to be used, forms the basis for further planning to define the precise steps to be taken, and the resources to be used and assigned responsibility in achieving the identified goals."
Old Growth	A forest that contains live and dead trees of various sizes, species, composition, and age class structure. Old-growth forests, as part of a slowly changing but dynamic ecosystem, include climax forests but not sub-climax or mid-seral forests. The age and structure of old growth varies significantly by forest type and from one biogeoclimatic zone to another.
Old Growth Management Area (OGMA)	Defined areas that contain, or are managed to attain, specific structural old-growth attributes and that are delineated and mapped as fixed areas.

Outslope	To shape the road surface to direct water away from the cut slope side of the road.
Overlanding	Placing road construction fill over organic soil, stumps and other plant materials, corduroy or geotextiles, any of which is required to support the fill.
Overstorey	That portion of the trees in a forest of more than one storey forming the upper or uppermost canopy layer.
Partial Cutting	A general term referring to silvicultural systems other than clearcutting, in which only selected trees are harvested. Partial cutting systems include seed tree, shelterwood, selection, and clearcutting with reserves.
Partial Risk	<p>The likelihood of occurrence of a hazardous event and the likelihood of it affecting the site occupied by a specific element.</p> <p>Partial risk analysis is often used when it is sufficient to know whether or not a hazardous event or change to watershed process will reach or affect a watershed value. The extent of harm to the value of interest (i.e., vulnerability) is not investigated. A partial risk analysis is often the first level of investigation by a Specialist since the vulnerability of specific values (e.g., water supply infrastructure, fish and fish habitat, etc.) often requires assessments by other Specialists (e.g., engineers, biologists, foresters, etc.) who have greater knowledge of the elements-at-risk.</p>
Point(s) of Interest	A point identified to establish the lower limit of a drainage area that is the subject of a Watershed Assessment or Hydrologic Assessment. Typically, it is at the location of a Value of interest (e.g., a water intake); or at a stream confluence or shoreline; or at the downstream limit of a fish-bearing reach of interest.
Peak flow	The maximum rate of discharge during a period of runoff. Peak flow may be associated with melting of a snowpack, rain storm, or combination of the two.
Peak flow hazard	Peak flow hazard refers to the likelihood and/or degree to which the baseline or pre-disturbance peak flow magnitude and frequency has or could change in response to watershed disturbance, specifically forest development (e.g., timber harvesting and road building); however, other land uses or natural disturbances that affect the forest land base are also considered. In simple terms, the peak flow hazard refers to the likelihood that flooding along a particular stream or stream reach will become measurably more severe or frequent under 1) current conditions, and then 2) following forest development or other disturbance, relative to baseline conditions.
Primary Forestry Activity	One or more of: timber harvesting, silviculture treatments, wildlife habitat enhancement, and road construction, maintenance, and deactivation.
Probability	A mathematical expression of Likelihood over a given time frame, using a number between 0 (an event will not occur) and 1 (an event will certainly occur).
Professional Biologist (RPBio)	A person admitted to and registered with the College of Applied Biology as a Professional Biologist.
Professional Engineer (PEng)	An Engineer who is a registered or licensed member in good standing with EGBC and typically is registered in the disciplines of geological engineering, mining engineering or civil engineering, which are designated disciplines of professional engineering.
Professional Geoscientist (PGeo)	A Geoscientist who is a registered or licensed member in good standing with EGBC and typically is registered in the disciplines of geology or environmental geoscience, which are designated disciplines of professional geoscience. Until 2000, EGBC referred to the discipline of environmental geoscience as 'geotechnics.'
Quantitative vs Qualitative	Quantitative estimates use numerical values or ranges of values, while qualitative estimates use relative terms such as high, moderate and low. Both quantitative and qualitative estimates can be based on either objective (statistical or mathematical) estimates or subjective (professional judgmental or assumptive) estimates, or some combination of both. No standard definitions exist for relative qualitative terms. Therefore, to avoid ambiguity, such terms must be defined with reference to quantitative values or ranges of values. Quantitative estimates may be no more accurate than qualitative estimates. The accuracy of an estimate does not depend

	on the use of numbers. Rather, it depends on whether the components of risk analyses have been appropriately considered; and on the availability, quality and reliability of required data.
Range	Any land supporting vegetation that is suitable for grazing.
Range Land	Crown range and land subject to an agreement under section 18 of the <i>Range Act</i> .
Reach	A relatively homogeneous portion of a stream that has a sequence of repeating structural characteristics.
Red Listed Species	Indigenous species that are extirpated, endangered or threatened in British Columbia.
Referral	The process by which applications for permits, licences, etc., made to one government agency by an individual or industry, are given to another agency for review and comment.
Reforestation	The re-establishment of trees on denuded forest land by natural or artificial means, such as planting and seeding.
Relief	The difference between highest and lowest elevations in a watershed unit.
Remediate	To take measures to fix effects after they have occurred; for example, deactivating old unstable roads or implementing sediment control measures on active roads.
Reserve	An area of forestland that, by law or policy, is not available for harvesting. Areas of land and water set aside for ecosystem protection, outdoor and tourism values, preservation of rare species, gene pool, wildlife protection, etc.
Reserve Zone	An area in which no timber harvesting is allowed to occur.
Residual Area (Face Unit)	An area located outside of defined stream catchments. A residual area is typically found between stream catchments and may have small streams (i.e., smaller than the scale of the stream catchments on either side) or no identified streams present. Nevertheless, the residual area may contribute dispersed surface runoff or groundwater to a stream below.
Rill	A small channel created on steep slopes by water erosion.
Riparian Area	The banks and adjacent areas of a stream, river, lake or wetland. It contains vegetation that, due to the presence of water, is distinctly different from the vegetation of adjacent upland areas.
Riparian Feature	River, stream, lake or wetland.
Riparian Function	Riparian vegetation serves many purposes (e.g., to provide shade, cover, stream habitat, stream bank stability, etc.) and can be a major factor contributing to the robustness of channels and observed channel response. Loss of riparian function can affect channel equilibrium and result in bank erosion, channel shifting, and sedimentation. The level of past riparian forest cover disturbance and the level of recovery of the riparian vegetation are both considered in characterizing channel response.
Riparian Leave Strip	An unharvested border of forest around a riparian feature.
Riparian Management Area (RMA)	An area that consists of a riparian management zone and a riparian reserve zone.
Riparian Management Zone (RMZ)	A portion of the riparian management area established to conserve the fish, wildlife habitat, biodiversity and the water values of the riparian management zone, and to protect the riparian reserve zone, if any, within the riparian management area.
Risk	<p>The chance of injury or loss, expressed as a combination of the Consequence of an event and the associated likelihood of occurrence.</p> <p>Note: If Specialists choose to use terms such as “hazard”, they should define the term as it is used in their reports. The use of the term “hazard” to mean “Likelihood” is discouraged.</p>
Risk Analysis	The systematic use of information to comprehend the nature of Risk and to estimate the level of Risk (ISO, 2015; Wise et al., 2004).
Risk Assessment	The overall process of Risk Identification, Risk Analysis, and Risk Evaluation (ISO, 2015).

Risk Evaluation	The process of comparing the results of Risk Analysis with Risk Tolerance Criteria to determine if the Risk is acceptable, tolerable, or unacceptable; weighs the estimated level of Risk against the expected benefits (ISO, 2015; Wise et al., 2004)
Risk Identification	The process of finding, recognizing, and describing Risks; involves identifying the Values, the sources of Risk (sources of potential harm), their causes, and the potential Consequences.
Risk Management	Coordinated activities to control risks.
Risk Tolerance Criteria	References against which the significance of a risk is evaluated. Generally, these are associated with defined qualitative or quantitative risk levels.
Road Deactivation	Consists of measures to stabilize roads and logging trails during periods of commercial harvesting inactivity. It includes controlling drainage, removing side-cast where necessary and re-establishing vegetation for permanent deactivation.
Road Prism	A road prism is the area consisting of the road surface, any cut slopes, ditches or road fill.
Road Rehabilitation	A rehabilitated road has all structures removed (including water bars and cross ditches), the road surface is loosened, surface re-contoured, and natural drainage patterns restored and trees planted (on forest land) to get roads back into forest production.
RPBio	Registered Professional Biologist
Runoff Generation Potential	Runoff generation potential or flood response potential (Green, 2015) describes the propensity at which precipitation and/or snowmelt are converted to surface runoff and ultimately streamflow. Watersheds with high runoff generation potential tend to have relatively rapid runoff generation, whereas those with low runoff generation potential tend to have slower runoff generation. Physical watershed characteristics that affect runoff generation include vegetation (e.g., forest type), soil type, geology, elevation, hillslope aspect, and hillslope gradient. Meteorological factors affecting runoff generation include the type of precipitation; rainfall intensity, amount and duration; distribution of rainfall over the drainage basin, antecedent precipitation, and other conditions that affect evapotranspiration such as temperature, wind, relative humidity and season. Land use, including forestry, may affect runoff generation potential by affecting site-level water balance following deforestation or reforestation and by affecting soil permeability along roads or areas trafficked by heavy equipment. Forestry effects are a function of several factors, including area harvested (i.e., ECA); size, shape and orientation of individual forest openings, and method of harvesting (e.g., ground, cable-based, or air).
Salvage Harvesting	Logging operations specifically designed to remove damaged timber (dead or in poor condition) and yield a wood product. Often carried out following fire, insect attack or windthrow.
Sediment Delivery Potential	The likelihood that sediment generated in upslope or instream sources will reach the stream network and be transported downstream to an element-at-risk (i.e., sedimentation). Factors considered include: hillslope-stream coupling, stream gradient, and location of lakes and wetlands.
Sediment Generation Potential	The likelihood that land use activity will increase the magnitude and/or frequency of sediment production (i.e., erosion) considering: terrain stability, soil erodibility, evidence of mass wasting, extent and location of resource roads, and other land-use related soil disturbance.
Sediment Yield	The rate of sediment flux through a stream system.
Seep	Wet areas, normally not flowing, arising from an underground water source.
Soil Disturbance	Disturbance to the soil in the net area to be reforested resulting from the construction of temporary access structures or gouges, ruts, scalps or compacted areas resulting from forestry activities. Without rehabilitation, disturbed sites often have reduced soil productivity and may not provide optimum growing conditions for new trees. For that reason, maximum allowable amounts of soil disturbance are set in regulation.

Specialist	<p>An individual with specialized training, certification, and experience in a particular occupation, practice, or branch of learning. Such individuals include but are not limited to registered professionals with specialized expertise such as fisheries, Hydrology, Geomorphology or fluvial Geomorphology, slope stability, terrain mapping, erosion control and sediment management, aquatic or riparian terrestrial habitats, water quality, windthrow, forest health, or human health; and non-professionals who may be individuals with certification in specific occupational skills.</p> <p>Typically, the lead Specialist for a Watershed Assessment or Hydrologic Assessment would be a Specialist in Hydrology and/or Geomorphology.</p>
Specific Risk	The risk of loss or damage to a specific element, resulting from a specific hazardous event or sustained change to watershed process occurring and of it affecting the location occupied by a specific element of value. Consideration of the vulnerability of the element-at-risk is required to estimate specific risk. For example, a common question may be: what is the extent of flood damage that could occur? How vulnerable is a water system to flooding (i.e., is there a backup source)?
Specific Value of Risk	The worth of loss or damage to a specific element, excluding human life, resulting from a specific hazardous event or sustained change to watershed process occurring and of it affecting the location occupied by a specific element of value.
Stakeholder	Any individual, group, or organization able to affect, be affected by, or believe they might be affected by, a decision or activity. Note that a decision-maker can be a Stakeholder.
Stream Bed	The bottom of the stream below the usual water surface.
Stream Channel	The stream bed and banks formed by fluvial processes, including deposited organic debris.
Streamflow Regime	The streamflow regime is described by the magnitude, frequency, and timing of streamflow.
Subordinate	Any person directly supervised by an Engineering/Geoscience Professional or Forest Professional who assists in the practice of the relevant profession; for example, a member-in-training, another person not registered or licensed to practice the profession(s), or another Engineering/Geoscience Professional or Forest Professional.
Sustainability	A state or process that can be maintained indefinitely. The principles of sustainability integrate three closely interlined elements—the environment, the economy and the social system—into a system that can be maintained in a healthy state indefinitely.
Sustainable Development	Preservation and protection of diverse ecosystems—the soil, plants, animals, insects and fungi—while maintaining the forest's productivity.
Sustainable Forest Management	Management regimes applied to forest land which maintain the productive and renewal capacities as well as the genetic, species and ecological diversity of forest ecosystems.
Swamp	A tree or tall-shrub dominated wetland with mineral or occasionally peat soils that experiences periodic flooding and nearly permanent subsurface water flow. The waters are nutrient rich.
Synchronization	Refers to the how forest cover removal alters the rate and timing of snowmelt at different locations within a watershed so that there is an increase in the amount of water that is released from the snowpack over a given period (often the period of interest is around the peak streamflow in spring). The synchronization of hydrological processes is commonly attributed to increases in the magnitude of peaks flows (Moore and Wondzell, 2005).
Tenure Holder	An individual, group or company that holds a licence agreement under the Forest Act or Range Act.
Timber Harvesting Land Base	Crown forest land within the timber supply area where timber harvesting is considered both acceptable and economically feasible, given objectives for all

	relevant forest values, existing timber quality, market values, and applicable technology.
Tree Farm Licence (TFL)	An area-based tenure agreement that issues the rights to harvest an allowable annual cut in a specified area. These licences commit the licensee to manage the entire area under the general supervision of the Forest Service. Cutting from all lands requires Forest Service approval through the issuance of cutting permits. A TFL has a term of 25 years.
Understorey	Any plants growing under the canopy formed by other plants, particularly herbaceous and shrub vegetation under a tree canopy.
Upland	Land elevated above a riparian area.
Value	<p>The specific or collective set of natural resources and human developments in a watershed that have measurable or intrinsic worth.</p> <p>Values can include human life and bodily harm, public and private property (including buildings, structures, lands, resources, recreational sites, and cultural heritage features), transportation systems and corridors, utilities and utility corridors, water supplies (for domestic, commercial, industrial, or agricultural use), aquatic and terrestrial habitats, visual resources, and timber.</p>
Vegetative Cover	The plants or plant parts, living or dead, which protect the ground surface. Cover may also refer to the area of ground cover by plants of one or more species.
Vulnerability	A measure of the robustness (or alternatively the fragility) of a thing of Value, and its exposure to a source of Risk.
Watershed	An area of land drained by a stream or river, above a given point on a waterway that contributes runoff water to the flow at that point.
Watershed Assessment	Identification and analysis of hydrologic and geomorphic processes in a Watershed Unit that is consistent with Section 3.0 of EGBC and ABCFP (2020).
Watershed Routing Efficiency	The relative rate of water transmission through the drainage unit, considering the area and location of lakes and wetlands (i.e., storage), surficial geology and soils, drainage density, road density, and slope gradient.
Watershed Unit or Watershed Reporting Unit	The surface drainage area upstream of a defined Point of Interest. A Watershed Assessment may be for a single Watershed Unit, or may subdivide a large drainage area into smaller Watershed Units for the purpose of the assessment. The hierarchy of watershed units from large to small include: large watershed, watershed, basin, and sub-basin. Units smaller than sub-basins may be referred to as local drainages.
Wet Meadow	A class of wetland having mineral soils which are periodically saturated. Dominant vegetation consists of water-tolerant grasses, sedges, rushes and forbs.
Wetlands	Areas characterized by soils that are usually saturated and support mostly water-loving plants.
Windfirm	A single or stand of trees that retains the ability to withstand strong winds and thus resist overturning (i.e., to resist windthrow, windrocking, and major breakage).

APPENDIX B: EQUIVALENT CLEARCUT AREA MODELLING

Background

Equivalent Clearcut Area (ECA) is a commonly used metric to characterize hydrologic recovery following forest cover disturbance (e.g., harvesting) in forest hydrology. ECA reflects the extent of forest disturbance and regrowth (or recovery toward pre-disturbance conditions) in a watershed (Winkler et al., 2010b)¹²⁸. The ECA of a clearcut is derived by reducing the total area cut by recovery, which is estimated from relationships between rainfall interception or snow accumulation/melt and crown closure or tree height (Hudson and Horel, 2007). The cumulative ECAs for all openings are summed to provide an ECA for entire watershed or portion thereof (Winkler et al., 2010b)¹²⁹.

ECA was originally used in provincial watershed assessment procedures as one of many indicators of peak flow hazard due to forest harvesting (BC MOF, 1999). It is important to recognize, however, the complexities and uncertainties in applying stand-scale recovery estimates (i.e., ECA indices) to the evaluation of hydrologic change at the watershed scale (Winkler et al., 2010b). Fortunately, the studies from which these stand-scale recovery estimates are based, are often conducted in small watersheds, similar in size and characteristics as the assessment watersheds. As such, there is greater confidence that outcomes from these studies are more directly relatable to the assessment area.

There are potential limitations and challenges in calculating and interpreting ECA. This includes the following:

- ECAs are calculated on the basis of defined drainage areas. Such areas must be defined for selected points-of-interest – usually the mouths of major streams (watersheds), tributaries (basins), or above elements-at-risk. If there are numerous points-of-interest within a watershed, ECAs can vary considerably depending on the location and distribution of disturbed areas (e.g., a concentration of cutblocks in the lower portion of a watershed);
- ECA modelling was developed for forested watersheds, and is not necessarily representative of urbanized areas. While the loss of forest cover can be accounted for (as done herein), ECAs do not account for the hydrologic effects of extensive impervious areas (e.g., buildings, roads), nor the widespread modification of natural drainage patterns via ditches, drains, and stormwater systems; and
- It should be noted that ECAs were developed based on changes to interception and snowmelt as a result of forest cover loss, and hence focused on peak flows. No formal

¹²⁸ The higher the ECA the lower the level of hydrologic recovery in a watershed. E.g., an ECA of 30%, implies 70% recovery, whereas 10% ECA implied 90% recovery.

¹²⁹ Some workers refer to the cumulative watershed-level ECA as equivalent clearcut index (ECI) (Madone, 2015) or hydrologically equivalent disturbed area (HEDA) (Beaudry, 2013). In order to reduce technical jargon, we refer to ECA as representing the hydrologic recovery of a defined area, e.g., watershed (unless otherwise specified).

work has been done in British Columbia to assess how forest cover loss affects transpiration rates and consequently low flows.

In spite of some caveats, ECA remains a useful approximation of the state of forest cover disturbance and hydrologic recovery (relative to pre-disturbance levels) in a watershed. It should be recognized, that although ECAs may be reported with some precision, in our opinion, there is always some uncertainty with the ECA assumptions and recovery estimates.

Methodology & Assumptions

Current ECAs were calculated for the assessment watersheds following a methodology adapted from Hudson and Horel (2007), which is based on research data on stand-level hydrologic recovery collected on Vancouver Island and Gray Creek near Sechelt (Hudson, 2000a, 2000b, 2001, 2002 and 2003). Stand-level hydrologic recovery is an index of the degree to which a regenerating forest stand is similar to old growth in its rainfall interception characteristics and its influence over snowmelt. The hydroclimatic conditions, tree growth and hydrological recovery at the research sites reported in Hudson and Horel (2007) are considered comparable to those in the watershed units of interest. Hudson and Horel (2007) propose evaluating mean recovery for three elevation bands as well as for the watershed overall. The elevation bands include 0-300 m, where rainfall is considered dominant; 300-1,200¹³⁰ m where rain and rain-on-snow is common; and >1,200 m where peak flows are considered to be primarily generated from snowmelt. Given that rain-on-snow can occur across all elevations, and that these events are often responsible for producing some of the largest peak flows, Dr. William Floyd (Research Hydrologist for the Coast Area Research Section, BC Ministry of Forestry) suggested applying a single rain-on-snow curve across all elevations. Furthermore, he suggested the Hudson and Horel (2007) cold rain-on-snow recovery curve was most applicable to the assessment area. As such, hydrologic recovery, and hence ECA, was evaluated using the cold rain-on-snow curve across all elevations.

Provincial sources were initially used to identify disturbed areas (e.g., harvested areas). The analysis referenced the Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI) (with a harvest flag), RESULTS and Forest Tenure Authority (FTA), as well harvesting data supplied by BCTS. Issued blocks from the FTA layer and sold blocks from BCTS were treated as current depletions. Disturbed areas not captured by the provincial block sources, were manually flagged and/or digitized based on a detailed imagery review using available 2019 and 2020 satellite imagery¹³¹ and LiDAR-derived canopy height model.

¹³⁰ This elevation band is further subdivided into two zones, the warm and cold rain-on-snow zone, each with their own recovery curve.

¹³¹ PlanetLabs (Blackbridge) 2019 and Sentinel-2 (ArcGIS online) 2020.

Current road alignments were compiled from FTA, Digital Road Atlas, DEM bare earth hillshade, and streaming imagery. A single merged layer was created and reviewed against the 2019 satellite imagery. All roads were given a total clearing width of 15m.

Anthropogenic non-productive (NP) areas (e.g., gravel pits) on public and private land were flagged using BC Land Survey Codes in VRI and included in the tally of disturbed areas¹³². A manual satellite imagery review was necessary for many areas due to data gaps. As a result, additional NP area was added. Natural NP land (e.g., alpine, low SI stands, wetlands, etc.) were identified using BC Land Survey Codes from VRI, although these areas do not contribute to ECA as they are not disturbed. In other words, only areas presumed to be previously forested contribute to ECA.

Stand heights were estimated using 2019 LiDAR-derived 1 m x 1 m canopy height model (CHM) provided by BCTS. The LiDAR CHM was resampled to 5 m x 5 m and stands were assigned a median (50th percentile) CHM height. To model hydrologic recovery (i.e., ECA) over time, it was required that heights in 2019 be updated to the current year and then projected 50 years into the future. Based on site index, species composition, and stand age, a provincial tree growth modelling tool (i.e., SiteTools) was used to grow tree heights into the future (assuming no additional forest cover disturbance). For natural stands, the natural site index from VRI was utilized, whereas for managed stands a managed site index was generated using the BC Site Productivity data and the leading species. Roads and non-productive areas were not modelled for recovery. For stands containing deciduous species, ECAs for the deciduous portion were scaled by 25% to account for reduced interception of rain and snow by deciduous species relative to conifers. In other words, if a 20 ha stand was 20% deciduous, maximum hydrologic recovery for that stand could only be 19 ha (95% hydrologically recovered).

ECAs were compiled on a watershed-basis, using LiDAR-derived stream catchments. Streams derived from the LiDAR data were cross-referenced and refined with stream data from the Freshwater Atlas and Sunshine Coast Regional District. The drainage areas for the eight assessment streams were generated using GIS tools and were visually reviewed and edited to eliminate errors that often occur near roads and stream crossings. The streams and drainage areas were selectively field verified. In addition, checks were made against available stream survey information collected previously for BCTS.

¹³² These areas are considered to be disturbed indefinitely with no assumed forest recovery.

APPENDIX C: SURFACE WATER LICENCE FIELD REVIEW NOTES

TABLE C.1 List of current surface water licences in the assessment watersheds downstream of BCTS' Chart. Licences are organized by watershed in order of stream distance from the mouth (km). Refer to MAP 1 for location. Notes from the July 12-16, 2021 field review are provided. Some entries are for properties without water licences.

Watershed	Source	Stream distance (km)	Licence	POD	Priority Date (YYYYMMDD)	Purpose	Qty	Units	Field review and/or meeting with owner(s)	Notes
CHASTER CREEK	Chaster Creek	0.02	F020212	PD44711	19600714	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Mapped point-of-diversion (POD) is located on Crown land. No water supply infrastructure identified in field. Suspect that property is supplied by municipal water system.
	Chaster Creek	0.05	C116516	PD44713	19540607	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	No water supply infrastructure noted. Suspect that property is supplied by municipal water system.
	Chaster Creek	0.24	C121502	PD44715	19540513	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not obtain permission to visit property. Observed channel above and below property.
	Shirley Creek (Chaster Trib 4.1)	2.7	C039934	PD45975	19710608	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	BCTS spoke with crew on-site. Polar accessed Shirley Creek behind new house under construction.
	Webb Brook (Chaster Trib 4.1.2)	3.1	F048883	PD45973	19731113	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	BCTS visited property followed by Polar. Residence with pond roughly 5 m from structure. Homeowner concerned with logging; notices creek 'rises quickly' during heavy rain but pond stays fairly consistent level. Creek is 1 m wide with a bank of roughly 2-3 m. Flood risk generally low due to incised creek and ample bank height.
	Webb Brook (Chaster Trib 4.1.2)	3.1	F048883	PD45973	19731113	04A - Land Improve: General	-	-	Yes	See above.
	Webb Brook (Chaster Trib 4.1.2)	3.1	F048883	PD45972	19731113	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	See above.
	Webb Brook (Chaster Trib 4.1.2)	3.1	F048883	PD45972	19731113	04A - Land Improve: General	-	-	Yes	See above.
	Shirley Creek (Chaster Trib 4.1.1)	3.15	F040554	PD45979	19571002	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not obtain permission to visit property. Observed channel below property at Russell Road (APPENDIX E, Figure 39).
	Co-op Springs (Chaster Trib 4.1.4.2)	3.6	C019935	PD45949	19410915	00A - Waterworks: Local Provider	199118.74	m ³ /yr	Yes	Mapped POD is located on crown land. Reviewed Chaster Trib 4.1.1.2 (Co-op Spring) in vicinity of mapped POD. No water supply infrastructure noted.
	Co-op Springs (Chaster Trib 4.1.4.2)	3.6	C019935	PD45950	19410915	00A - Waterworks: Local Provider	-	-	No	Reviewed small stream downslope near Reed Road.
	Co-op Springs (Chaster Trib 4.1.4.2)	3.6	C019935	PD45951	19410915	00A - Waterworks: Local Provider	-	-	No	Reviewed small stream downslope near Reed Road.
	Inge Creek (Chaster Trib 4.1.1.1.1)	4.3	C015414	PD45077	19410915	00A - Waterworks: Local Provider	82966.143	m ³ /yr	Yes	Mapped POD located on Crown land. Chaster Trib 4.1.1.1.1 (Inge Creek) reviewed near mapped POD. Old berm/weir across channel noted with vertical culvert riser. The former pond is all but filled with sediment (APPENDIX E, Figure 54), and the system appears abandoned and non-functional.
	Trethewey Spring (Chaster Trib 4.1.2.2)	4.1	C108199	PD63202	19540329	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	BCTS met with father of Johan and Lehe. Father said that stream was part of Webb Brook. Pond is located on property, but not connected to brook. Groundwater relatively shallow. Polar reviewed stream in vicinity of mapped POD. Several private foot bridges across the stream. PVC pipe noted along stream, however did not see intake. Unclear whether water is being used from creek at this location.
END / WALKER CREEK	End Creek	0.02	C122666	PD44717	19671017	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Reviewed stream above mouth. About 50 m upstream along section protected by retaining wall is a cylindrical concrete sump in middle of creek. Unknown conditions and whether it is in operation (APPENDIX E, Figure 76). Intake is exposed to potential fluvial activity.
	McComb Brook	1.4	F016236	PD45951	19520927	04A - Land Improve: General	616.74	m ³ /yr	Yes	Approximately 40 m above highway is a 15 m x 15 m "fish" pond with 6-inch diameter pipe that controls outflow on a 2 m tall concrete weir. Outlet not maintained and plugged with debris but after minor clearing flows increased and pond level dropped towards outlet level. The pond is heavily grown-in and appears unmaintained.

Watershed	Source	Stream distance (km)	Licence	POD	Priority Date (YYYYMMDD)	Purpose	Qty	Units	Field review and/or meeting with owner(s)	Notes
	End Creek	1.72	C129942	PD45073	19350404	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day	Yes	Mapped POD is located behind the tire shop. Channel has low energy and largely sand bed and brushy. Tires strewn in riparian zone. Could not find infrastructure associated with mapped POD.
	End Creek	1.72	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	BCTS visited property followed by Polar. Reviewed End/Walker Creek along property from Burton Road to Mountain Road. Evidence of seepage areas and low energy streams. Short palm trees growing at north end of property.
	End Creek	1.84	C045087	PD45075	19750121	04A - Land Improve: General	4.54609	m ³ /day	No	Did not obtain permission to visit property. Observed channel below property.
	End Creek	1.84	F044096	PD45075	19610425	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	See above.
	End Creek	1.84	F044097	PD45075	19711207	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not obtain permission to visit property. Observed channel below property.
SMALES CREEK	Elmer Creek	1.14	F015851	PD45080	19510215	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day	Yes	Property with Sunday Cider business. Mr. McDougall, owner, plans to develop apple orchard midway up property. Mr. McDougall has owned property for 6 years. Smales Creek referred to locally as Elmer Creek. 2020 had the highest winter storm peak flow they have observed. For 4 years in a row this stream has been close to overflowing the banks. Stream is dry most of the year, but is concerned harvesting will increase these storm / spring peak flows. Mr. McDougall is advocating the protection of forest within District Lot 1313 for conservation and recreation use by community.
HIGGS BROOK	Higgs Brook	0.76	C069016	PD45103	19781107	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	BCTS contacted property owner. Water licence is not used on Higgs Brook. Polar reviewed stream on west side of Farm Ventures. Channel incised and aggraded with lots of wood. Horse pen abuts creek with some localized riparian disturbance at watering location. PVC pipe noted along stream, however it does not appear to be currently functional (consistent with BCTS discussion with owner).
	Higgs Brook	0.76	C069016	PD45103	19781107	02D - Comm. Enterprise: Enterprise	4.54609	m ³ /day	No	See above.
	Higgs Brook	1.1	C107917	PD69089	19940323	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Mapped POD located on Crown land. Did not obtain permission to visit property. Observed channel above and below property.
	Higgs Brook	1.23	C070726	PD45105	19620720	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Polar visited property. Owners used to have an intake when they first moved here 20 years ago but they don't currently use it. Higgs Brook typically dry in summer but there are wet areas due to springs in area. Currently there is a well near the stream adjacent to the property. Owner noted that recently there is less water in well partially due to larger development above which he says has altered natural drainage patterns. Skid trails and roads may have altered drainage. Noted a submersible pump in milk crate in infilled pond above old concrete weir. Low energy stream conditions.
	Higgs Brook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	BCTS contacted property owner. No water licence located on property at 1913 Ranch Road. Ditch nearby that may feed Higgs Brook. Apparently, Higgs Brook doesn't flow much. Polar did not visit property, however did review upstream on Scott property.
	Higgs Brook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	BCTS obtained permission from property owners immediately west of 1913 Ranch Road. No water licence on property. Polar did not visit property, however did review small unnamed tributary to Higgs Brook at crossing of Ranch Road. Channel flows through 400 mm culvert at road, low energy channel with skunk cabbage noted.
SLATER CREEK	Valentine Spring	1.24	F020210	PD45121	19670401	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not obtain permission to access property. Reviewed Slater Creek near Sunshine Coast Highway (APPENDIX E, Figure 146), and at Porter Road (APPENDIX E, Figure 137).
	Slater Creek	1.57	C062074	PD45125	19820824	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day	Yes	Did not obtain permission to access property. Reviewed Slater Creek near Conrad Road (APPENDIX E, Figure 139). Did not see intake from near Conrad Road.

Watershed	Source	Stream distance (km)	Licence	POD	Priority Date (YYYYMMDD)	Purpose	Qty	Units	Field review and/or meeting with owner(s)	Notes
	Slater Creek	1.66	C115988	PD75827	20010216	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not obtain permission to access property. Reviewed Slater Creek near Conrad Road (APPENDIX E, Figure 139) and near Pixton Road (APPENDIX E, Figure 140). Did not see intake.
MOLYNEUX CREEK	Molyneux Creek	0.43	F013226	PD45128	19430824	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Reviewed stream in vicinity of POD. No intake or water supply infrastructure noted. Channel highly aggraded, abundant wood and functional riparian conditions.
	West Molyneux Creek (Molyneux Trib 1)	1.1	F020285	PD45913	19580806	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Reviewed stream in vicinity of POD. Did not see intake but noted stream crossing and outbuildings adjacent to stream. Channel is aggraded.
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.16	F017404	PD45136	19550829	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not gain permission to access property.
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.19	C115496	PD75493	20000713	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	BCTS visited property. Owner doesn't use water licence, but uses well water. Polar did not visit property. Water licence not actively used. Observed channel above and below property.
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.22	F020336	PD45138	19670919	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not obtain permission to visit property. Observed channel above and below property.
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.27	C052371	PD45181	19781016	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not obtain permission to visit property. Observed channel above and below property.
	Dora Brook (near Molyneux Trib 1.1)	1.3	C105329	PD66484	19920630	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Channel reviewed in vicinity of mapped POD, however POD not seen.
	West Molyneux Creek (Molyneux Trib 1.2)	1.3	F045488	PD45914	19671121	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Channel reviewed in vicinity of mapped POD, however POD not seen.
	West Molyneux Creek	1.35	F047915	PD45916	19680708	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	BCTS visited property followed by Polar. Stream reviewed in vicinity of mapped POD. Channel generally aggraded, some portions with exposed bedrock. Water supply intake is in disrepair and PVC pipes located along channel, which do not appear to be in use. Debris and gravel may have affected system in past.
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.41	C114609	PD74953	19990806	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Polar reviewed stream near mapped POD. PVC pipes noted along relatively active creek. Intake not seen, however, may have been obscured by wood debris and gravel.
	Molyneux Creek (Trib 2)	1.56	C118817	PD77998	20030908	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	BCTS visited property. Owner has a well, but uses water licence for extra garden water. East Molyneux is at top end of property. There is a trail beside stream at the bottom end that leads to a pump house. Polar subsequently visited property. Property owner has good well (110 ft deep). He waters garden with creek water but uses water from the well for the house. Well has 40 ft of overburden above bedrock. Access to creek down wooden stairs and small foot bridge across creek. Surface water system consists of screened intake in small pool that required periodic excavation of gravel by hand. PVC pipe runs down or parallel to creek and feeds a 1 m ³ tank with overflow pipe before continuing to gardens on property. Channel appears active and pipes are generally exposed to fluvial activity.
	West Molyneux Creek (Molyneux Trib 1.2)	1.6	F051909	PD45917	19721211	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not obtain permission to access property. Reviewed channel immediately upstream.
	West Molyneux Creek (Molyneux Trib 1.2)	1.8	C120214	PD78822	20041203	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Suspected location of former intake is approximately 50 m upstream of mapped POD (APPENDIX E, Figure 155 and Figure 156). Intake is currently under 1.5 m of gravel behind log jam. Barrel disconnected and system appears non functional and abandoned. PVC pipes noted in several locations, buried by gravel behind logjams.
	Carol Brook (near Molyneux Trib 2)	1.94	C117783	PD77416	19980929	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day	No	Did not gain permission to access property. POD is apparently above hydro right-of-way within a ravine.
	West Molyneux Creek (Molyneux Trib 1.2)	2.4	C119267	PD78322	20040216	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Mapped POD is located on Crown land. BCTS visited property, where owner noted issues since 2010, including washout of Firbirn Road, believed to be associated with

Watershed	Source	Stream distance (km)	Licence	POD	Priority Date (YYYYMMDD)	Purpose	Qty	Units	Field review and/or meeting with owner(s)	Notes
										forest clearing nearby. Polar subsequently visited property and met with Lorne and Rachel. They noted that Weyerhaeuser used to own all the properties nearby and logged 60 years ago +/- . Weyerhaeuser actions or inactions are blamed for changing drainage patterns causing roads to wash out around 2006. Neighbours had to rebuild road and install culverts. Road is now apparently built to MOTI standards due to subdivisions in area. Cutblock to east of block was windthrow treated by BCTS, however, blowdown has been observed onto their property. Water from the creek supplies the shop and house as needed. They have two wells also on property. Some irrigation on property. Fire protection system exists on property (10,000 L tank and hydrant). Water intake above house consists of metal screen secured in concrete on bedrock section of creek. The intake is robustly constructed but owner has challenges keeping it clear during heavy rains. Channel has approximately 20% gradient and has evidence of gravel transport and some scour along banks. Creek was relatively low on survey date, but owner said it has never gone dry in last 15 years. Distribution pipe (PVC) runs down a portion of the creek and may be exposed to fluvial activity. Owners also concerned about wildfire due to logging slash being left, blowdown and possible BCTS development upslope.
JOE SMITH CREEK	Joe Smith Creek	0.12	F014265	PD60230	19480827	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	BCTS contacted property owners, permission granted by father. Polar visited this oceanfront property, some bank erosion along creek. Property owner does not currently use water licence. Potable water supplied by municipality. Property above has house under construction.
	Joe Smith Creek	0.14	C035140	PD60229	19690827	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Stream channel reviewed in vicinity of mapped POD. No water infrastructure noted. Suspect property supplied by municipal water system.
	Joe Smith Creek	0.14	F013152	PD60229	19450406	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Stream channel reviewed in vicinity of mapped POD. No water infrastructure noted. Suspect property supplied by municipal water system.
	Joe Smith Creek	0.28	C121664	PD60226	19490904	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	PVC pipe presumably associated with the water licence was noted in the culvert crossing of Lower Road and down a portion of the channel below Lower Road (APPENDIX E, Figure 189 and Figure 190). Above Lower Road the channel is aggraded and the water distribution line is obscured. The intake could not be identified; it is likely buried under debris and/or sediment. It is unknown whether it remains functional.
	Joe Smith Creek	0.52	C049823	PD60223	19600718	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Polar met property owner, who has not used water licence or well for last 10 years. Property is serviced by municipal water. PVC pipe is exposed at several locations along the channel (APPENDIX E, Figure 195). Intake location appears buried by sediment.
	Joe Smith Creek	0.58	C065406	PD60222	19871126	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	BCTS obtained permission to enter property. Polar did not access property. Suspect that property is serviced by municipal water like neighbours.
	Joe Smith Creek	0.78	C048176	PD60220	19760426	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day	Yes	BCTS obtained permission to enter property. Polar reviewed channel in the vicinity of the mapped POD. No functional intake or water supply infrastructure noted. Some equipment in disrepair noted. Channel aggraded and may have buried intake. Suspect the property is serviced by municipal water.
	Joe Smith Creek	1.16	C121536	PD45927	19520124	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not gain permission to access property. Reviewed stream conditions above Pixton Road near mapped POD (APPENDIX E, Figure 201).
	Joe Smith Creek	1.16	C121544	PD45927	19600408	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not obtain permission to access property. Reviewed stream conditions above Pixton Road near mapped POD (APPENDIX E, Figure 201).
	Joe Smith Creek	1.36	C050117	PD45928	19770815	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Mapped POD on Crown land. Polar reviewed stream near stream km 1.5. PVC distribution line runs along channel and is exposed to flows. Pipe appears to go up to intake above hydro right-of-way, presumably where summer flows are reliable. Mapped POD appears 350 m below actual intake location.

Watershed	Source	Stream distance (km)	Licence	POD	Priority Date (YYYYMMDD)	Purpose	Qty	Units	Field review and/or meeting with owner(s)	Notes
CLOUGH CREEK	Joe Smith Creek	1.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	BCTS visited property and got permission from father. No water licence used. Polar reviewed the property and noted an unnamed tributary to Joe Smith Creek approximately 1-2 m wide flows through property and supplies pond. Stream is channelized between rock retaining walls near residence. Stream is unmapped but likely follows a visible channel on the LIDAR bare earth at least to Sunshine Coast Highway. Drainage pattern beyond that is unknown.
	Joe Smith Creek	2.28	C120296	PD78884	20041220	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day	No	Did not gain permission to access property. Stream conditions reviewed below property at north end of Byng Road (APPENDIX E, Figure 204 and Figure 205).
	Clough Brook	0.26	C119215	PD60240	19271111	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day	Yes	Concrete weir noted at stream km 0.3 (below Lower Road) (APPENDIX E, Figure 210). Appears full of sediment and non-functional. No evidence of distribution line in service. Suspect this licence from 1927 is no longer in use.
	Clough Brook	0.62	C120577	PD79007	20050404	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Polar reviewed stream conditions in the vicinity of the POD, which is mapped east of the creek. Conditions of stream shown in APPENDIX E Figure 216. Did not find a water intake.
	Clough Brook	1.1	C038300	PD60238	19700730	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Reviewed stream conditions in the vicinity of the POD, which is mapped east of the creek. Did not find an intake. Possibly abandoned.
	Clough Brook	1.16	F038101	PD60235	19550628	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Reviewed stream conditions in the vicinity of the POD, which is mapped east of the creek. Did not find an intake. Possibly abandoned.
	Clough Brook	1.25	F013204	PD60234	19451020	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	BCTS met with Doug, owner, who noted that stream was not accurately mapped, and that a washout occurred in the 1980s. Polar subsequently met with Doug who described the 1983 debris flow that caused extensive damaged to the property. During the event, the drainage pattern was changed temporarily. Water started to spill out near the hydro right of way, trees took out powerlines and starting piling up on his property west of the stream. Debris deposited on Orange Road, throughout the property and hit a barn. It also washed out the highway and Lower Road below. Water licence is a gravity system used sometimes (PVC pipe with screen). PVC pipe runs along creek and is vulnerable to flood damage. Artesian well on property.
	Clough Brook	1.35	F038102	PD60233	19520917	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	No	Did not obtain permission to access property, however observed stream conditions above and below. Did not see intake.
	Clough Brook	1.59	C072752	PD64132	19900723	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Polar met with Bruce McNevin. POD incorrectly mapped east of the stream. It is located near stream km 1.5. Channel bed is mix of cobbles and boulders over bedrock. Water pump used next to creek in case of fire (APPENDIX E, Figure 226). A 90 ft deep well on property is primary source of potable water; it has never been dry.
	Clough Brook	1.66	C105989	PD67221	19890119	01A - Domestic	2.27305	m ³ /day	Yes	Polar met with Murray Lawson and reviewed the stream channel and water supply infrastructure. Murray has lived on property for only 4 years; however, he observed evidence of the 1983 debris flow. The channel is a mix of bedrock and boulder and cobble alluvial channel sections. Murray noted hearing movement of gravel and cobbles during high flows. His water intake is located at hydro right of way at a reliable location to capture water. Intake consists of concrete stilling well connected to a PVC pipe that runs along the creek and eventually along the riparian zone to the residence. Some erosion potential identified along cleared riparian zone until area revegetates.
	Clough Brook	2.76	C121146	PD79317	20050823	01A - Domestic	4.54609	m ³ /day	Yes	Met with friend of Jeff's. Reviewed stream channel conditions on the property. Channel is bedrock with boulders and cobbles and heavy blowdown. Gravel accumulations behind debris. Riparian largely intact and natural. Railway car bridge across creek (APPENDIX E, Figure 231 and Figure 232). POD is mapped several hundred metres above residence. Could not find intake or see any evidence of water supply infrastructure.

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	Clough Creek Trib 1	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Concrete weir and intake with 5 m by 5 m headpond noted above hydro right-of-way. No apparent license associated with this potential water diversion.

APPENDIX D: REGISTERED GROUNDWATER WELLS

TABLE D.1 List of registered groundwater wells in the assessment area. Online information may be available at: <https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/gwells/well/<insert Well Tag No.>>.

Watershed Unit	Well Tag No.	Plate No.	Well Status	Well Classification	Intended Water Use	Licence Status	Artesian Well	Artesian Well Flow Rate (USgpm)	Finished Well Depth (ft below ground surface)	Bedrock Depth (ft below ground surface)	Yield (USgpm)	Static Water Level (ft below ground surface)	Well Diameter (inches)	Aquifer ID (see footnote) ¹³	Aquifer Material
Chaster Creek	5334		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	16	-	-	14	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	5433		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	32	-	-	-	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	5442		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	5446		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	10	-	-	1	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	5484		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	8	-	-	7	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	5489		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	27	-	-	25	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	5493		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	11480		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	25	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	16249		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	10	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	17040		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	141	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	17041		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	60	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	17043		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	68	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	18774		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	120	118	-	5	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	18775		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	40	-	-	-	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	18963		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	24	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	19943		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	260	-	25	228	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	23421	53866	New	Water Supply	Water Supply System	Unlicensed	N	-	364	-	240	232	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	41551		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	105	-	50	28	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	45127		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	160	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	52639	53546	Alteration	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	117	-	10	98	6	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	52733		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	124	-	-	92	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	72226		New	Unknown	Not Applicable	Unlicensed	N	-	138	-	6	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	111337		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	335	-	25	245	6	560	Unconsolidated
Chaster Creek	123247	68011	New	Water Supply	Irrigation	Unlicensed	N	-	25	-	-	0	-		
Clough Creek	70654		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	Y	2	60	19	2	-	-	555	Bedrock
Clough Creek	78228		New	Water Supply	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	145	-	50	-	-	555	Unknown
Clough Creek	93728	27211	New	Water Supply	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	105	20	10	20	6	555	Unknown
End/Walker Creek	93323		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	82	-	6	63	6	560	Unknown
Higgs Brook	70665		New	Unknown	Not Applicable	Unlicensed	N	-	320	-	5	-	-	555	Unknown
Higgs Brook	90629		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	Y	0.25	81	-	6.5	-	6.62		Unconsolidated
Joe Smith Creek	45200		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	190	-	10	25	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Joe Smith Creek	70755		New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	105	14	5	-	-	555	Bedrock
Joe Smith Creek	70797		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	200	24	2	100	-	555	Bedrock
Joe Smith Creek	74605		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	250	-	6	-	-	555	Bedrock
Joe Smith Creek	88435	1E+05	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	275	-	6	-	6	555	Unknown
Joe Smith Creek	93320		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	140	-	3.5	-	6	555	Unknown
Joe Smith Creek	95906	27290	New	Water Supply	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	140	16	20	12	6	555	Bedrock

¹³ Aquifer 1143 in the provincial aquifer database is described as "Not correlated at the time of interpretation / Insufficient info or does not correspond". <https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/gwells/aquifers>

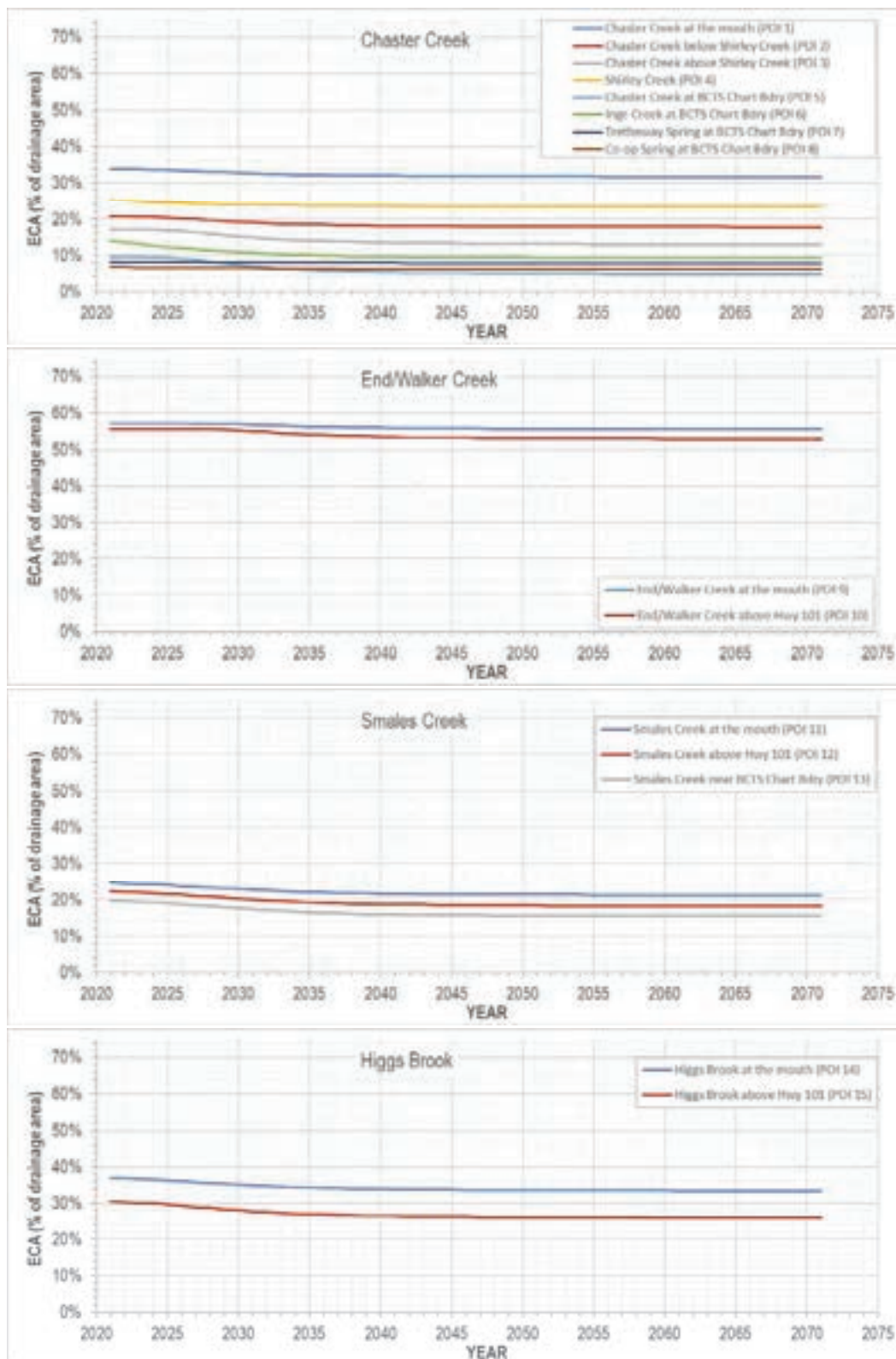
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Joe Smith Creek	95913	31004	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	300	38	2	90	6	555	Bedrock
Joe Smith Creek	122581	44143	New	Water Supply	Commercial and Industrial	Unlicensed	N	-	395	29	25	24	6		
Molyneux Creek	90518	16178	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	120	38	5	30	5.75	555	Bedrock
Molyneux Creek	93014		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	165	-	2.5	19	6	555	Bedrock
Slater Creek	93705	27201	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	285	18	5	20	6	555	Unknown
Slater Creek	93735	27202	New	Water Supply	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	220	18	20	25	6	555	Unknown
Slater Creek	94946	27280	New	Water Supply	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	140	38	4	31	6	555	Bedrock
Slater Creek	113756	36614	New	Water Supply	Commercial and Industrial	Licensed	N	-	240	83	5	-	6	555	Unknown
Smales Creek	11398		New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Smales Creek	78316		New	Unknown	Not Applicable	Unlicensed	N	-	530	-	0.8	250	-	555	Unknown
Residual (Btw End/Walker & Chaster)	122981	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	30	-	-	-	-		
Residual (Btw End/Walker & Chaster)	11476	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	17	-	-	7	-	560	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw End/Walker & Chaster)	11395	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	15	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw End/Walker & Chaster)	41759	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	282	-	20	210	-	560	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw End/Walker & Chaster)	15038	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	8	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw End/Walker & Chaster)	17046	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	30	-	-	-	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw End/Walker & Chaster)	17042	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	191	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Smales & End/Walker)	13963	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	5	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Smales & End/Walker)	123003	62854	New	Monitoring (OW 497)	Not Applicable	Unlicensed	N	-	354	-	8	317	6	560	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Smales & End/Walker)	93321	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	130	-	2	117	6	560	Unknown
Residual (Btw Higgs & Smales)	5461	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	4	-	-	-	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Higgs & Smales)	18962	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	12	-	-	-	-	560	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Higgs & Smales)	14346	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	18	-	-	-	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Higgs & Smales)	72227	0	New	Unknown	Not Applicable	Unlicensed	N	-	425	242	1	250	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Higgs & Smales)	115303	52520	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	535	308	40	322	6		Unknown
Residual (Btw Higgs & Smales)	70746	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	400	227	1.5	196	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Higgs & Smales)	74692	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	Y	2	300	96	2	-	6	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Higgs & Smales)	78317	0	New	Water Supply	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	662	-	20	200	-	555	Unknown
Residual (Btw Higgs & Smales)	123030	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	18	-	-	-	-		
Residual (Btw Higgs & Smales)	92805	16257	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	500	190	3	181	6	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Higgs & Smales)	121439	61104	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	815	236	6.5	372	6		
Residual (Btw Slater & Higgs)	14299	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	185	35	4	24	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Slater & Higgs)	52318	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	465	19	3	-	-	555	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Slater & Higgs)	94700	27238	New	Water Supply	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	103	-	7	76	6	560	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Joe Smith & Molyneux)	70760	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	180	54	6	-	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Joe Smith & Molyneux)	79164	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	170	-	3	41	-	555	Unknown
Residual (Btw Joe Smith & Molyneux)	70749	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	325	33	3	-	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Joe Smith & Molyneux)	51795	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	360	16	1.5	-	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Joe Smith & Molyneux)	51789	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	145	24	10	-	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Joe Smith & Molyneux)	43635	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	240	17	10	80	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Joe Smith & Molyneux)	87149	19725	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	202	-	-	-	6	555	Unknown

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Residual (Btw Joe Smith & Molyneux)	5471	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	10	-	-	1	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Joe Smith & Molyneux)	92823	16256	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	375	55	3	58	6	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Joe Smith & Molyneux)	92656	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	320	-	4	8	6	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	74604	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	275	17	2	-	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	49405	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	75	-	10	-	-	1143	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	53041	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	100	20	1	-	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	5326	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	4	-	-	-	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	32184	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	38	-	-	-	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	5500	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	4	-	-	-	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	5467	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	7	-	-	1	-	1143	Unconsolidated
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	35094	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	250	57	1	46	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	70711	0	New	Unknown	Unknown Well Use	Unlicensed	N	-	105	26	3	56	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	78229	0	New	Unknown	Not Applicable	Unlicensed	N	-	108	-	5	-	-	555	Unknown
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	92786	16292	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	120	-	4	6	6	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	51879	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	50	14	2	12	-	555	Bedrock
Residual (Btw Clough & Joe Smith)	72222	0	New	Water Supply	Private Domestic	Unlicensed	N	-	120	13	6	100	-	555	Bedrock

APPENDIX D: ECA PROJECTIONS

TABLE E.1 ECA projections over the next 50-years for points-of-interest in the assessment area. ECAs are expressed as a % of drainage area and in hectares.

Watershed	POI #	POI	Drainage Area (ha)	ECA (ha)							ECA (%)						
				Projection Year							Projection Year						
				0 (2021)	5 (2026)	10 (2031)	20 (2041)	30 (2051)	40 (2061)	50 (2071)	0 (2021)	5 (2026)	10 (2031)	20 (2041)	30 (2051)	40 (2061)	50 (2071)
Chaster Creek	1	Chaster Creek at the mouth	1,072.9	363.9	359.2	350.6	343.3	341.5	340.8	340.4	33.9%	33.5%	32.7%	32.0%	31.8%	31.8%	31.7%
	2	Chaster Creek below Shirley Creek	733.4	152.5	148.0	139.6	132.6	130.9	130.3	130.0	20.8%	20.2%	19.0%	18.1%	17.9%	17.8%	17.7%
	3	Chaster Creek above Shirley Creek	399.1	68.5	66.2	59.3	53.7	52.3	51.9	51.6	17.2%	16.6%	14.9%	13.4%	13.1%	13.0%	12.9%
	4	Shirley Creek	334.6	84.1	81.9	80.3	79.0	78.6	78.5	78.4	25.1%	24.5%	24.0%	23.6%	23.5%	23.5%	23.4%
	5	Chaster Creek at BCIS Chart Bdry	336.6	32.6	30.4	23.5	17.9	16.6	16.2	16.0	9.7%	9.0%	7.0%	5.3%	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%
	6	Inge Creek at BCIS Chart Bdry	102.7	14.3	12.2	10.9	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.5	13.9%	11.9%	10.6%	9.6%	9.4%	9.3%	9.3%
	7	Tretheway Spring at BCIS Chart Bdry	72.9	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	8.2%	8.0%	7.9%	7.8%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%
	8	Co-op Spring at BCIS Chart Bdry	49.7	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	6.7%	6.6%	6.4%	6.2%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%
End/Walker Creek	9	End/Walker Creek at the mouth	114.8	65.7	65.6	65.3	64.3	64.0	64.0	63.9	57.2%	57.2%	56.8%	56.0%	55.8%	55.7%	55.7%
	10	End/Walker Creek above Hwy 101	64.0	35.7	35.6	35.3	34.3	34.0	34.0	33.9	55.7%	55.6%	55.1%	53.5%	53.1%	53.0%	53.0%
Smales Creek	11	Smales Creek at the mouth	94.6	23.3	22.5	21.5	20.4	20.1	20.1	20.1	24.7%	23.8%	22.7%	21.5%	21.3%	21.2%	21.2%
	12	Smales Creek above Hwy 101	79.6	17.8	16.9	15.9	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.5	22.3%	21.3%	20.0%	18.6%	18.3%	18.3%	18.2%
	13	Smales Creek near BCIS Chart Bdry	72.8	14.4	13.6	12.6	11.5	11.3	11.3	11.2	19.8%	18.7%	17.3%	15.8%	15.5%	15.5%	15.4%
Higgs Brook	14	Higgs Brook at the mouth	145.0	53.7	52.4	50.6	49.1	48.8	48.6	48.6	37.0%	36.1%	34.9%	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%	33.5%
	15	Higgs Brook above Hwy 101	111.2	33.9	32.7	31.0	29.5	29.1	29.0	29.0	30.5%	29.4%	27.8%	26.5%	26.2%	26.1%	26.1%
Slater Creek	16	Slater Creek at the mouth	142.4	37.2	34.4	33.1	32.1	31.8	31.7	31.6	26.1%	24.2%	23.2%	22.6%	22.3%	22.3%	22.2%
	17	Slater Creek above Hwy 101	80.6	19.9	17.1	15.8	14.9	14.7	14.6	14.5	24.7%	21.2%	19.6%	18.5%	18.2%	18.1%	18.0%
Molyneux Creek	18	Slater Creek at BCIS Chart Bdry	54.1	8.6	6.1	5.0	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.8	15.9%	11.3%	9.2%	7.7%	7.3%	7.2%	7.1%
	19	Molyneux Creek at the mouth	264.8	38.2	36.0	34.9	34.0	33.7	33.6	33.5	14.4%	13.6%	13.2%	12.8%	12.7%	12.7%	12.6%
	20	Molyneux below Tributary 1 and 2	249.1	34.6	32.3	31.3	30.4	30.1	30.0	29.9	13.9%	13.0%	12.5%	12.2%	12.1%	12.0%	12.0%
	21	Molyneux Tributary 1	137.2	18.6	17.8	17.5	17.2	17.0	17.0	16.9	13.6%	13.0%	12.7%	12.5%	12.4%	12.4%	12.4%
	22	Molyneux Tributary 1 at BCIS Chart Bdry	107.5	8.6	8.1	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.4	8.0%	7.5%	7.3%	7.1%	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%
	23	Molyneux Tributary 2	111.9	16.0	14.5	13.8	13.2	13.1	13.0	13.0	14.3%	13.0%	12.3%	11.8%	11.7%	11.6%	11.6%
	24	Molyneux Tributary 2 at BCIS Chart Bdry	90.5	8.5	7.5	7.0	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	9.4%	8.3%	7.8%	7.4%	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%
Joe Smith Creek	25	Joe Smith Creek at the mouth	228.6	57.6	54.7	53.2	51.7	51.3	51.2	51.1	25.2%	23.9%	23.2%	22.6%	22.4%	22.4%	22.3%
	26	Joe Smith Creek above Hwy 101	190.8	34.2	31.4	29.9	28.6	28.3	28.2	28.1	17.9%	16.4%	15.7%	15.0%	14.8%	14.8%	14.7%
	27	Joe Smith Creek at BCIS Chart Bdry	64.6	6.1	5.2	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	9.5%	8.1%	7.5%	7.0%	6.9%	6.8%	6.8%
Clough Creek	28	Clough Creek at the mouth	154.1	31.8	29.6	28.4	27.3	26.8	26.6	26.5	20.6%	19.2%	18.4%	17.7%	17.4%	17.3%	17.2%
	29	Clough Creek above Hwy 101	134.9	20.7	18.5	17.3	16.2	15.8	15.6	15.5	15.3%	13.7%	12.9%	12.0%	11.7%	11.5%	11.5%
	30	Clough Creek at BCIS Chart Bdry	93.2	6.2	5.5	5.0	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.6	6.7%	5.9%	5.3%	4.5%	4.2%	4.0%	3.9%
	31	Clough Creek at Licence C121146	79.3	4.8	4.3	3.9	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.6	6.0%	5.4%	4.9%	4.0%	3.6%	3.4%	3.3%



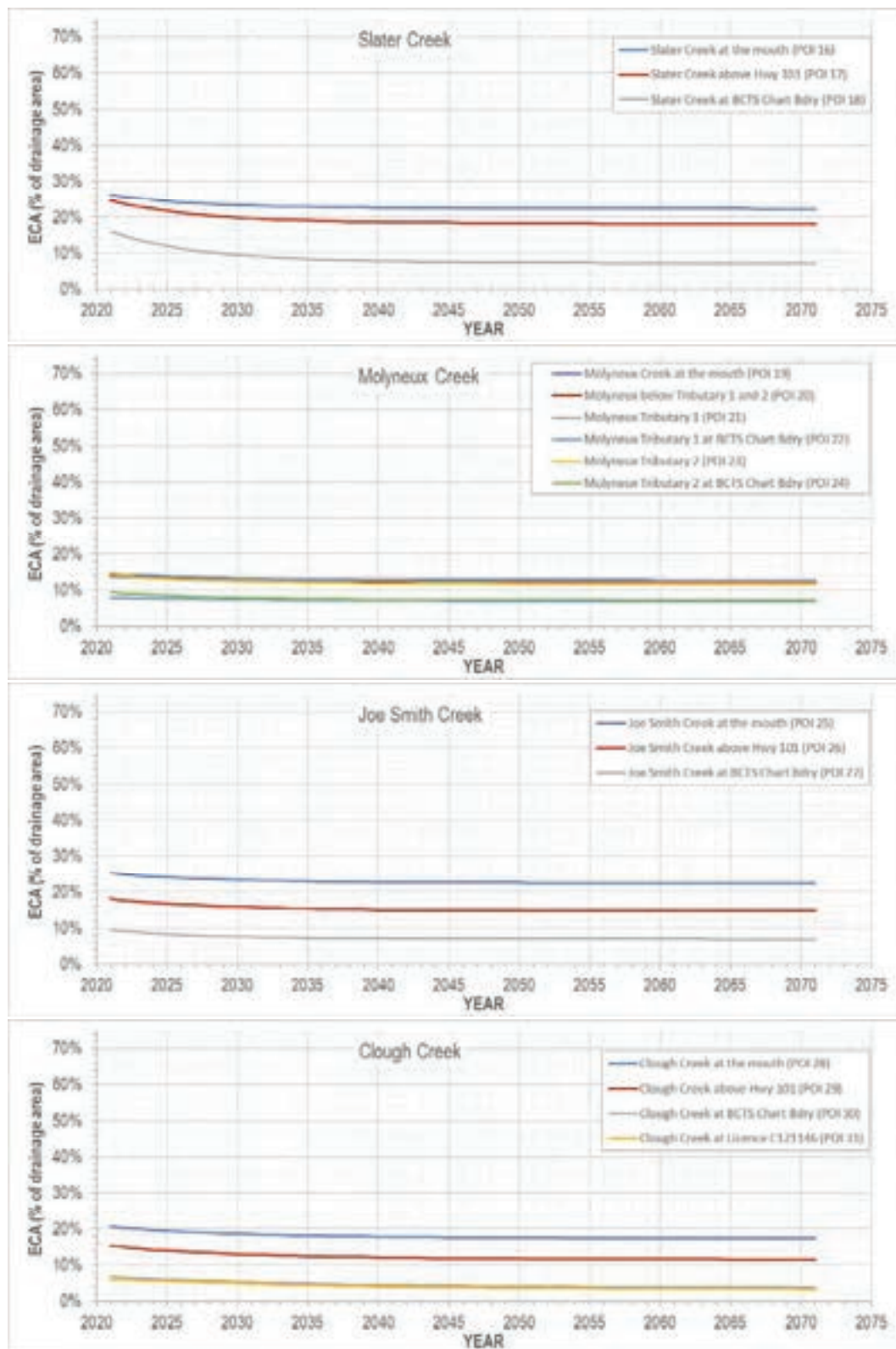


FIGURE E.1 ECA projections over the next 50-years for points-of-interest in the assessment area. Relatively slow hydrologic recovery is noted for most of the assessment watersheds given the portion of residential and commercial area, where recovery does not occur.

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APPENDIX F: SELECTED PHOTOS

Photos herein are presented in upstream order and are referenced by stream distance (km from the mouth) (refer to MAP 1). Photos are organized as follows:

- Chaster Creek (mainstem),
- Chaster Creek (tributaries below hydro right-of-way),
- Chaster Creek (tributaries above hydro right-of-way),
- End/Walker Creek (below Reed Road),
- End/Walker Creek (above Reed Road),
- Smales Creek (below Reed Road),
- Smales Creek (above Reed Road),
- Whittaker Creek,
- Higgs Brook,
- Slater Creek,
- Molyneux Creek (below hydro right-of-way),
- Molyneux Creek (above hydro right-of-way),
- Joe Smith Creek, and
- Clough Creek.

Chaster Creek (mainstem)



FIGURE 001

Photo: DSC09993
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 26
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 0.00**
View direction: West
Description:
Mouth of Chaster Creek



FIGURE 002

Photo: DSC09983
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 0.02**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
Retaining wall along Chaster House near mouth.



FIGURE 003

Photo: IMG_4496
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 0.02**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
Bridge across Chaster Creek near mouth to Chaster House.



FIGURE 004

Photo: IMG_3926
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 0.04**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
Ocean Beach Esplanade bridge over Chaster Creek.



FIGURE 005

Photo: IMG_3931
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 0.10**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Old private bridge over Chaster Creek.



FIGURE 006

Photo: IMG_4503
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 0.40**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 007

Photo: IMG_4504
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 0.40**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 008

Photo: IMG_4509
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 0.9**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Below log jam.



FIGURE 009

Photo: IMG_4512
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 0.9**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Log jam



FIGURE 010

Photo: IMG_4510
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 0.9**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Sediment wedge above log jam.



FIGURE 011

Photo: IMG_4519
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 1.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 012

Photo: IMG_4520
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 1.6**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Sediment wedge



FIGURE 013

Photo: IMG_4524
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 2.28**
View direction: West
Description:
 Near confluence of Shirley Creek (Tributary 4.1) and Chaster Creek.



FIGURE 014

Photo: IMG_4532
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 2.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Log jam and sediment wedge



FIGURE 015

Photo: IMG_4527
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 2.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 900 mm diameter concrete culvert beneath Sunshine Coast Highway.



FIGURE 016

Photo: IMG_4525
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 2.6**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Pool below highway crossing.



FIGURE 017

Photo: IMG_4534
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 2.7**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Above highway crossing.



FIGURE 018

Photo: IMG_2005
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 13
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 2.9**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Above Henry Road culvert.



FIGURE 019

Photo: IMG_2008
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 13
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 2.9**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Henry Road culvert.



FIGURE 020

Photo: IMG_4563
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 13
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 2.9**
View direction: South
Description:
 Clay layer on streambank.



FIGURE 030

Photo: IMG_2011
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 13
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 3.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 031

Photo: DSC09956
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 26
Location: **Chaster Cr, km 3.8**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Chaster Creek at Reed Road.

Chaster Creek (Tributaries below hydro right-of-way)



FIGURE 032

Photo: Placemark 33
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1 (Shirley Cr), km 2.4**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 033

Photo: Placemark 33
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1 (Shirley Cr), km 2.4**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Log jam with sediment wedge.



FIGURE 034

Photo: Placemark 2
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1 (Shirley Cr), km 2.55**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 900 mm diameter concrete culvert beneath Sunshine Coast Highway.



FIGURE 035

Photo: IMG_4512
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1 (Shirley Cr), km 2.55**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 036

Photo: Placemark 34
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1 (Shirley Cr), km 2.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 037

Photo: Placemark 34
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1 (Shirley Cr), km 2.6**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 900 mm diameter concrete culvert beneath Sunshine Coast Highway.



FIGURE 038

Photo: Placemark XX
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1 (Shirley Cr), km 2.8**
View direction: Upstream
Description: Shirley Creek below confluence with Webb Brook.

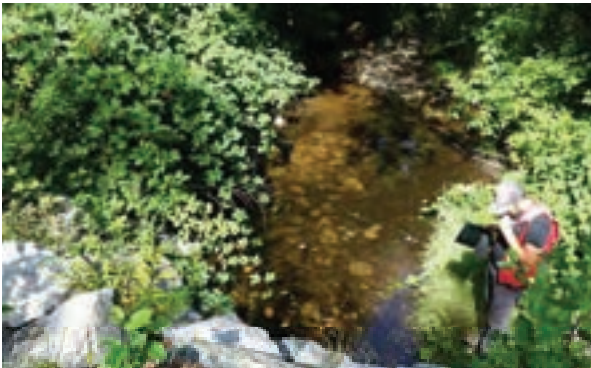


FIGURE 039

Photo: DSC09969
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 26
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1 (Shirley Cr), km 3.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description: Above Russell Road culvert.



FIGURE 040

Photo: Placemark 5
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.2, km 2.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 041

Photo: Placemark 5
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.2, km 2.6**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 042

Photo: Placemark XX
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 12
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1.2 (Webb Brook), km 3.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Webb Brook near residence with pond.



FIGURE 043

Photo: DSC09962
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 24
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1.2 (Webb Brook), km 3.2**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Above Russell Road culvert.



FIGURE 044

Photo: Placemark XX
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1.2.2 (Tretheway Spring), km 3.5**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 View from Henry Road cuvlert crossing.



FIGURE 045

Photo: Placemark XX
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary 4.1.2.2 (Tretheway Spring), km 3.9**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Near residence at 1216 Reed Road.



FIGURE 046

Photo: Placemark XX
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.2.2 (Tretheway
 Spring), km 3.8**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Private bridge near residence at 1216 Reed
 Road.



FIGURE 047

Photo: Placemark XX
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.2.2 (Tretheway
 Spring), km 3.9**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 One of several bridges near residence at 1216
 Reed Road.



FIGURE 048

Photo: Placemark XX
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.2.2 (Tretheway
 Spring), km 4.1**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 View of mostly dry channel above residence at
 1216 Reed Road.



FIGURE 049

Photo: Placemark 43
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.2.2 (Tretheway
 Spring), km 4.5**
View direction: East
Description:
 Deep ravine at hydro right-of-way.



FIGURE 050

Photo: DSC09832
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1, km 3.55**
View direction: East
Description:
 Reed Road at culvert crossing of Chaster
 Tributary 4.1.1.1.



FIGURE 051

Photo: DSC09835
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1, km 3.55**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Dry channel above Reed Road.



FIGURE 052

Photo: DSC09831
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1.1 (Inge Creek),
 km 3.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Ditch along Reed Road that conveys runoff
 from north side of Reed Road.



FIGURE 053

Photo: DSC09819
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1.1 (Inge Creek),
 km 3.8**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Ditch along Reed Road that seasonally conveys
 runoff from north side of Reed Road.



FIGURE 054

Photo: DSC09885
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1.1 (Inge Creek),
 km 4.2**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Small pond and water intake (water licence C015414). Sedimentation has all but eliminated storage capacity of the pond.



FIGURE 055

Photo: DSC09928
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1.1 (Inge Creek),
 km 4.6**
View direction: West
Description:
 Ravine at hydro right-of-way.



FIGURE 056

Photo: DSC09835
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1.2, km 3.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Well-incised channel.



FIGURE 057

Photo: DSC09863
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1.2, km 3.65**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Trail and water supply line crossing. Near-vertical eroding banks noted.



FIGURE 058

Photo: DSC09919
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1.2, km 4.3**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 At hydro right-of-way.



FIGURE 059

Photo: Placemark 8
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.2 (Co-op Spring),
 km 3.5**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Below Reed Road.



FIGURE 060

Photo: Placemark 41
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.2 (Co-op Spring),
 km 3.5**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Above Reed Road.



FIGURE 061

Photo: DSC09851
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 26
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.2 (Co-op Spring),
 km 3.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Deep ravine near location of water licence
 C019935 (no point of diversion noted).



FIGURE 062

Photo: DSC09851
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 26
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.2 (Co-op Spring),
 km 4.1**
View direction: West
Description:
 At hydro right-of-way

Chaster Creek (Tributaries above hydro right-of-way)



FIGURE 063

Photo: DSC00160
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1.2.1, km 5.2**
View direction: East
Description:



FIGURE 064

Photo: DSC00163
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1.2.2, km 5.2**
View direction: East
Description:



FIGURE 065

Photo: DSC00242
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **Chaster Tributary
 4.1.1.1.2.2, km 5.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 066

Photo: DSC00169
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **Chaster Tributary**
4.1.1.2.1, km 5.2
View direction: East
Description:



FIGURE 067

Photo: DSC00248
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **Chaster Tributary**
4.1.1.2.1, km 5.4
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 068

Photo: DSC00175
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **Chaster Tributary**
4.1.1.2.2, km 5.1
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 069

Photo: DSC00185
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **Chaster Tributary**
4.1.2.2.1, km 5.6
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 070

Photo: DSC00190
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **Chaster Tributary**
4.1.2.2.2, km 5.6
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 071

Photo: DSC00259
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **Chaster Tributary**
4.1.2.2.2, km 6.0
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 072

Photo: DSC00273
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **Chaster Tributary 9.1,**
km 6.3
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Non classified channel in draw.



FIGURE 073dom

Photo: DSC00277
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **Chaster Tributary 9.2,**
km 6.3
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 S6 channel in draw.

End/Walker Creek (below Reed Road)



FIGURE 074

Photo: DSC09997
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr, km 0.0**
View direction: South
Description: Mouth of creek.



FIGURE 075

Photo: Placemark 138
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 24
Location: **End/Walker Cr, km 0.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description: Culvert at Ocean Beach Esplanade.



FIGURE 076

Photo: Placemark 57
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **End/Walker Cr, km 0.05**
View direction: Upstream
Description: Retaining wall along property on north side of creek.



FIGURE 077

Photo: Placemark 57
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 27
Location: **End/Walker Cr, km 0.05**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 078

Photo: Placemark 56
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr, km 0.5**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 In 50 m deep ravine. Turbid water noted.



FIGURE 079

Photo: Placemark 56
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr, km 0.5**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 In 50 m deep ravine. Turbid water noted.



FIGURE 080

Photo: Placemark 15
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr, Unnamed Tributary branching off at km 1.2**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 1.2 m diameter culvert hanging 4 m above plunge pool below Sunshine Coast Highway.



FIGURE 081

Photo: Placemark 17
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr, Unnamed Tributary branching off at km 1.4**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Small reservoir controlled by concrete weir. Heavy brush. Water licence F016236.



FIGURE 082

Photo: Placemark 53
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr, km 1.4**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 1200 mm culvert at Sunshine Coast Highway.



FIGURE 083

Photo: Placemark 51
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr, km 1.6**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 View below Russell Road 900 mm diameter hanging culvert.



FIGURE 084

Photo: Placemark 50
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr, km 1.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 View above Russell Road to Coastal Tire property.



FIGURE 085

Photo: Placemark 9
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr, km 1.75**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Fine-grained streambed with brushy riparian zone.



FIGURE 086

Photo: Placemark 10
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr, km 1.8**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 087

Photo: Placemark 490
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Non-classified channel above End/Walker Cr near km 2.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description: Several minor draws in the upper portion of the Coastal Tire property.

End/Walker Creek (above Reed Road)



FIGURE 088

Photo: Placemark 222
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr watershed north of Reed Road**
View direction: West
Description: Top of ditch that flows seasonally to the west along road.



FIGURE 089

Photo: Placemark 218
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr watershed north of Reed Road**
View direction: West
Description: Low point along road/trail where seasonally, runoff may cross the road.



FIGURE 090

Photo: Placemark 110
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr watershed north of Reed Road**
View direction: South
Description: Forest approximately 200 m north of the end of Reed Road. No classified streams were noted in the area.



FIGURE 090

Photo: Placemark 110
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **End/Walker Cr watershed north of Reed Road**
View direction: South
Description:

Smales Creek (below Reed Road)



FIGURE 091

Photo: Placemark 139
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 0.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description: Culvert at Ocean Beach Esplanade.



FIGURE 092

Photo: Placemark 139
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 0.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description: View above Ocean Beach Esplanade.



FIGURE 093

Photo: Placemark 139
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 0.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 View above Ocean Beach Esplanade. Heavy brush along private property. Less than 1 L/s of flow noted.



FIGURE 094

Photo: Placemark 22
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Near Smales Cr, km 0.8**
View direction: West
Description:
 Ditch along Sunshine Coast Highway that conveys runoff to the west towards Whittaker Creek. Most of the flow from Smales Creek however appears to flow to the east towards End/Walker Creek.



FIGURE 095

Photo: Placemark 24
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 0.8**
View direction: West
Description:
 Ditch along Sunshine Coast Highway that conveys Smales Creek runoff (from above the highway) to the east towards End/Walker Creek. No flow in Smales Creek above the highway appears to cross the highway.



FIGURE 096

Photo: Placemark 62
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 0.9**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 097

Photo: Placemark 214
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 1.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 On Sunday Cider property.



FIGURE 098

Photo: Placemark 226
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 1.1**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Water line along creek.



FIGURE 099

Photo: Placemark 212
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 1.15**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Aggraded stream channel.



FIGURE 100

Photo: Placemark 224
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 1.15**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Foot bridge on Sunday Cider property.



FIGURE 101

Photo: Placemark 211
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 1.2**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Aggraded stream channel.



FIGURE 102

Photo: Placemark 178
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Tributary to Smales Cr that joins at km 1.3**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Dry channel.



FIGURE 103

Photo: Placemark 178
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Tributary to Smales Cr that joins at km 1.3 (km 1.3)**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Dry channel.



FIGURE 104

Photo: Placemark 206
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Tributary to Smales Cr that joins at km 1.3 (km 1.35)**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 105

Photo: Placemark 209
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Tributary to Smales Cr that joins at km 1.3 (km 1.4)**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Small sump/pond (dry).



FIGURE 106

Photo: Placemark 209
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Tributary to Smales Cr that joins at km 1.3 (km 1.4)**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Eroded channel below small sump/pond (dry).



FIGURE 107

Photo: Placemark 222
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Tributary to Smales Cr that joins at km 1.3 (km 1.5)**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Heavy brush.



FIGURE 108

Photo: Placemark 220
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Tributary to Smales Cr that joins at km 1.3 (km 1.6)**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Upstream extent of gravel. NCD above this point.



FIGURE 109

Photo: Placemark 64
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 1.3**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 In 8 m deep ravine.



FIGURE 110

Photo: Placemark 64
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 1.3**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 In 8 m deep ravine.



FIGURE 111

Photo: Placemark 67
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr, km 2.5**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 View from Highland Road on west side of 10 m deep ravine.

Smales Creek (above Reed Road)



FIGURE 112

Photo: DSC09732
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 24
Location: **Smales Cr, km 1.7**
View direction: West
Description:
 View across ravine to residential development.



FIGURE 113

Photo: DSC09744
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 24
Location: **Smales Cr, km 1.9**
View direction: West
Description:



FIGURE 114

Photo: Placemark 161
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr Tributary 2, km 3.4**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 View above 900 mm culvert.



FIGURE 115

Photo: Placemark 161
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr Tributary 2, km 3.4**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 View below 900 mm culvert.



FIGURE 116

Photo: Placemark 102
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Smales Cr watershed, north side of trail west of end of Reed Road.**
View direction: North
Description:
 Standing water along 100 m of ditch.

Whittaker Creek



FIGURE 117

Photo: DSC00026
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 26
Location: **Whittaker Cr, km 0.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
Widespread aggradation near the mouth of Whittaker Creek following a washout of Lower Road.



FIGURE 118

Photo: Placemark 140
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Whittaker Cr, km 0.1**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
Stream conditions post-flood and road washout.



FIGURE 119

Photo: Placemark 99
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Whittaker Cr, km 0.4**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
View below repaired crossing at Lower Road. A large volume of riprap was installed below crossing.

Higgs Brook



FIGURE 120

Photo: Placemark 37
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 0.0**
View direction: East
Description:



FIGURE 121

Photo: Placemark 36
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 0.05**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Incised channel with eroding banks near trail.



FIGURE 122

Photo: Placemark 36
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 0.05**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 123

Photo: Placemark 34
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 0.1**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Undercut bank poses a risk to utility building adjacent to channel.



FIGURE 124

Photo: Placemark 72
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 0.1**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 1,000 mm diameter culvert at Lower Road. Incised channel below road.



FIGURE 125

Photo: Placemark 72
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 0.3**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 View below Lower Road.



FIGURE 126

Photo: Placemark 38
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 0.3**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 View above Lower Road.



FIGURE 127

Photo: Placemark 38
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 0.3**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Lower Road culvert inlet.



FIGURE 128

Photo: Placemark 41
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 0.75**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Incised channel near farm.



FIGURE 129

Photo: Placemark 41
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 0.75**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Incised channel near farm.



FIGURE 130

Photo: Placemark 49
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 1.3**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Weir and pond infilled with sediment.



FIGURE 131

Photo: Placemark 49
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 1.3**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Submersible pump in milk crate at location of weir and pond infilled with sediment. Water licence C070726.



FIGURE 132

Photo: Placemark 46
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Higgs Br, km 1.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 View below Harman Road culvert.

Slater Creek



FIGURE 133

Photo: Placemark 62
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Slater Cr, km 0.4**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
Above Lower Road.



FIGURE 134

Photo: Placemark 62
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Slater Cr, km 0.4**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
Lower Road 1200 mm diameter concrete culvert.



FIGURE 135

Photo: Placemark 62
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Slater Cr, km 0.45**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
Bedrock along channel noted.



FIGURE 136

Photo: Placemark 101
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Slater Cr, km 1.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
Incised channel above Sunshine Coast Highway and 900 mm diameter culvert.



FIGURE 137

Photo: Placemark 91
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Slater Cr, km 1.4**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Above Porter Road.



FIGURE 138

Photo: Placemark 124
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Slater Cr, km 1.4**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 600 mm diameter culvert at Porter Road.



FIGURE 139

Photo: Placemark 136
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Slater Cr, km 1.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Above Conrad Road.



FIGURE 140

Photo: Placemark 137
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Slater Cr, km 2.1**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Wood bridge near driveway on Pixton Road.



FIGURE 141

Photo: Placemark 153
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Slater Cr Tributary 1.2,**
 km 3.3
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 NCD in gully.

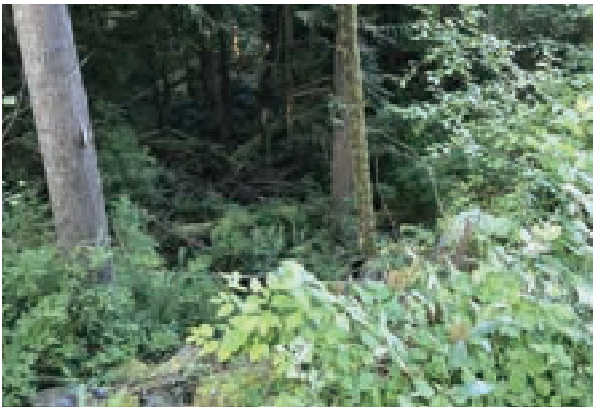


FIGURE 142

Photo: Placemark 160
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Slater Cr Tributary 2,**
 km 2.7
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Above Lower Road.

Molyneux Creek (below hydro right-of-way)



FIGURE 143

Photo: Placemark 60
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr, km 0.3**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Below Lower Road.



FIGURE 144

Photo: Placemark 95
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Slater Cr, km 0.3**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 1,200 mm diameter concrete culvert with log at inlet. Evidence of sediment accumulation at inlet.



FIGURE 145

Photo: Placemark 56
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr, km 0.35**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Incised channel above Lower Road. Heavy wood load.



FIGURE 146

Photo: Placemark 97
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr, km 0.5**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Exposed clay till along stream bank.

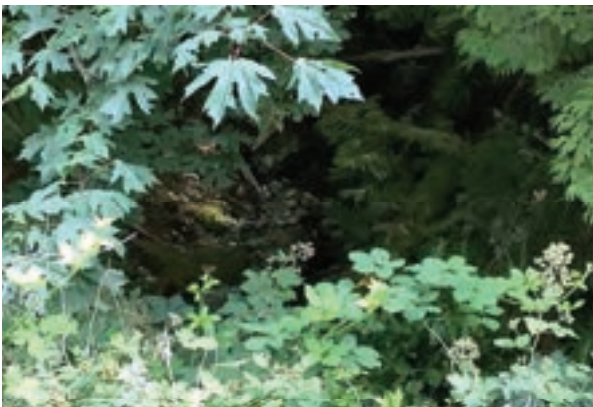


FIGURE 147

Photo: Placemark 102
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: 2021 07 16
View direction: **Molyneux Cr, km 0.9**
Description:
 Above Sunshine Coast Highway.



FIGURE 148

Photo: Placemark 104
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr Tributary 1, km 1.15**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 149

Photo: Placemark 60
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr**
Tributary 1.1, km 1.4
View direction: East.
Description:
 Private bridge near end of Porter Road. No flow in stream.

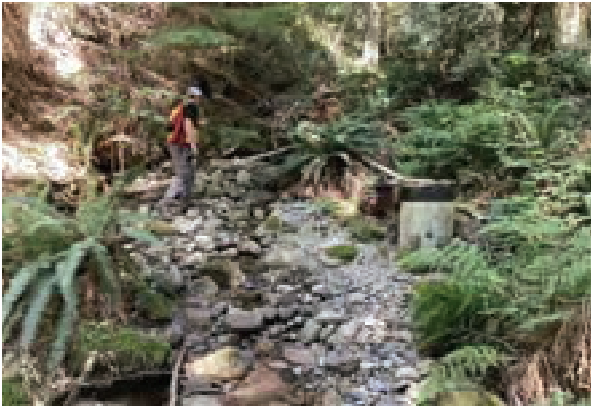


FIGURE 150

Photo: Placemark 122
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr**
Tributary 1.2, km 1.3
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Water intake in apparent disrepair.



FIGURE 151

Photo: Placemark 122
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr**
Tributary 1.2, km 1.3
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 152

Photo: Placemark 107
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr**
Tributary 1.2, km 1.7
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 153

Photo: Placemark 122
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2, km 1.7**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 154

Photo: Placemark 111
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2, km 1.75**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Exposed water line in channel.



FIGURE 155

Photo: Placemark 112
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2, km 1.7**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 156

Photo: Placemark 112
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2, km 1.7**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Location of former water intake above log jam and buried by gravel. Various pipes and barrel noted in area.



FIGURE 157

Photo: Placemark 125
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 2, km 1.3**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 1,200 mm diameter culvert.



FIGURE 158

Photo: Placemark 125
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 2, km 1.3**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 159

Photo: Placemark 93
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 2, km 1.35**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 160

Photo: Placemark 93
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 2, km 1.35**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Water supply infrastructure along creek.
 Licence C114609.



FIGURE 161

Photo: Placemark 94
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 2, km 1.5**
View direction: West
Description:
 Private stairs and bridge across creek.



FIGURE 162

Photo: Placemark 131
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 2, km 1.5**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 163

Photo: Placemark 132
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 2, km 1.55**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Water line along creek.



FIGURE 164

Photo: Placemark 133
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 2, km 1.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Water supply infrastructure along creek.



FIGURE 165

Photo: Placemark 134
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 2, km 1.6**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Intake in small pool. Licence C118817.



FIGURE 166

Photo: Placemark 142
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 2, km 1.7**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 167

Photo: Placemark 122
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 2, km 1.7**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Bridge constructed from railcar.

Molyneux Creek (above hydro right-of-way)



FIGURE 168

Photo: Placemark 81
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.1, km 2.8**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Subtle draw with no evidence of surface flow.



FIGURE 169

Photo: Placemark XX
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2, km 2.5**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Concrete intake in channel with pvc distribution pipe below. Intake may be vulnerable to sediment loading.



FIGURE 170

Photo: Placemark 73
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2, km 2.5**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 171

Photo: Placemark 74
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2, km 2.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Heavy blowdown from edge of harvested block to the east.



FIGURE 172

Photo: Placemark 74
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2, km 2.6**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 173

Photo: Placemark 33
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2, km 2.8**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Bouldery channel above log bridge.



FIGURE 174

Photo: DSC00071
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2020 08 24
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2.2.1, km
 3.8**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 175

Photo: Placemark 148
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2.7, km 4.1**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 S6 channel above 900 mm culvert.



FIGURE 176

Photo: Placemark 147
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr
 Tributary 1.2.8.1, km
 4.1**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 S6 channel above 900 mm culvert.



FIGURE 177

Photo: Placemark 151
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr**
Tributary 2.1.1.1, km
3.7
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 178

Photo: Placemark 176
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Molyneux Cr**
Tributary 2.1.1.1, km
3.9
View direction: Upstream
Description:

Joe Smith Creek



FIGURE 179

Photo: Placemark 116
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 180

Photo: Placemark 116
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.0**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 181

Photo: Placemark 149
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.05**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Eroding channel along private property.



FIGURE 182

Photo: Placemark 115
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.05**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Eroding channel along private property.



FIGURE 183

Photo: Placemark 148
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.05**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Bedrock exposed along channel. Rock and concrete retaining walls along banks.



FIGURE 184

Photo: Placemark 147
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.15**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Pipe arch culvert at Milliner Road.



FIGURE 185

Photo: Placemark 117
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.2**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Exposed bedrock along channel.



FIGURE 186

Photo: Placemark 118
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.25**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 187

Photo: Placemark 153
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.25**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Undercut banks may pose blowdown risk.



FIGURE 188

Photo: Placemark 155
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.25**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Debris jams and sediment accumulation below Lower Road.



FIGURE 189

Photo: Placemark 120
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.3**
View direction: Upstream

Description:

Culvert outlet at Lower Road. Note water distribution pipe in culvert. Intake of pipe approximately 10 m above road (not apparently in use).



FIGURE 190

Photo: Placemark 131
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.3**
View direction: Downstream

Description:

Below Lower Road channel partially flows across bedrock. Water distribution line along channel. Does not appear to be in use.



FIGURE 191

Photo: Placemark 121
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.35**
View direction: Upstream

Description:

Sediment trapped by debris above Lower Road.



FIGURE 192

Photo: Placemark 122
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.35**
View direction: Upstream

Description:



FIGURE 193

Photo: Placemark 123
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.45**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 194

Photo: Placemark 123
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.45**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 195

Photo: Placemark 125
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.5**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Exposed bedrock. Water distribution line
 along channel.



FIGURE 196

Photo: Placemark 126
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.55**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 197

Photo: Placemark 131
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.70**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 198

Photo: Placemark 162
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.70**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Five 600 mm diameter culverts on private driveway.



FIGURE 199

Photo: Placemark 160
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.85**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Concrete culvert at Sunshine Coast Highway



FIGURE 200

Photo: Placemark 160
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 0.85**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 View below Sunshine Coast Highway.



FIGURE 201

Photo: Placemark 163
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 1.10**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 View above Pixton Road culvert.



FIGURE 202

Photo: Placemark 224
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 1.50**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Water distribution line along channel.



FIGURE 203

Photo: Placemark 134
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 1.70**
View direction: West
Description:
 Water distribution line along stream at hydro right-of-way.



FIGURE 204

Photo: Placemark XX
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 1.80**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Aggraded channel.



FIGURE 205

Photo: Placemark 160
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 1.8**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Private bridge.



FIGURE 206

Photo: Placemark 145
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Joe Smith Cr, km 4.0**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 S6 channel.

Clough Creek



FIGURE 207

Photo: Placemark 160
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.0**
View direction: West
Description:
 Mouth of creek.



FIGURE 208

Photo: Placemark 187
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.1**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 209

Photo: Placemark 186
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.1**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 210

Photo: Placemark 191
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.3**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Concrete weir, does not appear to be functional.



FIGURE 211

Photo: Placemark 190
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.3**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Outlet of 1200 mm diameter culvert at Lower Road.



FIGURE 212

Photo: Placemark 190
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.3**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Channel below Lower Road.



FIGURE 213

Photo: Placemark 162
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.35**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 View above Lower Road to private foot bridge.



FIGURE 214

Photo: Placemark 192
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.6**
View direction: West
Description:
 10 m deep ravine.



FIGURE 215

Photo: Placemark 164
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.65**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Ravine.



FIGURE 216

Photo: Placemark 193
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.65**
View direction: Upstream
Description:

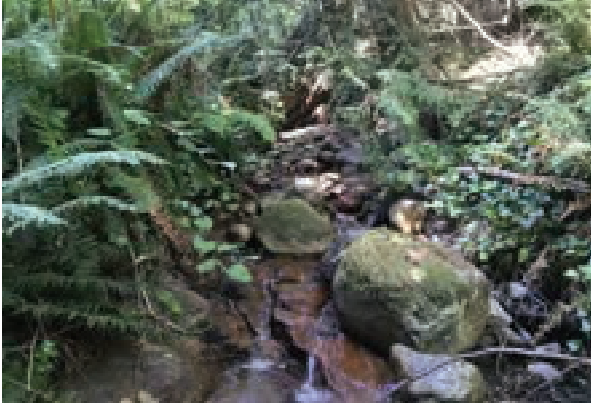


FIGURE 217

Photo: Placemark 166
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.85**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 218

Photo: Placemark 166
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.85**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 219

Photo: Placemark 194
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 0.9**
View direction: East
Description:
 Unstable slumping road embankment above culvert.



FIGURE 220

Photo: Placemark 171
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 1.2**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 221

Photo: Placemark 141
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 1.2**
View direction: Downstream

Description:

Suspected scar on tree associated with the 1983 debris flow. Scar is up to 3 m above current streambed.



FIGURE 222

Photo: Placemark 138
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 1.2**
View direction: Upstream

Description:

View across property affected by the 1983 debris flow.



FIGURE 223

Photo: Placemark 173
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 1.35**
View direction: Upstream

Description:

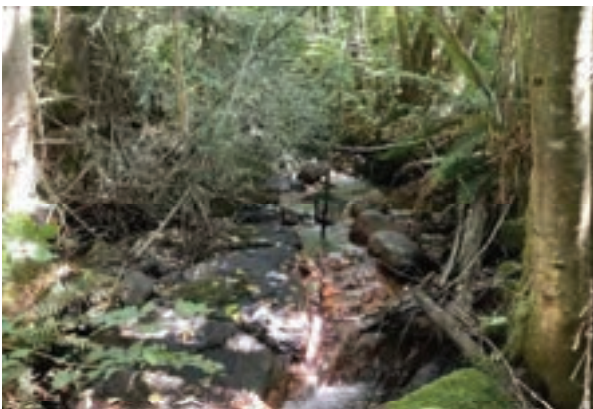


FIGURE 224

Photo: Placemark 174
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 1.45**
View direction: Upstream

Description:

View above Orange Road culvert.



FIGURE 225

Photo: Placemark 144
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 1.45**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 View below Orange Road culvert.



FIGURE 226

Photo: Placemark 177
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 1.5**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Water pump principally used by property owner for fire protection.



FIGURE 227

Photo: Placemark 178
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 1.6**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 228

Photo: Placemark 178
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 1.6**
View direction: Downstream
Description:
 Localized riparian clearing along private property.



FIGURE 229

Photo: Placemark 149
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 1.7**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Exposed bedrock along channel.



FIGURE 230

Photo: Placemark 179
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 1.2**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Water intake near hydro right-of-way.
 Distribution line runs parallel to creek to private property.



FIGURE 231

Photo: Placemark 152
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 2.35**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



FIGURE 232

Photo: Placemark 152
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 2.35**
View direction: Downstream
Description:



FIGURE 233

Photo: Placemark 239
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr, km 4.2**
View direction: Upstream
Description:



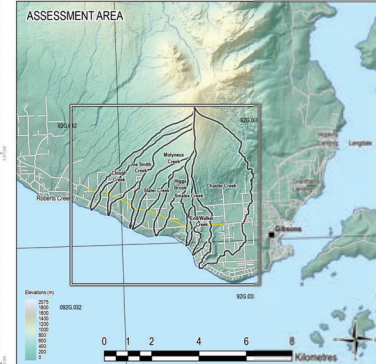
FIGURE 234

Photo: Placemark 136
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr Tributary 2, km 1.9**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Concrete weir and intake with 5 m by 5 m pool. NCD above. No registered water licence noted at this location.



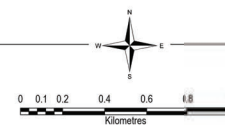
FIGURE 235

Photo: Placemark 231
Date (YYYY MM DD): 2021 07 16
Location: **Clough Cr Tributary 3, km 4.2**
View direction: Upstream
Description:
 Suspected tributary along which the 1983 debris flow occurred.



MT ELPHINSTONE SOUTH HYDROLOGIC ASSESSMENT: PHASES 1 & 2

MAP 1: OVERVIEW



Watershed Units

- Watershed
- Basin
- Sub-basin
- Points of Interest

Water & Water Use

- Ocean
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Wetlands
- Streams (LIDAR)
- Continuous
- Discontinuous
- Water Licenses (Current)
- Groundwater Wells
- Observation Wells
- Dams
- Water Infrastructure
- Named Streams
- Stream Distance (km)

Hydroclimatic Monitoring

- Automatic Snow Weather Station
- Manual Snow Survey
- WSC Hydrometric Stations
- Weather Stations (Active)
- ClimateBC Estimation Points

Fish

- Fish observations (Province of BC)
- Fish presence (Sunshine Coast Habitat Atlas)

Species

- ACT: Cutthroat Trout (Acadmoicum)
- CC: Sculpin (General)
- CH: Chinook Salmon
- CM: Chum Salmon
- CO: Coho Salmon
- CT: Cutthroat Trout
- DV: Dolly Varden
- PK: Pink Salmon
- RB: Rainbow Trout
- SP: Fish Unidentified Species
- ST: Steelhead

REFERENCES / NOTES

- Coordinate System: NAD 1983 BC Environment Atlas
- Projection: Albers
- Datum: North American 1983
- File Format: 100,000,000
- File Name: 10000
- Central Meridian: 120.0000
- Standard Parallel: 50.0000
- Latitude 20 Zone: 480000
- Units: Meter

DATA SOURCES

- 1. BC Timber Sales, Chinook Business Area
- 2. Data BC
- 3. SCRD
- 4. Site map: ESR (2011) & New South (2011)

NOTES

- There is a potential for New South Chinook Creek to be the watershed boundary along Highway 101, between BC County Road 210 and Highway 101.

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SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

TO: Committee of the Whole- March 23, 2023

AUTHOR: Alex Taylor, Manager, Budgeting and Grants

SUBJECT: GRANTS STATUS UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the report titled Grants Status Update be received for information.

BACKGROUND

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) applies regularly for grants available to undertake projects each year. Staff search for new grant opportunities and alignment where possible, with the Board's Strategic Plan, Corporate Plans, currently approved projects, or emerging opportunities. The last grants status update was presented at the September 22, 2022 Committee of the whole meeting.

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on any recent grant application notifications, pending applications, grants in progress and completed grants as well as provide information on potential new opportunities expected to be available in the near future.

DISCUSSION

Information on recent grant application notifications, pending applications, grants received and in progress and completed grants are detailed in the tables that follow:

Grant Application Notifications

Program Name	Administered By	Project	Funding Requested / Received	Status	Area(s) Affected
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund	Union of British Columbia Municipalities	Regional Heat Response Plan	\$120,000	Approved	Regional
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund	Union of British Columbia Municipalities	Sunshine Coast Disaster Risk Reduction- Coastal Flood Mapping	\$510,000	Approved	Regional
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund	Union of British Columbia Municipalities	Fire Department Equipment Modernization & Enhancements	\$120,000	Approved	A,B,D,E, ToG

Pending Grant Applications

Below is an updated summary of pending grant applications submitted or in progress for which no notification has been received to date:

Program Name	Administered By	Project	Funding Request	Submission Date	Area(s) Affected
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Sechelt Aquatic Centre Building Review and Energy Efficient Improvement	\$230,989	November 12, 2020	Regional
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Langdale WWTP Remediation Project	1,025,498	February 23, 2022	Area F
Canada Community Building Fund	Union of British Columbia Municipalities	Universal Water Metering-Phase 3	\$6,000,000	June 30, 2022	DoS
Natural Infrastructure Fund	Government of Canada	Cliff Gilker Park Trails & Bridges Recovery and Resiliency Project	152,644	September 28, 2022	Area D
Natural Infrastructure Fund	Government of Canada	Chaster Park Pedestrian Access Bridge Repair & Flood Resiliency Project	193,055	September 28, 2022	Area E
Natural Infrastructure Fund	Government of Canada	Katherine Lake Park & Campground Flood Recovery & Resiliency Project	\$30,327	September 28, 2022	Area A
Community Resiliency Investment Program	Union of British Columbia Municipalities	SCRD Wildfire Preparedness & Prevention	746,345	December 19, 2022	Regional
Canada Summer Jobs 2023	Employment and Social Development Canada	Various Temporary Positions	\$7,047	January 12, 2023	Regional
Infrastructure Planning Grant Program	BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing	Square Bay Waste Water Collection System Upgrade Planning Study	15,000	January 18, 2023	Area B

Grants Received and in Progress

The table below summarizes approved grant funding for project works and programs which are currently planned or in progress or which are substantially complete pending submission of a final grant claim and report:

Program Name	Administered By	Project	Approved Funding	Project Completion Deadline	Area(s) Affected
COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments	BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Allocated to various projects for 2021-2022	\$762,000	December 31, 2023	All
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund	Union of British Columbia Municipalities	Egmont Evacuation Plan	\$25,000	April 28, 2023	Area A
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund	Union of British Columbia Municipalities	Reception Centre Modernization	\$24,967	May 31, 2023	Regional
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund	Union of British Columbia Municipalities	SCEP-EOC Communication Modernization	\$25,000	July 31, 2023	Regional
Local Government Development Approvals Program Fund	Union of BC Municipalities	Planning Enhancement Project	\$253,000	August 15, 2023	A,B,D,E,F
BC Transit COVID-19 Safe Restart	BC Transit	Transit service (conventional and custom)	\$814,614	Est. December 31, 2023	B, D,E, F, ToG, DoS, SIGD
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Coopers Green Hall Replacement	\$2,013,641	December 31, 2025	Area B
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Woodcreek Park Wastewater Treatment Plant System Upgrade	\$769,000	December 31, 2026	Area E

Completed Grants

The table below is a summary of recently completed grants:

Program Name	Administered By	Project	Funding Received	Completion Date	Area(s) Affected
Community Resiliency Investment Program	Union of BC Municipalities	Sunshine Coast FireSmart Project	\$54,304*	November 30, 2022	Regional
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund	Union of BC Municipalities	Dam Breach Analysis-Chapman Lake, Edwards Lake, McNeil Lake, and Harris Lake	\$124,584	December 21, 2022	A, B, D, E, F, DOS

**The Final Grant Report has been submitted but funding has yet to be received*

Upcoming Opportunities

Staff continuously seek out and monitor grant funding opportunities that align with approved or future planned projects identified in long-term capital plans. Approximately 75 grant programs and funding streams are tracked on an ongoing basis.

At present, there are several open intakes under separate funding streams. Staff are currently reviewing opportunities that align with grant program guidelines and will bring forward a subsequent report to committee with recommended projects to proceed to the application stage.

There are currently three opportunities that SCRD staff are further investigating to determine if any planned projects are suitable. They are as follows:

- Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund- This program is a national, competitive and merit based contribution program to support infrastructure projects designed to mitigate current and future climate related risks and disasters triggered by natural hazards.
- Clean BC Electric Fleets Program- The SCRD was successful in utilizing this program to help fund charging infrastructure at the Field Road and Mason Road locations. The SCRD is looking to access more of the funds offered through this program for station installations and electrical system upgrades.
- Investment Readiness Program-This program invests in the development of targeted strategies and tools to support and strengthen community and regional economic diversification and investment attraction.

Given that the scope of these projects is yet to be determined, these opportunities have not been included in the 2023-2027 Financial Plan.

Financial Implications

Grants received and in progress have been incorporated into the 2023-2027 Financial Plan. Staff will bring forward a report detailing the financial implications if the SCRD is successful in receiving funding for any of the pending grant applications.

Timeline for next steps or estimated completion date

Staff are continuously monitoring for grant funding opportunities that align with the Board's Strategic Plan and departmental work plans and will bring forward further reports with details on any new application intakes and opportunities as program details are announced.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES

Reviewing grant opportunities for projects identified in the Strategic Plan or capital plans is consistent with the Financial Sustainability Policy and embodies the spirit of the Mission Statement "To provide leadership and quality services to our community through effective and responsive government."

CONCLUSION

The SCRD applies regularly for grants available to undertake projects in every department each year that align with the Financial Plan and/or the Board's Strategic Plan.

Details on recent application notifications, pending grant applications, grants received and in progress and completed grants are provided for information.

Staff are continuously monitoring for new funding opportunities and will report back on new application intakes and opportunities as program details are announced.

Reviewed by:			
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February 5, 2023

Hello Fellow Directors

WATER NOW SOLUTION – some additional information

I am responding to various comments made at our Committee of the Whole meeting on January 26, 2023. Since then, I have had many people reach out asking me how things went and expressing dismay when I tell them.

I accept I pushed fast and that's likely a part of the issue. It's because, in my view and the view of many, many others, this is an emergency. We simply cannot proceed into this summer without plans to increase our water supply on a temporary basis. I suggest we must plan for another long drought and do so now. You may have seen that last month / January, the rainfall was 25% less than the average. I fear that's a harbinger of things to come. We owe it to our citizens to have some solutions in place this summer.

It appears some of you may have voted based on misconceptions and perhaps a lack of background information. So, I ask that you review the below and seek clarification from me or any experts to get a better understanding of the science involved. From there, I hope you will reconsider your position in terms of moving forward, immediately.

Here goes:

1. I do not believe there are any other projects that can be implemented in time to provide additional supply this summer. In fact, most will require some years to implement. These are medium or long term solutions and certainly should be pursued with urgency – but first, we must decide on the vitally important short term, temporary solution.
2. Reference was made to the two 2019 reports (and the related consultant reports). See Appendix A for an extract of the November 2019 staff report. You'll note that Dusty Road was NOT excluded as a potential solution in these reports. Rather, it was rated lower than Church Road and Langdale because of the potential of impacts from industrial activities in the future and the possible risks of contaminants in the future. Unfortunately, what we have since learned is that the other options are not enough to provide an adequate supply, in time, to avoid water restrictions this year and likely for a few more years. This situation is what obliges us, I feel, to proceed with Dusty Road now, if only as a temporary solution for the next two years.
3. There were concerns about contamination as well as mention about the potential of "Heavy Metals" at the mine site / in their tailings ponds. This view was offered without any explanation of why the latter might even be present. You may want your own outside experts to provide their advice. I know that such are not permitted by the BC Government.

You may also be interested to read the following provided to me by one of my advisors that comes from a senior Provincial Ministry official:

The Lehigh Sechelt mine site has been operating for over 30 years and water from the Dusty Road well site sampled in 2018 was of excellent quality indicating no adverse impacts to the aquifer's water quality from industrial mining during that period.

The legislative provisions identified in my October 5, 2021, letter are protective of the Province's groundwater resources. No person, or corporate entity is exempt from these provisions unless specifically noted in the legislation. Lehigh has no such exemption, and there is no indication that their activities have impacted the aquifer they are working above.

4. Some of you challenged my choice to not identify the various people who have assisted me in developing these plans. While a bit insulting (I would not represented them as experts, if they weren't), I am happy to confirm that I have consulted with upwards of 20 people with various academic, professional and industry qualifications including academics (PhDs, Doctorates), Professional Hydrogeologists, project managers for major water projects, consultants who do this type of work for a living, professional well drillers, chemist, health and food inspectors and more. And, yes, a handful are passionate people who have spent an amazing amount of their own time accumulating information from authoritative sources. It is unfortunate – but not surprising – that many wish to remain anonymous. They are entitled to such, especially since it makes no difference to my recommendations.

I ask you to consider why challenging my sources is relevant when my recommendation is for us to get someone WE choose to produce the evidence that WE feel we need to make an informed decision, quickly?

5. Turning to the subject of Risks. I accept this has some risks – moving fast results in some risks. And any project involves risks – the Water Treatment Plant is how we address the risks of contamination from our existing system, for example. For Dusty Road, the same would be true – testing will ensure that the water is safe, especially for a short time / few years. Incidentally, did you know that 90%

But something we haven't talked about much are the risks to our community from us not doing anything. My belief is that these are much larger than you may realize and will impact us for many years to come. For example, in the face of a persistent water shortage, insurers could dramatically increase home insurance premiums (I understand they have elsewhere.) Such would impact every resident at a huge cost probably for many years. We have some control over this by ensuring we have enough water supply.

6. I hope you will be curious to learn more about how to proceed with approvals on an expedited basis. At the CoW meeting, it seemed you were quick to pass over this possibility. Why not do everything we can to expedite whatever the experts tell us is needed? And use the experts to guide us through the process – again, none of us, including SCRD staff, are experts especially in terms of emergency applications. But I for one will do whatever it takes to get support from regulators. (And if they refuse, they can explain to our citizens why we don't have water.)

I know my recommendation is out of the box and is therefore uncomfortable for some. But at the end of the day, it's about spending \$50,000 immediately to get confirmation that what I'm proposing can be done, safely.

We can (in fact, we should) also be pursuing other short term solutions including the following:

1. Demanding the Province agree to reduce the volume of water for the Emergency Flow Need (EFN) for much more of 2023 year (except when absolutely necessary during the year to protect the fish.) They did so in 2022 which confirms such is viable for this and perhaps future years. Let's get their support now for 2023.
2. Finding ways to supplement the EFN from other sources – with non-potable water sources (perhaps reclaimed water from the Sechelt Water Resource Centre or from the wells on Lehigh's mine site.)

These would have the effect of increasing supply significantly. And such can be done quite quickly – but only if all parties are willing to get to the table and agree on terms in the coming few weeks. (That's a concern since we don't have time for delays - hence, my strong preference is to continue with the Dusty Road Well, because we have control over ensuring it is done.)

In closing, I hope you will all agree to reconsider this matter. The community wants solutions and unless someone has another option up your sleeve to address this summer's needs, I am confident my approach is viable. We need to increase our water supply even if only on a temporary basis, we need additional resilience in our system and we need to deal with this now.

For those who wish, I am available any time to discuss any of this.

Thanks

John

Dusty Road site

The January 24, 2019 report stated that "the **anticipated** use of the land upstream of this site for future large scale quarry activities could, **in the long-term**, impact the water quality at this well site. The aquifer at this location is non-confined, which means it is not protected by an impermeable clay layer on top of the aquifer and is therefore **vulnerable** to contamination. Due to the lack of a confining clay layer in this area, any such contamination would impact the water quality to the extent that it would no longer be suitable as a drinking water supply."

Staff have since confirmed with staff from the shíshálh Nation and Lehigh Hanson. that the upslope District Lot 7613 is intended to be logged and subsequently quarried in **the upcoming decades**, pending the completion of the land transfer component of the Foundation Agreement. Even though the intent is to meet or exceed the environmental standards for quarrying, it is impossible to eliminate the risk that the water quality or quantity in this area **could be impacted by this future quarry activity** such that it would not be suitable any longer as a drinking water source.

The upslope location of both the Sechelt Landfill and District of Sechelt's sewage disposal site could be contributing risk factor to **long term water quality** that cannot be mitigated.

While **there are no regulatory limitations for the SCRD to apply for a water licence for a production well on this site**, staff are not recommending pursuit of a **production** well on this site.

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

TO: Infrastructure Services Committee - November 21, 2019

AUTHOR: Remko Rosenboom, General Manager, Infrastructure Services

SUBJECT: GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION PROJECT UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the report titled Groundwater Investigation Project Update be received;

AND THAT staff bring forward a budget proposal at the Round 2 2020 Budget meetings for a Groundwater Investigation Phase 3- Gray Creek project;

AND FURTHER THAT the SCRD no longer pursues the development of production wells at the Dusty Road and Mahan Road sites.

BACKGROUND

At its January 24, 2019 meeting the Infrastructure Services Committee received the report titled Groundwater Investigation Phase 2 Results. It subsequently adopted the following recommendations at its January 31, 2019 meeting.

015/19 **Recommendation No. 2** ***Groundwater Investigation Phase 2 Results***

THAT a 2019 Round 1 budget proposal with respect to the permitting phase for a well field in the Church Road area be brought forward;

AND THAT the Mahan Road site not be pursued at this time;

AND THAT a feasibility report with respect to the production well on the Gray Creek site be brought to Committee in Q4 2019;

AND THAT a feasibility report for the Dusty Road site be explored with staff resources;

AND FURTHER THAT staff share the Mahan Road data with the Town of Gibsons.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the four well sites investigated during Phase 2 of the groundwater investigation project.

DISCUSSION

Church Road site

At the December 2019 Planning and Community Development Committee meeting a report will be presented with an update on the development of a production well field at Church Road in Granthams Landing. The development of a productive well field at this site is indeed feasible. The update will include details on technical assessments, detailed design and cost estimates, as well as an update on permitting.

Mahan Road site

The Board placed all work by the SCRD on this site on hold. Staff shared all technical information it had gained from the drilling of the test well on this site with the Town of Gibsons. The Town of Gibsons has in the interim drilled a new production well in close proximity to this test well site (on Oceanmount Boulevard) and applied for a water licence to take this well into production, so it is unlikely that the SCRD could obtain a water licence for a production well at this location. Staff therefore recommends to not pursue a production well at this site at this time.

Dusty Road site

The January 24, 2019 report stated that “the anticipated use of the land upstream of this site for future large scale quarry activities could, in the long-term, impact the water quality at this well site. The aquifer at this location is non-confined, which means it is not protected by an impermeable clay layer on top of the aquifer and is therefore vulnerable to contamination. Due to the lack of a confining clay layer in this area, any such contamination would impact the water quality to the extent that it would no longer be suitable as a drinking water supply.”

Staff have since confirmed with staff from the shíshálh Nation and Lehigh Hanson, that the upslope District Lot 7613 is intended to be logged and subsequently quarried in the upcoming decades, pending the completion of the land transfer component of the Foundation Agreement. Even though the intent is to meet or exceed the environmental standards for quarrying, it is impossible to eliminate the risk that the water quality or quantity in this area could be impacted by this future quarry activity such that it would not be suitable any longer as a drinking water source.

The upslope location of both the Sechelt Landfill and District of Sechelt's sewage disposal site could be contributing risk factor to long term water quality that cannot be mitigated.

While there are no regulatory limitations for the SCRD to apply for a water licence for a production well on this site, staff are not recommending pursuit of a production well on this site.

Gray Creek site

Staff met with representatives for the Northern Divine Aquafarms Ltd. and confirmed their willingness to collaborate on the development of a production well for a community water supply on their property as long as it does not impact their water rights and operations. An agreement would need to be formalized between the SCRD and the land owner before any physical work on this site could commence.

Several potential sites have been discussed and a desktop analyses of geotechnical information and the drilling of one or more test wells is required to confirm potential sustainable yields. The cost of developing a production well depends on the yield and required upgrades to the distribution system (e.g. water mains).

Staff recommends bringing forward a budget proposal at the Round 2 2020 Budget meetings for a Groundwater Investigation Phase 3- Gray Creek project that would include:

- Development of an agreement between SCRD and the private landowner;
- Desktop study, test drilling and pump tests;
- Preliminary design and cost estimates

The results of this phase would be presented to the Board by Q4 2020. If the results are positive, the Board decides to proceed, and funding is secured for the 2021 budget then a water licence application could be made in 2021 along with final design for an estimated construction and commissioning in 2022 and 2023.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES

The Groundwater Investigation project support Strategy 2.1: Plan for and ensure year round water availability now and in the future.

Groundwater investigation is a supply expansion strategy identified in the Comprehensive Regional Water Plan.

CONCLUSION

Based on developments at the four potential groundwater sites investigated since Phase 2 of the Groundwater Investigation project, it can be concluded that the development of a production well to support the community water supply is realistic on the Church Road site and most likely also at the Gray Creek site. A report summarizing work done to date on the Church Road well field will be presented at the December 2019 Planning and Community Development Committee. A Round 2 2020 Budget Proposal is proposed for Groundwater Investigation Phase 3 – Gray Creek Site.

Staff recommends not pursuing the development of a production well at the Dusty Road and Mahan Road sites.

Reviewed by:			
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GM		Legislative	
Interim CAO	X – M. Brown	Other	

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

TO: Infrastructure Committee Meeting - January 24, 2019

AUTHOR: Remko Rosenboom – General Manager, Infrastructure Services

SUBJECT: GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION PHASE 2 RESULTS

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the report titled Groundwater Investigation Phase 2 Results be received;

AND THAT a 2019 Round 1 budget proposal with respect to the permitting phase for a well field in the Church Road area be brought forward;

AND THAT the Dusty Road site not be pursued at this time;

AND FURTHER THAT a feasibility report with respect to a production well on the Gray Creek site and Mahan Road site be brought to Committee in Q4 2019.

BACKGROUND

The following resolution was adopted at the regular Board meeting of April 26, 2018:

Infrastructure **It was moved and seconded**

138/18 **Recommendation No. 1** *Phase 2 Test Drilling of the Groundwater Investigation*

THAT the report titled Phase 2 Test Drilling of the Groundwater Investigation be received;

AND THAT the SCRD proceed with Phase 2 of the Groundwater Investigation and that staff bring forward future reports with the results and analysis;

AND THAT the SCRD exchange information with local governments, First Nations and other potentially affected parties on Phase 2 Test Drilling of the Groundwater Investigation;

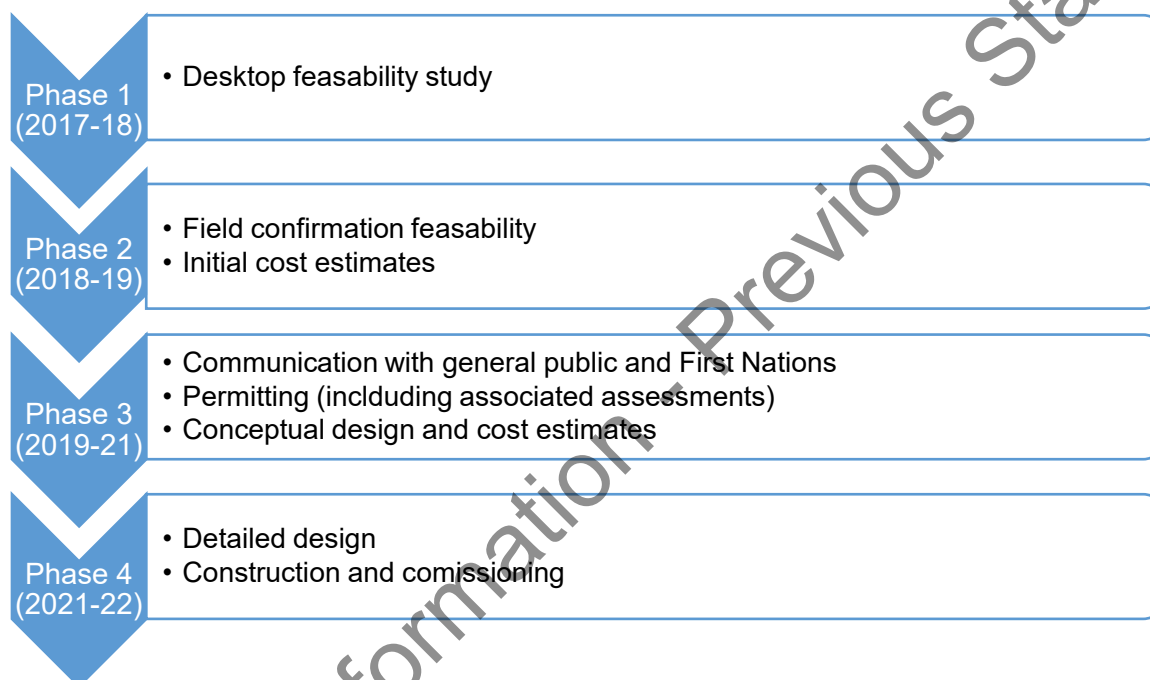
AND THAT the SCRD collaborate on a framework with the Town of Gibsons and the Skwxwú7mesh Nation to establish a Groundwater Management Zone and plan related to the Gibsons Aquifer and that staff bring forward a future report;

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AND FURTHER THAT the SCRD establish a working group with infrastructure staff from local governments, *shíshálh* Nation and Sk̓wxwú7mesh Nation to share information and opportunities for cooperation on groundwater management.

CARRIED

The Comprehensive Regional Water Plan as approved in June 2013 identified several projects to increase the water supply for the Chapman Creek water supply system. One of those projects is the Groundwater Investigation project which explores the potential development of production wells as an additional water supply source. The table below presents an overview of the phases of this project.



Phase 1 of this project was concluded in the spring 2018 and included a desktop feasibility study of sites to develop production wells. This report includes the results of Phase 2 of the Groundwater Investigation project (Attachment A). During this project a small diameter test well was drilled on each of the four sites selected during Phase 1. Subsequently, test pumps were temporarily installed to test productivity of the well, potential for impacts to other well owners and the environment, and to test water quality.

Phase 3 and 4 of the development of a future production well would include the following:

- Application for a Water Licence under the *Water Sustainability Act* (including completion of any mandatory assessments);
- Communication with the public, local governments, *shíshálh* Nation and/or Sk̓wxwú7mesh Nation;
- Preparation of detailed design and cost estimate;
- Tendering process for a construction contractor;
- Drilling of large diameter production well;
- Construction of auxiliary infrastructure (water mains, pumps, back-up generator, treatment and utility building);
- Commissioning (including approval from Vancouver Coastal Health Authority).

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In May 2018 the Board approved the Water Sourcing Policy – Framework and updated the policy objective for the water supply of the Chapman Creek System:

The SCRD intends to supply sufficient water at Stage 2 levels throughout the year to communities dependent on water from the Chapman Creek System.

Emergency circumstances could result in increased Stage levels.

If, due to emergency circumstances, the water supply for Chapman Creek is completely unavailable, the SCRD strives to have adequate alternative water supply sources available to address all essential community water demands for at least one week.

At the December 13, 2018 Planning and Community Development Committee meeting, the report titled 2018 Water Demand Analysis was received. This report presented an outlook of the annual shortfall in the amount of water to satisfy the water supply objective as outlined in the Water Sourcing Policy Framework. This shortfall is called the Water Supply Deficit.

The table presented below is taken from that report and presents the Water Supply Deficit (in Million cubic metres) for three levels of effectiveness of water conservation initiatives and a 2% average annual population growth within the area supplied by the Chapman Creek System.

Effectiveness of water conservation initiatives (per capita, compared to 2010)	Water supply deficit (Million m³)		
	2025	2035	2050
Service Area Population	26,000	32,000	43,000
10% reduction	2.01	2.83	4.35
20% reduction	1.65	2.39	3.76
33% reduction	1.22	1.82	2.98

Groundwater resources are generally considered to be less susceptible to impacts of climate change and in particular the impacts of drier summers. The development of additional groundwater water supply sources would also increase the overall resilience of the Chapman Creek water supply system.

The purpose of this report is to present the outcome of the Groundwater Investigation Phase 2, as directed by the Board (138/18):

AND THAT the SCRD proceed with Phase 2 of the Groundwater Investigation and that staff bring forward future reports with the results and analysis;

The other directives of recommendation 138/18 will be the subject of future reports.

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DISCUSSION

The table below summarizes the key results of the Groundwater Investigation Phase 2 for each test well site.

	Gray Creek	Dusty Road	Mahan Road	Church Road
Potential productivity well (litres per second)	N/A	64	36	26
Water Quality (poor, moderate, good)	N/A	Good	Good	Good
Risk of contamination or reduced yield (low, moderate, high)	N/A	High	Low	Low
Risk for impacts to other wells (low, moderate, high)	N/A	Low	Low	Low
Risk for environmental impacts (low, moderate, high)	N/A	Low	Low	Low
Ranking Development Costs (3=lowest, 1=highest)	N/A	3	2	1
Ranking Operational Costs (3=lowest, 1=highest)	N/A	3	2	1

Gray Creek

The drilling of a test well at the Gray Creek site was not successful in tapping into an aquifer. The location of the test well selected was the closest location on public land to where the aquifer was anticipated to be. The unsuccessful test drilling confirmed that the only option for a production well is on private property.

Given the potential of a highly productive production well at this site, staff recommend that further information (feasibility and costs) for the development of a production well report be brought back to Committee by Q4 2019.

Dusty Road

The test well drilling, subsequent pump test and analysis confirmed that this site is very suitable to develop a production well with a very high yield.

During Phase 1 of the Groundwater Investigation project, it was determined that the location of the Sechelt Landfill would not pose a risk to the water quality of a production well at this location. However, the anticipated use of the land upstream of this site for future large scale quarry activities could, in the long-term, impact the water quality at this well site. The aquifer at this location is non-confined, which means it is not protected by an impermeable clay layer on top of

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the aquifer and is therefore vulnerable to contamination. Due to the lack of a confining clay layer in this area, any such contamination would impact the water quality to the extent that it would no longer be suitable as a drinking water supply.

Staff recommend that this site not be pursued at this time.

Mahan Road

The test well drilling, subsequent pump test and analysis confirmed that this site is very suitable to develop a production well with a high yield.

In 2018, the Town of Gibsons expressed concerns that a production well at this site may impact their water supply. The study confirmed that it is unlikely that a production well at this site would impact the Town's water supply. Staff discussed the test results for this well site with the Director of Infrastructure Services for the Town of Gibsons during a meeting on January 15, 2019.

Currently, the province of British Columbia is updating the mapping of all the aquifers on the Sunshine Coast. This information is expected to be published in Q3 2019.

Staff recommend the SCRD await the development of a Groundwater Protection Plan framework (as per recommendation 138/18) and the publication of updated provincial aquifer maps, prior to advancing the development of a production well at this location.

A report with an update on the feasibility of the development of a production well at the Mahan site will be brought to Committee in Q4 2019.

Church Road

The test well drilling, subsequent pump test and analysis confirmed that this site is very suitable to develop a production well with a high yield.

A single production well at this location is expected to produce a minimum of 26 litres per second. This volume would be sufficient to meet the demand of the area currently served by the Grantham's well and contribute to the SCRD Zone 3 within the Chapman Creek System.

It is common for an aquifer to sustain several production wells in close proximity to each other and operate as one combined water supply source. A combination of wells is called a well field. Well fields require only one water licence for all wells included in the well field. Local governments develop well fields to divert water from aquifers more economically than is possible with one oversized well.

Based on the results of the test well, there is potential to develop a well field consisting of at least two wells in the Church Road area: one well at the test well location (Church Road) and one at the site of the current Granthams reservoir, at the corner of Fisher Road and Reed Road. Both sites are SCRD-owned properties. This well field is expected to produce at least 51 litres per second.

The productivity of a well or well field can only be confirmed after drilling the actual production wells and is likely higher than what is currently being estimated.

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The table below presents the costs for the development and operation of an individual well and a well field consisting of two wells.

	Single Well	Well field
Development costs	\$2,400,00	\$3,100,00
Operational costs (per year)	\$42,000	\$79,000

It is estimated that the development of a single well or a well field and all associated infrastructure could be completed by 2022.

With the development of a well field, staff recommend an analysis of tie-in options to the current distribution network be completed. This would allow for the assessment of options to also have the Elphinstone area and a large portion of Roberts Creek be served by the well field. This analysis was outside the scope of this project.

The Water Sourcing Policy – Framework specifies objectives for water supply during drought and emergency situations. A single well or a well field at Church Road would support both objectives. The expected reduction in the Water Supply Deficit during drought situations with the development of a single well and a well field are summarized in the table below (Attachment B).

	2025	2035
Water Supply Deficit (m³)	1,650,000	2,390,000
Single well	25%	17%
Well field	50%	35%

The development of a well field in the Church Road area is more cost effective than the development of a single well. A well field would result in a significant contribution towards the SCRD meeting the objectives of the Water Sourcing Policy – Framework. Staff, therefore, recommend to proceed with Phase 3 of the development of a well field at the Church Road site in 2019 and 2020.

Staff recommend Phase 3 to include:

- Application for a Water Licence under the *Water Sustainability Act* (including completion of any associate assessments);
- Communication with the public, local governments, *shíshálh* Nation and/or Skwxwú7mesh Nation;
- Assessment of tie-in options to current infrastructure;
- Preliminary design and costs estimates;
- Confirmation of funding options.

A subsequent Phase 4 (2021-2022) would include:

- Drilling of large diameter production wells and confirmation of actual yields
- Preparation of detailed design and cost estimate;
- Tendering process for a construction contractor;
- Construction of auxiliary infrastructure (water mains, pumps, back-up generator, treatment and utility building);
- Commissioning (including approval from Vancouver Coastal Health Authority).

Note: costs associated with these activities are included in the \$3.1 million development costs estimate.

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The development of a well field could facilitate the decommissioning of the Grantham's well, which is currently not meeting all requirements of the 2016 *Groundwater Protection Regulation* and would require upgrades for continued use.

Organizational and Intergovernmental Implications

Development of one or more production wells at the Church Road site would not impact the interests of the Town of Gibsons or other community members.

The requirement for any additional staffing time or resources to operate and maintain a new well or well field and associated infrastructure can only be quantified once the detailed design of the infrastructure is complete. This information will be brought forward in 2020.

Communication Strategy

Information on this project will be shared broadly through paid advertising, corporate newsletters, social media and the SCRD website. Additional information will be provided to properties within the Church Road area.

Staff will reach out to the *shíshálh* Nation and Skwxwú7mesh Nation to share the general findings of Phase 1 and 2 of this project. The plans for the development of a well field in the Church Road area, if approved, will be discussed separately with the Skwxwú7mesh Nation.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES

The Groundwater Investigation Project is intended to supplement the existing water supply and ensure the SCRD can continue to meet its mission of providing quality services to our community through effective and responsive government.

CONCLUSION

The Groundwater Investigation Phase 2 project concluded that:

- Additional efforts are required to confirm the feasibility of the development of production wells at the Gray Creek area and the Mahan Road area in 2019;
- The development of a production well at the Dusty Road site not be pursued at this time due to an increased risk of contamination of the aquifer;
- The development of a production well at the Mahan site should be held in abeyance until there is more shared understanding between the SCRD and the Town of Gibsons around the mapping of aquifers and the protection of the aquifers in the area;
- The development of a production well or well field at the Church Road site is feasible. The water supply situation for the Chapman Creek System would be significantly improved by the development of a well field. A budget proposal for Phase 3 of the development of a well field at this site is recommended to be brought forward to Round 1 budget deliberations.

Attachment A: Groundwater Investigation Report (Consultant Report)

Attachment B: Reduction in Water Supply Deficit by well development Church Road

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REPORT

Sunshine Coast Regional District

Groundwater Investigation Phase 2 Project:
Final Report and Preliminary Design of
Production Wells at Dusty Rd, Mahan Rd, and
Church Rd Well Sites



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1 Introduction

1.1 BACKGROUND

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) operates seven water systems, the largest of which is the Chapman Water System. Supplying approximately 23,000 persons, the Chapman Water System extends from Secret Cove in Electoral Area B to the inland section of Electoral Area F. The Chapman Water System is supplied mainly from the Chapman Creek watershed, with Gray Creek watershed and Chaster Well providing secondary sources. Typically, the Gray Creek watershed and Chaster Well are used to supplement supply from Chapman Creek only during dry summer months, in which water usage is at its peak. Small water systems Langdale, Soames Point, and Granthams Landing, are also owned and operated by the SCRCD and provide water to the Langdale and Gibsons areas. These small water systems are supplied by wells and are close to the Chapman Water System. Within the Chapman Creek watershed, limited storage is provided by two small lakes (Chapman Lake and Edwards Lake), that are the primary source of the drinking water supply for the SCRCD water service area.

The Comprehensive Regional Water Plan completed in 2013 recommended that the SCRCD undertake a groundwater investigation to determine the feasibility of supplying groundwater to meet long-term water source requirements. As a result of recommendations from the Comprehensive Regional Water Plan, coupled with recent drought conditions across many areas of southern BC (i.e., summer 2015 and summer 2018), the SCRCD is actively investigating the feasibility of supplementing the Chapman Water System with a reliable source of groundwater. A Water Demand Analysis study has been completed by Integrated Sustainability (Integrated Sustainability, 2018) to model projected future water demands to the year 2050. Based on an annual population growth of 2%, a supply deficit of 5,114 ML is estimated for 2050 assuming there is zero reduction in water demand compared to the 2010 demand. This is equal to 322 L/s (5,099 USgpm) over the 184 day drought period that the calculations are based on. If there was a high reduction in water demand (a 33% reduction from the 2010 demand) there would be a supply deficit of 2,988 ML (equivalent to 188 L/s or 2,979 USgpm for 184 days). If groundwater supply was to make up all of the difference, three to five 400 mm (16 inch) diameter wells, each capable of providing flows of about 63 L/s (1000 USgpm) would be required, depending on the size of the supply deficit.

Building upon the Comprehensive Regional Water Plan, the SCRCD commissioned the Phase 1 Groundwater Investigation, identifying well sites that could sustain a minimum of at least 545 m³/day (100 USgpm), among other criteria (Waterline 2017). The investigation report concluded that four sites were suitable for further exploration: Mahan Road, Soames Point, Dusty Road, and Grey Creek.

SCRCD issued a request for proposal for a consultant to complete the Groundwater Investigation Phase 2 project, and Associated was retained as the most qualified consultant to complete the project.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

The ultimate objective of the groundwater investigation project is to reduce the dependency on water from Chapman and Edwards Lakes during the dry summer months by supplementing flow from groundwater

supply wells. Building upon the Phase 1 investigation, the objective of Phase 2 was to drill exploratory wells at each selected site and assess their suitability for municipal supply, and determine the next steps to incorporate the wells into the SCRD water system.

1.3 SCOPE OF WORK

As part of the RFP process, Associated developed a scope of work and services to satisfy the objectives of the investigation. Table 1-1 summarises the approach, broken down into nine work tasks.

Table 1-1
Scope of work

Task	Details
1	Project start-up meeting, review background information, confirm well site locations, and borehole and drilling specifications.
2	Drill and install four test wells ¹ .
3	Undertake aquifer testing on the wells to determine aquifer characteristics and calculate sustainable yields.
4	Assess potential environmental concerns and impacts on other users.
5	Prepare an Interim report and complete preliminary design of production wells.
6	Evaluate the well sites. Facilitate a workshop to assess the well sites against multiple criteria to select which well sites to move forward with
7	Assess infrastructure and operational requirements for selected sites.
8	Final report.
9	Presentation of Final report to the Board of Directors.

Notes:

1. During drilling of the Gray Creek site, it became apparent that the aquifer characteristics at this location were not conducive for the development of a groundwater source due to thinner than anticipated sand and gravel deposits and an unsuitable well yield (<50 USgpm). Consequently, this well site is not considered further in this report, except where drilling and construction details are provided in Section 4.

This report provides a summary of the work completed to meet the objectives of the Phase 2 investigation and provides recommendations for the next steps in developing a new groundwater source.

2 Physical and Hydrologic Setting

2.1 PHYSICAL SETTING

The location of the four well sites – Gray Creek, Dusty Road, Mahan Road and Church Road (formerly known as Elphinstone Avenue) are shown on Figure 2-1. The well sites are located near the coast, close to the urbanised areas of the District of Sechelt and the Town of Gibsons, and are situated relatively close to existing SCRD water mains infrastructure.



The topography is dominated by the Coast Mountains with Mount Elphinstone located to the north of Gibsons and Mount Crucial to the north-east of Sechelt. The topography falls steeply towards the coast from mountain highs of 1260m, the gradient becoming shallower on the lower slopes of the mountains where glacial material was deposited (see Section 3).

The mountain sides are typically forested with numerous creeks providing drainage to the coast. Closer to the coast, where the ground topography shallows, residential, commercial and industrial development is present.

2.2 CLIMATE

The region experiences a temperate coastal climate; climate normals data are available for 1981-2010 from the Gibsons climate station (Climate ID 1043150), located at 49° 23' N and 123° 30' W, at an elevation of 62 masl (Environment Canada 2018). The majority of the precipitation falls in winter as rain. Table 2-1 summarizes the climate data.

Table 2-1
Climate Normal Data (1981-2010) at Gibsons Climate Station

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Daily Average (°C)	4.4	5.2	7.2	9.8	13.0	15.7	18.0	18.2	15.1	10.6	6.4	4.0	10.6
Rainfall (mm)	174.4	103.6	122.2	104.2	91.3	66.8	41.1	48.8	60.5	152.0	211.0	166.6	1342.4
Snowfall (cm)	9.1	6.2	3.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.9	7.7	28.4
Precipitation (mm)	183.4	109.8	125.4	104.3	91.3	66.8	41.1	48.8	60.5	152.3	212.9	174.3	1370.8

Note: Precipitation data includes rainfall and snowfall data.

2.3 HYDROLOGY

As detailed above, numerous creeks drain the mountain range flowing down to the coast. Additional details for the creeks located closest to the three completed wells is provided below. The location of these are shown on Figure 2-1.

2.3.1 Irgens Creek (Dusty Road Well)

The headwater of Irgens Creek is shown to rise approximately 2.5 km to the east of Porpoise Bay, in forested land just to the north of Sechelt Landfill at an elevation of approximately 230 masl. From here the creek flows in a westerly direction through a forested area towards Porpoise Bay where it eventually discharges.

No flow data could be found for this creek, however, personal correspondence with Dave Bates (Senior Biologist with FSCI Biological Consultants) suggests that the creek tends to dry out during the drier months but maintains a series of pools capable of supporting fish).

2.3.2 Charman Creek (Mahan Road Well)

Charman Creek, also known as Charmin Creek, is approximately 2 km in length which originates from a pipe discharging runoff south of the intersection of Park Road and Gibsons Way (AECOM, 2010), at an elevation of approximately 130 masl. The creek flows in a southerly direction through a series of man-made retention ponds in White Tower Park designed to help manage flooding. The creek continues southwards across relatively flat ground before becoming an incised valley. The main creek is joined by two small tributaries along the first half of its reach. After approximately 1 km, the creek gradually changes direction, eventually flowing in an easterly direction. It emerges from a woodland area into the urbanised Lower Town of Gibsons where it flows through a variety of natural, channelized and culverted sections before ultimately discharging at Gibsons Marina.

No long-term flow monitoring data could be found for this creek, however, the creek is known to experience extremely low flows in the summer (UBC Urban Studio, 2000) and is also known to dry (DFO, 1991). Flow in the creek is believed to be supported by storm water drainage and baseflow from shallow groundwater in its upper and middle reaches where the creek flows through Capilano sediments (see Section 3). AECOM (2000) used a short period of available flow data to model monthly base flows throughout the year. Their model results suggested creek baseflows of 40 L/s through the winter months, reducing to 1 L/s through August, September and October.

2.3.3 Soames Creek (Church Road Well – formerly known as Elphinstone Avenue Well)

Soames Creek is a short watercourse, its headwaters located at an elevation of approximately 140 masl, one km to the northwest of Granthams Landing. It flows in a south-easterly direction towards the coast, discharging into the sea at Granthams Landing. The creek flows through woodland and has cut a steeply incised ravine through the underlying geology. No flow data could be found for this creek.

2.4 SIGNIFICANT AQUATIC VALUES

Information on fish and other aquatic life for the creeks is desk-based only and has been collected from a variety of sources:

- Personal communication with Dave Bates, FSCI Biological Consultants (November 2018).
- Official Community Plan, District of Sechelt Bylaw 492, 2010 (adopted July 2011).
- Fish Habitat and Inventory & Information Program. Department of Fisheries and Oceans, 1991.
- Fresh Eyes on Gibsons. Community Analysis. UBC Urban Studio, 2000.
- Town of Gibsons Integrated Stormwater Management Plan. AECOM, 2010.

Based on information provided by the sources above, Table 2-2 provides details of the fish that are known to be present or have been present in the past in the three creeks located closest to the well sites.

Table 2-2
Creek fish species

Task	Known fish species, present or observed and other comments
Irgens Creek (Dusty Road Well)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutthroat trout throughout. Survive in pools during the summer periods when most of the creek dries out. • Coho and chum salmon in the lower reach below Sechelt Inlet Road, close to Porpoise Bay 'in a good year' (Dave Bates, 2018).
Charman Creek (Mahan Road Well)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutthroat trout reported in the upper reaches. • Coho and chum salmon and cutthroat trout in the lower reaches. • Conditions in the urbanised area of Gibsons vary greatly over very short distances from natural to manmade channels and culverts. Fish habitat values in the upper reaches are very low due to scarcity of pool, lack of cover and low water flows during the summer.
Soames Creek (Church Road Well)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coho salmon that were introduced into Gibsons Harbour by local enhancement groups. • Only Cutthroat trout reported to be present in the upper reaches.

Detailed, up-to-date information on fish and the sensitivity of the creek habitats would require a habitat biological assessment to be undertaken on each creek, with site visits completed at various times of the year and at various creek flows. Such a study was not included as part of the scope of works for this investigation. However, should any of the well sites be taken forward for development to a production well, a habitat assessment may be required as part of the technical assessment (required for licensing purposes) to ensure that the aquatic ecology will not be detrimentally impacted by groundwater abstraction. If it is considered that there will be an impact, mitigation measures may need to be implemented, which will add additional costs to the overall well development proposal. This scenario is particularly likely if the creek is hydraulically connected to the aquifer that groundwater is being abstracted from. Section 6 provides an assessment of the hydraulic connection between groundwater and the creeks near each well site.

3 Hydrogeological Setting

3.1 GEOLOGY

Geological information is provided in the Phase 1 Groundwater Investigation report (Waterline 2017), therefore, only a summary of regional geology is provided below.

3.1.1 Unconsolidated superficial deposits

Quaternary deposits up to 300 m thick were deposited in the area during several glacial and intervening interglacial period during the last 50,000 years. During this time the repeated advance and retreat of the glaciers resulted in sea level changes of up to 200 m changing the depositional environment.

The deposits found along the Sunshine Coast can be split into three main units, from oldest to youngest: Pre-Vashon outwash deposits associated with advancing ice sheets, consisting of silts, sands and some gravels. These are overlain by Vashon Till deposits when glaciers extended over the area and consist of a very dense low permeability silty sandy till with occasional lenses of sand and gravel. Finally, Capilano sediments which consist of a mixture of glacio-fluvial, glacio-marine and marine sediments deposited as the glaciers retreated following climate warming, predominantly comprised of sands and gravels, however at the base of the Capilano sediments, clay deposits are found. Modern day deposits formed by the reworking of the older sediments are known as the Salish Sediments.

3.1.2 Bedrock geology

Underlying the unconsolidated superficial deposits, granodiorite - a coarse grained intrusive igneous rock - is found across most of the study area (Cui et al, 2015). To the north of the Town of Gibsons and mapped below the Church Road Well, metamorphic sedimentary and meta-volcanic rocks are found (Waterline, 2017).

3.2 AQUIFERS

During this phase of the groundwater investigation, the Capilano sand and gravel sediments and the Pre-Vashon silts and sands were the target aquifers for the drilling phase.

The Capilano sediments are typically unconfined with no low permeability overlying strata present. Recharge to this 'upper' aquifer is predominantly via direct infiltration into the ground from rainfall and snow melt and from leakage through the bed of creeks ("losing" streams) that flow over these sediments. The base of this aquifer sits upon the Vashon Till.

The Pre-Vashon sediments in the region are typically covered by the low permeability Vashon Till (an aquitard). This low permeability layer provides an element of protection to the aquifer from contamination, however it also restricts infiltration of water from above. The majority of recharge to this 'lower' aquifer is therefore likely occurring at the base of the mountains where the confining till layer is not present (Waterline, 2013). Recharge is also possible at other locations closer to the well sites, including stratigraphic windows (i.e., where the confining layer is absent or thin), "losing" streams, and, to a lesser extent (orders of magnitude less), from confining layers "leaking" water to the aquifer.

4 Drilling

4.1 METHODS

4.1.1 Well Construction

Drillwell Enterprises Ltd (Drillwell), operated by Qualified Well Drillers Scott Burrows [WD 04121407] and Shawn Slade [WD 15052001] was contracted by Associated to drill and install groundwater wells at the four

pre-determined sites: Gray Creek, Dusty Road, Mahan Road and Church Road. Drilling commenced at the Gray Creek site on 18 September 2018. Drillwell used a truck mounted Foremost DR24 dual rotary rig to advance steel casing through the unconsolidated overburden. A carbide studded casing shoe was welded to the bottom of the casing string and a drill string with hammer bit ran through the centre of the casing to aid drilling and removal of the materials encountered. The rig uses drill rods that are 20 ft in length together with 6-inch casing, also 20 ft in length. As the well advances, new sections of casing are welded onto the casing in the ground. Compressed air was used to remove the cuttings, with clean water added from the surface as necessary to help cuttings removal whilst the well was still being drilled within unsaturated material. Associated's environmental scientist and hydrogeologist Steve Colebrook, B.Sc., and Tony Friesen, GIT, were on site to supervise the drilling, collect samples, record lithology, and design well construction. Marta Green, P.Geo., oversaw the field program.

Prior to advancing the 6-inch production casing, 10-inch casing was advanced to a depth of at least 5 m (16.5 ft). The 6-inch casing was then lowered into the hole and bentonite chips poured into the annulus between the 6 and 10-inch casing. The 10-inch casing was then removed to leave a 2-inch sanitary seal between the 6-inch casing and the ground material to meet the requirements of the Ground Water Protection Regulations¹ (GWPR) for water wells.

Drilling with production casing (6 inch) was advanced until the base of the aquifer was identified, or the aquifer material became less productive. Samples were collected at 10 ft intervals in unsaturated material and at 5 ft or less intervals within the aquifer. During drilling, and once the well was within water bearing strata, airlifting was used to estimate potential flow rates at various depths. Associated's field hydrogeologist determined the depth at which drilling should cease and whether it should be backfilled to a higher level prior to screen being installed.

Following the end of drilling, Associated's field hydrogeologist conducted dry sieve analysis of the material recovered to surface to determine the screen slot size to be installed in each well. Johnson Screens 6-inch 60-wire telescopic stainless-steel screens (4 ft lengths) with end cap at base and k-packer above, were installed in each well, with screen slot size based on the results of sieve analysis. A screen length with a theoretical screen transmitting capacity of at least 300 USgpm was designed for each well (except at Church Road where the geology present and technical issues during screen installation restricted the theoretical transmitting capacity to 220 USgpm). The 300 USgpm transmitting capacity was chosen to meet the maximum pumping rate that could be expected from a 6-inch diameter well.

Following installation of the screens, the wells were developed by mechanical bailing of material from within the screen section and airlifting and surging above the screen. Development continued in each well until virtually no sediment was being removed from the well during airlifting and the water ran clear; well development time varied from 7 hours to over 10 hours. The wells were completed with casing stick-ups to meet the GWPR and included a vermin and tamper proof well cap, and a well identifier number.

¹ Groundwater Protection Regulation. 2016. *Water Sustainability Act*.
http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/39_2016

A memo was sent to the drilling contractor. The memo sets out the drilling requirements, procedures for sampling and well development, and lines of communication throughout. It also provided details of best practice and procedures to protect the environment and other receptors during drilling. Maps provided to the driller are provided in Appendix A. Well logs can be found in Appendix B.

Full details of the final construction of each well can be found in Table 4-1 in Section 4.2.

4.2 RESULTS

Final well construction details are provided in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1
Well construction details

Well Name	Gray Creek	Dusty Road	Mahan Road	Church Road
Well ID Plate No.	54942	54929	54943	54928
Date constructed	19/Sep/20018	23/Sep/2018	01/Oct/2018	05/Oct/2018
Approximate ground elevation ¹ (ft asl)	85.3 (26 masl)	121.4 (37 masl)	351 (107 masl)	128 (39 masl)
Drilled Depth (ft bgl)	136 (41.5 m)	280 (85.3 m)	435 (132.6 m)	190 (57.9 m)
Completed Depth (ft bgl)	n/a	274 (83.5 m)	390 (118.9 m)	144 (43.9 m)
Casing diameter (in.)	6	6	6	6
Static water level (ft bgl)	18 (4.0 m)	101.5 (30.9 m)	274 (83.5 m)	47 (14.3 m)
Casing stick-up (ft)	n/a	2.8 (0.85 m)	2.0 (0.61 m)	2.0 (0.61 m)
Base of screen (ft bgl)	n/a	273.8 (83.5 m)	389.8 (118.8 m)	143.8 (43.8 m)
Top of screen (ft bgl)	n/a	261 (79.6 m)	377 (114.9 m)	137.5 (41.9 m)
Top of K-packer (ft bgl)	n/a	258.8 (78.9 m)	374.8 (114.2m)	133.25 (40.6 m)
Screen design (from base upwards)	n/a	1 x 80 slot; 1 x 100 slot; 1 x 80 slot (12' of screen)	1 x 50 slot; 2 x 40 slot 12' of screen)	2 x 100 slot (8' of screen but only 6' exposed)
Theoretical screen transmitting capacity (USgpm)	n/a	430	330	220
Drillers estimated yield (USgpm)	35-50 (2.2-3.2 L/s)	100+ (6.3+ L/s)	100+ (6.3+ L/s)	100+ (6.3+ L/s)

Well Name	Gray Creek	Dusty Road	Mahan Road	Church Road
Aquifer Type	Unconfined sand and gravel	Unconfined sand and gravel	Unconfined sand and gravel (with low permeability layer above)	Confined sand and gravel
Depth to top of a confining unit (ft bgl)	n/a	n/a	6 (1.8 m) ²	54 (16.5 m)
Depth to base of confining unit (ft bgl)	n/a	n/a	67 (20.4 m) ²	69 (21.0 m)
Additional comments	No screen was installed as the superficial deposits are thinner than originally anticipated. Well casing remains in ground with wellhead completed within a manhole chamber.		During well development, air lifted flow of c.50 USgpm recorded but drillers think yield restricted by well depth and static W/L depth causing back pressure when airlifting. Drillers expect considerably higher yield with submersible pump.	Only 6' of screen exposed by casing due to need to protect screen from pulling in overlying fine material.

Notes:

¹ Approximate ground elevation based on topographic contour maps

² This is a low permeability unit above a deep unconfined aquifer

A decision was made not to install well screen in the Gray Creek Well due to the limited aquifer depth and lower aquifer yields encountered during drilling. This well is sited in a road layby so it was decided, for safety reasons, to cut the casing off just below ground level, install a vermin and tamper proof well cap and construct a manhole chamber around the casing stick-up with a vehicle weight-bearing manhole cover. The manhole chamber was designed by a Qualified Professional from Associated (Marta Green, P.Geo.) and includes casing stick up in the chamber, drainage to prevent flooding within the chamber, and the ground surface around the manhole sloped away from the cover to prevent surface water run-off entering the chamber.

Whilst this well location was deemed unsuccessful for the requirements of this exploratory phase of drilling due to the limited aquifer depth and lower yields, a wellfield located in the fish farm property (Northern Divine) immediately to the west of the Gray Creek Well provide flow rates in excess of 100's of USgpm. Personal communication with Bryan Marshall (General Manager of Northern Divine Aquafarms Ltd.) indicated that the fish farm is willing to discuss with the SCRD the potential of developing a new water supply well(s) located within their property where the aquifer is thicker.

5 Pumping Tests

5.1 METHODS

Following completion of well drilling, aquifer pumping tests were undertaken at the three completed wells: Dusty Road, Mahan Road and Church Road, to help determine aquifer characteristics and indicate a sustainable long term pumping rate. Monashee Aquifer Testing was contracted by Associated to supply, install, and operate the pump for the aquifer tests.

The tests commenced at Dusty Road on 26 October 2018 and were completed at Church Road on 02 November 2018. Associated's field hydrogeologist was on site to oversee the testing, which included variable rate (step) tests, constant rate tests, and recovery. At each well, groundwater was allowed to recover to a minimum of 95% of its static water level prior to further pumping commencing from that well.

At each well location the well water discharge line was directed downgradient of the well. At Dusty Road the discharge point was located approximately 150 m from the well to avoid recirculation of the pumped water in this unconfined aquifer, as the ground surface is comprised of permeable sands and gravels. The discharge points at Mahan Road and Elphinstone Avenue were located closer to the wells as these two wells are screened within aquifers that are protected from infiltration by low permeability confining units. At all three locations the discharge water was not allowed to discharge directly to surface water and measures were put in place to reduce sedimentation and erosion at the point of discharge.

Flow rates were measured using an inline flow meter. Groundwater levels in the test wells were measured with an electronic water level sounding tape at the frequency specified by the BC Ministry of Environment² and HOBO™ pressure transducer dataloggers installed within sounding tubes. Nearby observation monitoring wells had previously been identified and, following agreement from the owners, these wells were monitored as part of the pumping tests using either an electronic water level sounding tape, acoustic sounder and, where feasible, HOBO™ pressure transducer dataloggers.

During the pumping tests, water quality field parameters (pH, temperature, conductivity, total dissolved solids) were monitored to observe for changes in chemistry. Given the relatively close location of all three wells to the sea, monitoring of conductivity was particularly important to ensure that saline intrusion was not occurring.

A memo was provided to the pumping test contractor. The memo set out the requirements of the pumping test, procedures for monitoring during the tests and lines of communication throughout. It also provided details of best practice and procedures to protect the environment and other receptors during the pumping tests. The figures provided to the pumping test contractor are provided in Appendix C.

Table 5-1 provides a summary of the specifications of the aquifer tests for each well.

² Ministry of Environment. 2008. Pumping Test Report Form January 2008.

**Table 5-1
Pumping Test Specifications**

		Pumping Well		
		Dusty Rd (54929)	Mahan Rd (54943)	Church Rd (54928)
Observation Wells		- Lehigh Quarry Well 5 - 6109 Sechelt Inlet Rd	- 498 Mahan Road - OW 460	- Soames Well - Granthams well - 901 Sentinel Lane - Soames Point MW
Step Tests				
Start Date		25/Oct/2018	29/Oct/2018	01/Nov/2018
Step 1	Rate (USgpm)	100	100	100
	Duration (min)	60	60	60
Step 2	Rate (USgpm)	165	165	170
	Duration (min)	60	60	100 ¹
Step 3	Rate (USgpm)	240	240	240
	Duration (min)	60	60	30 ²
Step 4	Rate (USgpm)	300	300	n/a
	Duration (min)	60	60	n/a
Constant Rate Tests				
Start Date		25/Oct/2018	29/ Oct/2018	01/Nov/2018 ³
Rate (USgpm)		300	300	170
Duration (Hours)		48	43	23.5

Notes:

¹ Extended step duration to try to clean up discharge to obtain a water sample (pumping silt and sand)

² Short duration 'step' due to large quantity of silt and sand being abstracted

³ Pumping sand during the step test resulted in a decision not to stop the step test and instead continue straight into the constant rate test at a rate of 170 USgpm.

Data from the constant rate pumping tests were analyzed following the Guidelines for Evaluating Long-term Well Capacity for a Certification of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) (MOE 2007). This method extrapolates drawdown in pumping wells and observation wells during pumping to 100 days³ and calculates a sustainable long term pumping rate based on the extrapolation line. The sustainable pumping rate is then reduced by a safety factor of 30%, to account for changes in water levels over the seasons and over longer periods in cases where water level fluctuations are unknown. The following equation was used to calculate the sustainable pumping rate:

$$Q = 0.7 \times \text{specific capacity at 100 days} \times \text{available drawdown in the well}$$

5.2 PUMPING TEST RESULTS

5.2.1 Dusty Road Well

Step Tests

Table 5-2 outlines the results of the step tests for Dusty Road Well.

Table 5-2
Dusty Road step test results

Step	Duration (mins)	Pumping Rate (USgpm)	Drawdown (ft)	Specific Capacity (USgpm/ft)
1	60	100	7.37	13.57
2	60	165	12.84	12.85
3	61	240	19.23	12.48
4	60	300	25.34	11.84

Step testing commenced at 11:48 on 25 October 2018; each step was conducted for approximately 60 minutes with a total of four steps tested. During each step an initial rapid drawdown in water level was recorded followed by relatively static water levels. A rate of 300 USgpm (18.93 L/s) was selected for the constant rate test based on the drawdown observed during the step tests. This was the maximum rate achievable from the pump within the 6-inch diameter well.

Water levels recovered rapidly following the end of the step test with 95% recovery achieved within 1 minute of turning the pump off.

³ This is based on 100 days with no recharge, however, climate change could extend the number of days beyond this during extreme drought years.

Constant Rate Test

The constant rate test commenced at 16:48 on 25 October 2018 at a rate of 300 USgpm. The test was conducted for a period of 48 hours. The results of the constant rate test indicate that the calculated sustainable long term pumping rate for Dusty Road is 1011 USgpm. Table 5-3 provides a summary of the inputs and resulting 100-day sustainable well yield. Raw pumping test data and figures showing water levels and 100-day extrapolations are included in Appendix D.

A step up in the water level of approximately two feet is apparent after 1,080 minutes (18 hours) of the constant rate test. It is not clear what caused this rise in water level but possible causes could be: an unknown large, local water abstraction being switched off, although this seems unlikely as a search of all nearby users was conducted and there is no indication in the data of this unknown abstraction going back on again. In addition, the intermittent groundwater pumping from the nearby Lehigh Quarry Well #5 is not observed in the Dusty Rd Well data. It therefore seems more likely that it is a result of a change in the test pumping rate, perhaps following an adjustment in flow rate as the well continued developing. In determining the 100-day sustainable well yield the more conservative lower water level values were extrapolated forward.

Water levels recovered rapidly following the end of the constant rate test with 95% recovery achieved within 2 minutes of turning the pump off and 98% recovery after 4 hours.

A water sample was collected at 09:30 on 26 October, approximately 17 hours after the constant rate test commenced. The sample was collected at this stage of the test in order to get the sample to CARO Analytical Services (CARO) laboratory in Richmond for processing within 24 hours, taking into account courier availability, ferry crossings and laboratory hours of operation.

Impact on observation wells

Two observation wells were identified to be monitored during the pumping tests: Lehigh Quarry Well #5 and a private well located at 6109 Sechelt Inlet Rd (see Figure 5-1). A data logger was installed at 6109 Sechelt Inlet Rd but could not be installed in Lehigh Quarry Well #5 so manual dip measurements were taken at this location instead.

The data shows that there was no apparent impact from the pumping tests on water levels at 6109 Sechelt Inlet Rd. A small semi-diurnal tidal influence can be observed in the hydrograph with a range in water level of up to 0.3 m observed between high and low tides. Since the tidal influence to the aquifer is minimal, this diurnal curve information is not contained within this report.

During the tests, access to Lehigh Quarry Well #5 proved problematic due to it being an active quarry and with difficulties contacting the quarry manager or other quarry employees to arrange a quarry staff member to escort Associated's field hydrogeologist to the well. In addition, Lehigh Quarry Well #5 was intermittently used for quarry operational purposes throughout the test, affecting the water levels observed within this

monitoring well. The limited dip data obtained for Lehigh Quarry Well #5 did not provide any conclusive evidence of an impact from the Dusty Road pumping test.

Table 5-3
Dusty Road sustainable yield

PUMPING SPECIFICATIONS	
Pumping rate (USgpm)	300
Test duration (hours)	48
Depth of pump intake during test (ftbtoc)	218.00
Static water level (ftbtoc)	103.96
Depth to top of screen (ftbtoc)	263.50
Depth of well (ftbtoc)	276.50
RECOVERY	
Length of recovery (min)	240
% recovered	98
CPCN INPUTS	
Pumping rate (USgpm)	300
Available drawdown (ft)	130
Drawdown at 100 days (ft)	27
CPCN OUTPUTS	
100-day specific capacity (USgpm/ft)	11.1
Calculated sustainable pumping rate (USgpm)	1445
Calculated sustainable pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (USgpm)	1011

Background Information - Previous Staff Report

6109 Sechelt Inlet Rd.
Observation Well

Dusty Road Well

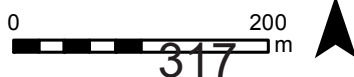
Leigh Quarry
Observation Well



Proposed Production Well
Observation Well



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**FIGURE 5-1: DUSTY ROAD WELL
AND OBSERVATION WELLS**

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5.2.2 Mahan Road Well

Step Tests

Table 5-4 outlines the results of the step tests for Mahan Road Well.

**Table 5-4
Mahan Road step test results**

Step	Duration (mins)	Pumping Rate (USgpm)	Drawdown (ft)	Specific Capacity (USgpm/ft)
1	60	100	9.98	10.02
2	60	170	15.72	10.81
3	60	240	23.68	10.14
4	60	300	30.02	9.99

Step testing commenced at 08:46 on 29 October 2018; each step was conducted for 60 minutes with a total of four steps tested. During each step an initial rapid drawdown was recorded followed by relatively static water levels, although some water level recovery was also noted during the steps, probably reflecting ongoing well development increasing the efficiency of the well. A rate of 300 USgpm (18.93 L/s) was selected for the constant rate test. This was the maximum rate achievable from the pump within the 6-inch diameter well.

Water levels recovered rapidly following the end of the step test with 95% recovery achieved within 20 minutes from turning the pump off.

Constant Rate Test

The constant rate test commenced at 13:30 on 29 October 2018 at a rate of 300 USgpm. The test was conducted for a period of 43 hours. The results of the constant rate test indicate a calculated sustainable pumping rate for Mahan Road of approximately 572 USgpm. Table 5-5 provides a summary of the inputs and resulting 100-day sustainable long term well yield. Raw pumping test data and figures showing water levels and 100-day extrapolations are included in Appendix D.

A semi-diurnal tidal influence is observed in the water level data at Mahan Road with an apparent 2-3 hour delay in groundwater level response to the tidal cycle at Gibsons. The influence of the tidal cycle on groundwater level makes analysis of the data more difficult, particularly over a short duration pumping test. After the initial drawdown in water levels, the tidal influence is observed to have a greater impact on water levels than the effects of pumping with a rising and falling water level in response to the tidal cycle. The general trend shows a rise in groundwater level which reflects the increasing rise in tide height (e.g.: there was a 60 cm rise in groundwater levels attributed to the high-high tide cycle on October 30, compared to a

total drawdown of 8.5 m during the first 24 hours of pumping, and 71 m of available drawdown, as shown on the Figures in Appendix D). It was decided to stop the test after 43 hours, following collection of data for one full tidal cycle of low-low tides as no more data of beneficial value was expected after 48 hours of testing due to the continued rising trend. The 100-day sustainable long term well yield is based on the most conservative values obtained during the test (i.e. extrapolating forward from the lowest water levels recorded that were experiencing drawdown).

Table 5-5
Mahan Road sustainable yield

PUMPING SPECIFICATIONS	
Pumping rate (USgpm)	300
Test duration (hours)	43
Depth of pump intake during test (ftbtoc)	367.00
Static water level (ftbtoc)	277.36
Depth to top of screen (ftbtoc)	378.00
Depth of well (ftbtoc)	392.00
RECOVERY	
Length of recovery (min)	120
% recovered	100 ¹
CPCN INPUTS	
Pumping rate (USgpm)	300
Available drawdown (ft)	83
Drawdown at 100 days (ft)	30.5
CPCN OUTPUTS	
100-day specific capacity (USgpm/ft)	9.84
Calculated sustainable pumping rate (USgpm)	816
Calculated sustainable pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (USgpm)	572

Notes:

¹ Percentage recovery is based on the water level at start of constant rate test but tidal effects on groundwater level will have impacted what the actual 100% water level recovery would have been.

Water levels recovered rapidly following the end of the constant rate test with 95% recovery achieved within 12 minutes of turning the pump off and 100% recovery after 90 minutes. However, it should be recognised that the tidal effect on groundwater levels will have resulted in the actual 100% recovery level being different from the water level recorded at the start of the constant rate test; therefore, the actual recovery may be less than 100% (but still over 95%).

A water sample was collected at 10:30 on 30 October, 21hours after the constant rate test commenced and sent via courier to the CARO laboratory in Richmond.

Impact on observation wells

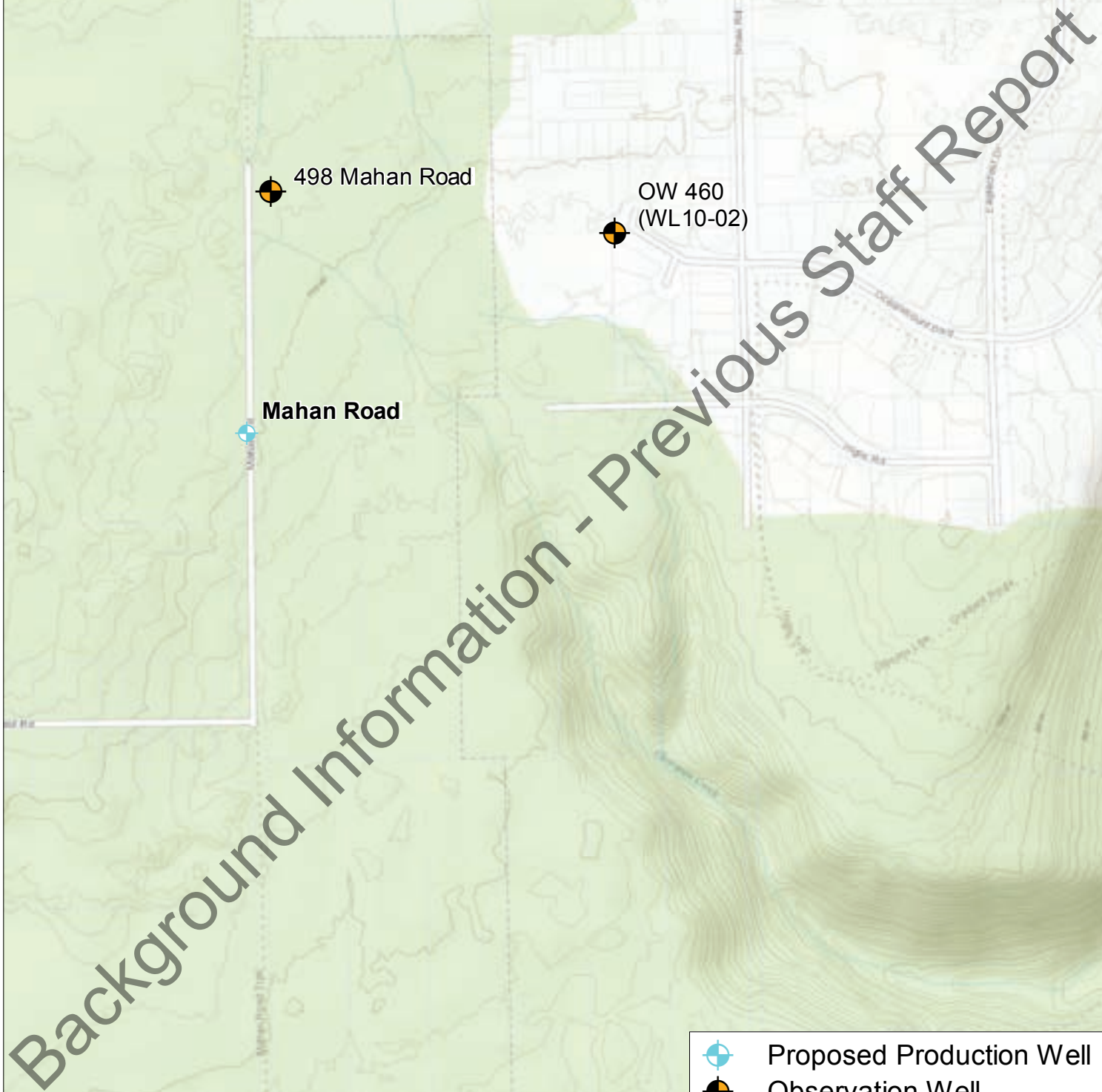
Two wells were selected for monitoring during the pumping test: The Ministry of Environment's (MOE) monitoring well OW 460 (also known as WL10-02), and a private well at 498 Mahan Rd (see Figure 5-2). Data loggers were installed in both wells, the MOE having installed their own logger in OW 460.

The water level in OW 460 responds to the pumping tests approximately 6 hours after the start of the step test. A water level drawdown of approximately 0.5 m is observed during the test. The tidal influence on groundwater levels is also observed in this well.

Unfortunately, the logger installed in 498 Mahan Rd did not record any water level readings as the logger appears to have hung above the water level. It is thought that it may have become stuck on some cables or other infrastructure within this private well which did not have a sounding tube installed. Water level data collected using an acoustic sounder suggests there may have been an impact on the water level of approximately 0.6-0.7 m, assuming a similar tidal influence to that observed at OW 460 is present. No impact on water levels in the Mahan Road Well is observed as a result of this well being used to supply the private residence.

At this location the aquifer is unconfined so the cone of depression was not expected to extend out as far as the monitoring wells during the short duration constant rate pumping test. The observations recorded are more typical of a confined aquifer response to pumping. This may be explained by the presence of the low permeability layer that overlies the aquifer resulting in the aquifer becoming 'air confined'⁴.

⁴ This scenario is discussed in more detail by: Jiao and Guo, 2009. Airflow induced by pumping tests in unconfined aquifer with a low permeability cap. Water Resources Research, Vol. 45, W10445.



5.2.3 Church Road well

Step Tests

Table 5-6 outlines the results of the step tests for Church Road Well.

Table 5-6
Church Road step test results

Step	Duration (mins)	Pumping Rate (USgpm)	Drawdown (ft)	Specific Capacity (USgpm/ft)
1	60	100	11.84	13.57
2	100	170	20.00	12.85
3	30	240	19.04	12.61

Step testing commenced at 09:30 on 01 November 2018. During the first step, brown sand was observed in the discharge water; this reduced during the 60 minutes but some sand remained. Following an increase in the pumping rate to 170 USgpm the amount of silt and sand being pumped also increased with a turbidity of 15-18 NTU recorded. After 60 minutes, silt and sand were still present so it was decided to keep pumping to improve (lower) the sand content in order to collect a water sample that could be sent for laboratory analysis to CARO in Richmond⁵. After 100 minutes, significantly less sand was present (the discharge water had a turbidity of 4.6 NTU) and, following collection of the water sample, it was decided to up the rate of pumping to 240 USgpm. At this rate a significant amount of sand was pulled into the well and discharged at surface, the Rossum Sand Trap became plugged within seconds. After 30 minutes of pumping significant quantities of sand was still being pulled into the well so the abstraction rate was throttled back to 170 USgpm to reduce the amount of sand being pumped to protect the pump.

The well continued to pump silt and sand at the reduced pumping rate of 170 USgpm (but to a lesser extent than observed at 240 USgpm), so a collective decision was made by Associated and Monashee to not stop the step test and allow recovery prior to the constant rate test but to continue pumping at the rate of 170 USgpm. The continued pumping at 170 USgpm allowed the water to continue 'cleaning up' without the risk of pulling in significantly more sand following a switch off and pump start up which could have damaged the pump.

The presence of sand and silt being pumped from the well indicates that material finer than the screen slot size is being pulled into the well. The additional well development of the well during pumping pulling in material that was not encountered during well development when the screen was installed. This likely demonstrates the highly heterogenous nature of the deposit at this location with more fine layers than

⁵ The water sample had to be collected at this stage of testing in order to get it to the laboratory for processing within the 24-hour hold time, taking into account weekend laboratory opening hours and courier availability.

observed from the samples that were returned to the surface during drilling. Consequently, it is recommended that any future drilling in this aquifer utilises a drilling technique that will provide a better representative sample of the ground conditions, such as cable tool drilling, which will enable the appropriate screen slot size to be determined. For example, if fine sand layers are only 0.3 m thick, a screen with a slot size appropriate for that sand, would be selected, even if the screen overlaps coarser gravel layers.

Constant Rate Test

As detailed above, the constant rate test deviated from standard pumping test guidelines by becoming a continuation of the step tests due to the silt and sanding problems encountered during pumping. The constant rate test was conducted for a period of 23.5 hours and, for the purposes of assessment, the start time was taken as the time at which the pumping rate first reached 170 USgpm. Whilst the pumping test had to be modified from the standard testing procedure, the data obtained has been used to estimate a sustainable pumping rate. A 1.3 ft jump in water level is apparent in the data which corresponds to a period when the flow meter stopped, required repairing and once operational the flow rate subsequently adjusted. This jump indicates a change (reduction) in the pumping rate following repair of the flow meter. Extrapolation of the data to 100 days using the most conservative approach was undertaken to estimate the sustainable pumping rate for Church Road and resulted in an estimated sustainable pumping rate of 407 USgpm. However, given the difficulties during this test, this pumping rate should be treated with some caution. Table 5-7 provides a summary of the inputs and resulting 100-day sustainable well yield. Raw data and figures showing water levels and 100-day extrapolations are included in Appendix D.

Water levels recovered rapidly following the end of the constant rate test with 95% recovery achieved within 4 minutes of turning the pump off and 100% recovery after 30 minutes.

Table 5-7
Church Road sustainable yield

PUMPING SPECIFICATIONS	
Pumping rate (USgpm)	170
Test duration (hours)	23.5
Depth of pump intake during test (ftbtoc)	134.00
Static water level (ftbtoc)	51.05
Depth to top of screen (ftbtoc)	135.50
Depth of well (ftbtoc)	146.30
RECOVERY	
Length of recovery (min)	30
% recovered	100
CPCN INPUTS	
Pumping rate (USgpm)	170
Available drawdown (ft)	72
Drawdown at 100 days (ft)	21
CPCN OUTPUTS	
100-day specific capacity (USgpm/ft)	8.1
Calculated sustainable pumping rate (USgpm)	582
Calculated sustainable pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (USgpm)	407

Impact on observation wells

Four wells located near to the test well were monitored for a response in water level during the pumping tests (see Figure 5-3). Data loggers were installed in the private well at 901 Sentinel Road and at Soames Point MW to record water level changes, and also at the flowing artesian Grantham Landing Well to measure a change in water pressure as a result of the tests. A data logger could not be installed in Soames Well due to the small diameter opening in the well head. Some manual dip data was collected during the test from Soames Well however access to the well is restricted due to its location in middle of a road.

The results show no response to pumping from the test well is observed at 901 Sentinel Road or at the Soames Point monitoring well. A response is observed at Grantham Landing Well; however, it cannot be quantified due to the monitoring set up. The dip data that was collected from Soames Well is insufficient to determine whether pumping from Church Road Well had any impact. The Grantham Landing Well and Soames Well are owned and operated by the SCRD so any impact on water levels in these wells as a result of pumping from the Church Road Well is not considered a cause for concern. However, Grantham Landing Well is a flowing artesian well which essentially acts as a spring augmenting flow in Soames Creek when water from this well is not being diverted for potable supply. Therefore, any impact on these artesian

flows as a result of abstracting water from the Church Road Well would reduce flow in the Creek. This is discussed further in Section 6.

5.3 WATER QUALITY SAMPLING

During the pumping tests, water samples were collected following the procedures outlined in the British Columbia Field Sampling Manual (MWLAP 2013). Field parameters (pH, temperature, conductivity, oxidation-reduction potential [ORP], dissolved oxygen, and turbidity) were measured prior to sampling, using calibrated equipment. The samples were collected when field parameters had stabilised and turbidity was at an acceptable level (<1 NTU at Dusty Road and Mahan Road sites and 4 NTU at Church Road). The samples were collected in laboratory-supplied containers. Samples for dissolved phase constituents were passed through a 0.45 micron filter prior to collection.

All water samples were transported under chain-of-custody protocol in cool boxes with ice to CARO Analytical Services in Richmond, BC for analysis of the following parameters:

- General water quality parameters (alkalinity, chloride, true colour, conductivity, cyanide, fluoride, hardness, nitrilotriacetic acid, pH, sulphate, sulphide, TDS, TSS, total organic carbon [TOC], turbidity, and UV transmittance at 254 nm);
- Nutrients (ammonia, nitrate, nitrite, total phosphorus, total dissolved phosphorus);
- Bacteriological (total coliforms, *E. coli*, iron bacteria and sulphate reducing bacteria);
- Dissolved and total metals;
- Radiological parameters (gross alpha and gross beta activity).

Water quality results were compared with the GCDWQ MAC and AO (Health Canada 2017). The results are discussed in Section 8.

Background Information - Previous Staff Report

Upper Soames MW

901 Sentinel Rd.

Soames Well

Church Road Well

Granthams Landing Well



Proposed Production Well

Observation Well



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FIGURE 5-3: CHURCH ROAD WELL AND OBSERVATION WELLS

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6 Assessment of Impacts on Other Users

In this section, we assess the hydraulic connection, or the connection between an aquifer and a stream, and the impacts to aquatic environments and other groundwater users. Before granting a new groundwater licence, the Province must consider the rights of any existing groundwater licence holder and the rights of surface water licence holders if the aquifer is considered hydraulically connected to the stream that the surface water licence is on. In addition, environmental flow needs must be considered if the aquifer is considered hydraulically connected to a stream that contains fish.

6.1 HYDRAULIC CONNECTION

The *Water Sustainability Act* (WSA) was introduced to British Columbia on 29 February 2016 to ensure a sustainable supply of fresh water that can meet the current and future water needs of BC's citizens. The WSA is the principal law for managing the diversion and use of water resources, including groundwater. The WSA and the Water Sustainability Regulation (WSR) provide a means to allocate the diversion and use of groundwater for a water use purpose in British Columbia through the issuance of a licence (Todd *et al*, 2016), and a means to manage water use conflicts in times of water scarcity. A large component of the WSA is the introduction of environmental flow needs in streams (EFNs). The Province must consider EFNs when evaluating new licence applications.

A Technical Assessment may be required by the statutory decision maker as part of a new groundwater use licence application and must be completed by a professional with competency in hydrogeology. Based on the quantity of water that the SCRD wish to abstract and the proximity of the wells to other users, it is highly likely that a Technical Assessment will be required for any licence application made for any of the sites. The Technical Assessment involves compiling and interpreting existing information (desk-based) and, where necessary, obtaining and interpreting data collected at and surrounding the site to further inform the hydrogeological regime. This information will provide a better understanding of the impacts that a new groundwater use may have on the environment and other users. Part of the Technical Assessment requires an assessment of the likelihood of hydraulic connection between water in the aquifer and any streams. If a hydraulic connection exists, abstraction from the aquifer could affect existing water rights or harm aquatic ecosystems if streamflow falls below the critical environmental flow threshold for EFNs.

A desk-based assessment of the hydraulic connection between each well and their nearby surface water features is discussed for the three well sites below. In the absence of available flow data for the creeks in the areas of interest, a desk-based surface water study was completed to estimate flow draining from the total catchment of Charman Creek near Mahan Road Well and Soames Creek near Church Road Well.

These two creeks are considered the most likely to be impacted by abstraction if there is a hydraulic connection between the aquifer and the creeks. Average monthly flow hydrographs for Charman Creek and Soames Creek were developed using data from surrogate catchments with similar characteristics. The study also estimated the 10-year return period, 7-day low flows for each creek (see Appendix E for details of the methodology and full results). Flows were not estimated for Irgens Creek near Dusty Road as, during well evaluation discussions with the SCRD at a meeting on 28 November 2018, the Dusty Road site was

considered the least favourable option to move forward with at this stage (see Section 10 for further details).

6.1.1 Dusty Road Well

Irgens Creek is located approximately 170 m to the north east of the Dusty Road Well at its closest point. When the creek bed elevation is compared to the measured groundwater level at the Dusty Road well, the data shows that the creek is perched along much of its reach (note: the current Dusty Road groundwater level is likely to be affected by dewatering at the nearby quarry). Leakage of water through the creek bed where it is perched over the aquifer probably provides recharge to the aquifer.

Whilst the creek is perched above the aquifer over much of its reach, given the unconfined nature of the aquifer and the permeable nature of the sand and gravel material present from ground surface to the base of the aquifer, it is considered that there will be a hydraulic connection between groundwater and surface water on the lowest reaches of the creek near Porpoise Bay, where groundwater levels and creek bed elevation are expected to be at similar levels.

It is probable that much of the groundwater that flows through the aquifer from the east (following topography) discharges directly into Porpoise Bay, so the extent of any abstraction impact on flow in Irgen Creek may be limited. However, as part of a technical assessment that would accompany any future groundwater abstraction licence application for a well or wellfield located in this area, it is very likely that further investigation will be required to determine the impact on creek flows and on the associated aquatic habitat. If an impact is identified, mitigation measures would need to be implemented.

6.1.2 Mahan Road Well

Charman Creek (also known as Charmin Creek) is located 190m to the northeast of Mahan Road Well at its closest point. However, the creek elevation is significantly above the groundwater level in the upper and middle reaches (at its closest point to Mahan Road Well the aquifer water table is found at a depth of approximately 84 m below the creek). Furthermore, a low permeability clay and till layer (an aquitard) separates the aquifer - which is unconfined at this location - from the creek. Therefore, the aquifer cannot be hydraulically connected to the upper and middle reaches of the creek. As the creek elevation falls towards the coast, the relative elevation between the creek and aquifer water table reduces and eventually reverses with the aquifer becoming confined with a piezometric pressure head above ground level.

There are few well logs located along the creek, but from well log information that is available, together with the presence of artesian wells close to the lower reaches of the creek, the aquitard appears to be present along the majority if not all of the creek's length. A simplified cross-section, A-A', has been constructed (Figure 6-1) along a line of section which incorporates a number of well logs in the Lower Town of Gibsons area, where the aquifer becomes confined and artesian flowing conditions are observed. This cross-section shows that at this location, Charman Creek remains situated above or within the low permeability aquitard which prevents/restricts upward movement of water from the aquifer below. There are no well logs close to the creek downgradient of this location, however a long section (B-B') drawn from the higher ground to the

west, across and down the escarpment to the coast (Figure 6-2), utilising lithological logs from a line of wells located to the north of the creek (and likely to be representative of the geological succession in this area), suggests that the aquitard could extend out below the sea and prevent/restrict groundwater from emerging at the surface.

Isolated groundwater springs believed to be from the confined aquifer are found in the Town of Gibsons and indicate that some upward flow paths do exist, however these are not located next to Charman Creek. Furthermore, there are references of Charman creek experiencing extremely low water levels and the creek becoming dry during some summers (DFO, 1991 and UBC, 2000). The non-pumping groundwater piezometric head in the confined aquifer is not thought to recess below the level of the creek along its lower reach in the Lower Town of Gibsons, as data indicates that the Town of Gibsons wells retain their flowing artesian conditions throughout the entire year when the wells are not in use (Waterline, 2013). All of this information would indicate that there is no or very minor flow contribution to the creek from the confined aquifer. However, given the small number of well logs available, located in close proximity to the creek, there may be a requirement to investigate if there are any locations within the creek that groundwater could be providing some baseflow. This could occur if the creek incises the aquitard reducing its thickness or cutting through it entirely.

The surface water desk study estimated the 10-year return period, 7-day low flow for Charman Creek is 1.56 L/s, with an average August low flow of 3.6 L/s. These low flows compare well with the observations of the creek experiencing extremely low flows and on some occasions drying during summer months and is not indicative of the creek receiving groundwater baseflow.

Based on the data available, it is considered unlikely that the underlying confined aquifer that the Mahan Road Well was completed in and Charman Creek are hydraulically connected. Therefore groundwater abstraction is unlikely to have an impact on creek flow. However, if further investigation is required by the regulators to confirm this disconnect, we recommend that shallow exploratory holes are drilled/dug into the ground along the lower reach of the creek to the coast to confirm the continued presence of the low permeability confining layer (given the artesian nature of the aquifer here we recommend only drilling/digging to a depth sufficient to confirm the low permeability layer's presence and do not recommend drilling through the confining layer as this will likely result in flowing artesian conditions that may be difficult to control). In addition, flow gauging at various points along the lower reach of the creek, starting where the piezometric head of the aquifer is close to the creek elevation, be conducted a few times throughout a year (and particularly at times of low flow) to identify where/if the creek gains in flow, potentially from groundwater springs from the lower aquifer.

6.1.3 Church Road Well

Soames Creek is located just 50m to the north-east of Church Road Well, however a confining layer of low permeability material separates the aquifer from the creek in a similar situation to that seen at Charman Creek. Simplified cross-section C-C' has been constructed across the creek, using lithological data from the new Church Road Well and from other well logs in the vicinity (Figure 6-3). The section shows that the aquifer is confined by the low permeability deposits (aquitard) which extends below the base of the creek

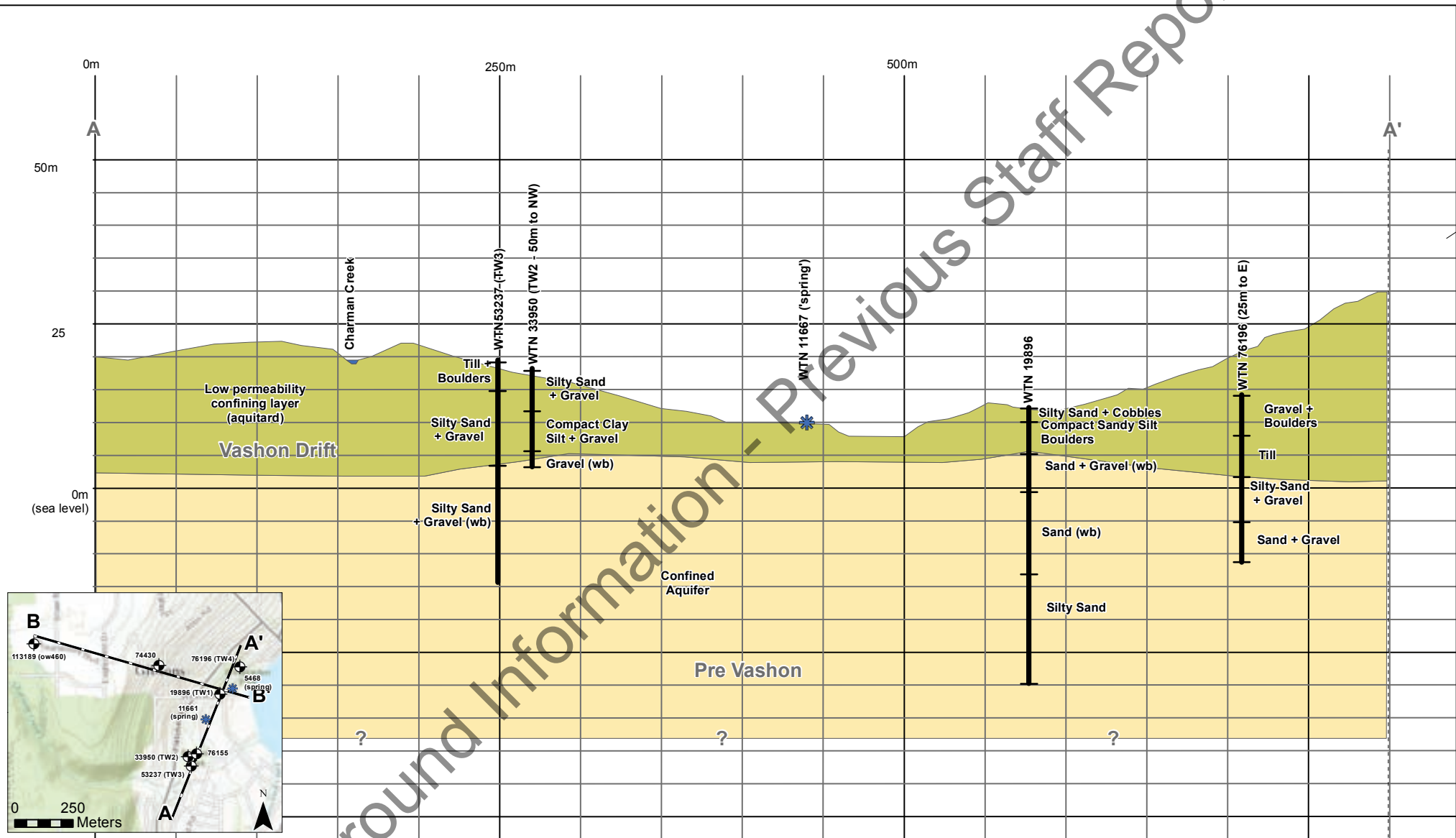
and has resulted in the flowing artesian conditions observed at the Granthams Landing Well. Currently there is no information available if this aquitard is present along the entire length of the creek and extends out to the sea, or whether it thins out, or if Soames creek incises through it. If the aquitard is present along the entire reach it will restrict upward groundwater flow from the confined aquifer, therefore there would be no hydraulic connection between the aquifer and the creek. However, if the low permeability thins significantly, is not present, or is fully incised by the creek further downstream towards the coast, this would allow discharge from the aquifer into the creek, therefore any additional abstraction from the aquifer (over and above the volume abstracted from the existing abstractions from the Granthams Landing and Soames Wells) could impact flows in the creek and consequently have an impact on the aquatic habitat. Further investigation, such as flow accretion profiles to determine the presence of gaining reaches, exploratory boreholes to confirm the presence of the confining layer, and potentially a habitat assessment will likely be required to confirm the extent of any impact on creek flow and habitat present.

No flow data is available for Soames Creek, but the hydrological desk study (Appendix E) indicated that the 10 year return period 7-day low flow for Soames Creek is 1.97 L/s, with an average August flow of 5.5 L/s. However, flow in Soames Creek is 'augmented' by the flowing artesian discharge from the Granthams Landing Well which is not taken into account in the estimated flows. Measurements of the artesian discharge taken by the SCRD in 2017 indicated an artesian overflow rate into the creek of 2.9 L/s during pumping conditions and 4.5 L/s under non-pumping conditions (cited in Waterline, 2017), which is almost double the average August flow.

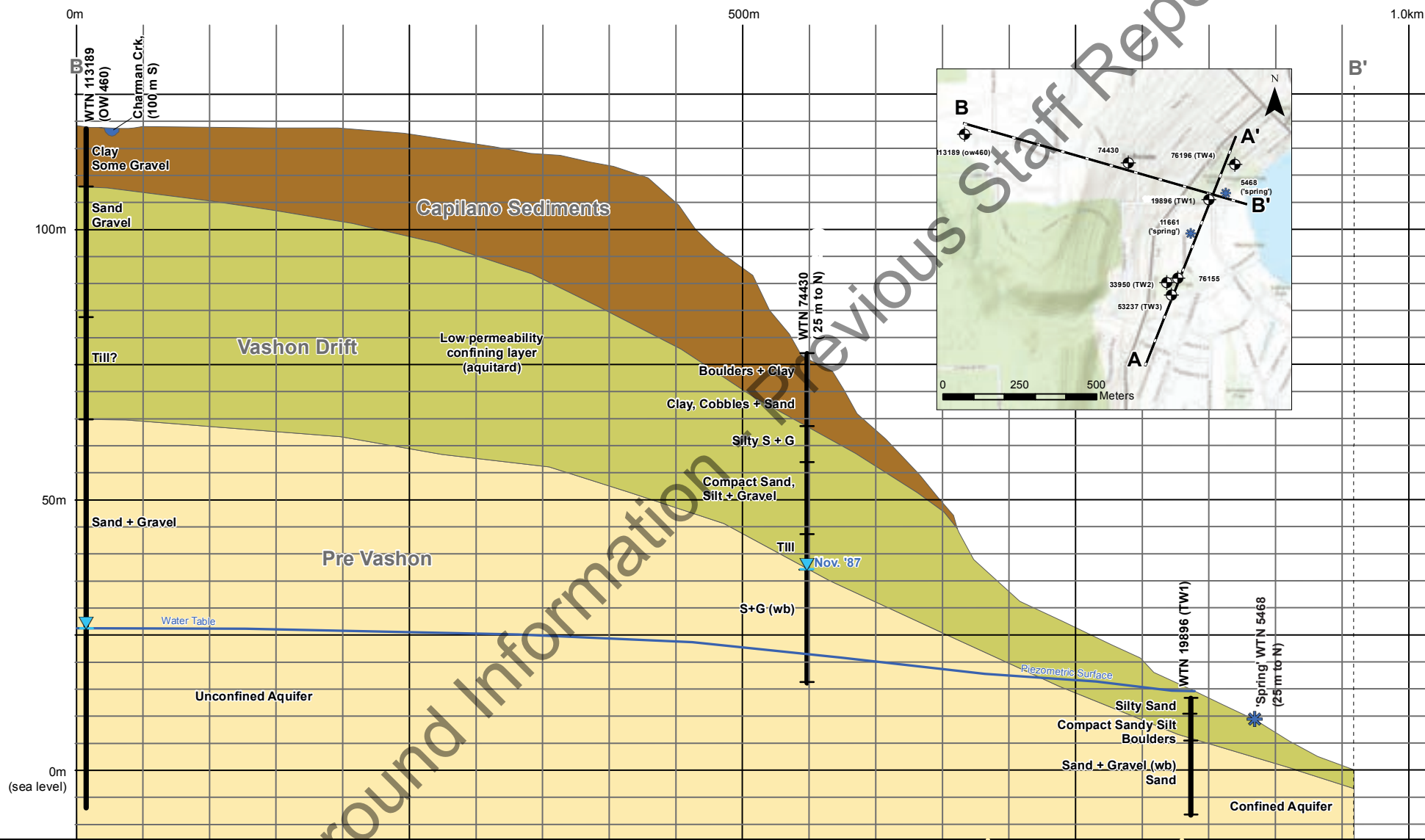
The flowing artesian well essentially acts like a groundwater spring discharge. This 'man-made' discharge has been present since 1990, when the well was constructed and the aquatic habitat will have responded and adapted to this increase in creek flow. Consequently, the aquifer may now be considered 'hydraulically connected' to the creek. As part of the permitting process for new licence applications, there is a requirement for there to be no detrimental impact on the existing environmental conditions; therefore, a groundwater abstraction from the Church Road Well which reduces the artesian flow from the Grantham Landing Well could be considered a detrimental impact, even though the discharge is not natural. In conflict with this requirement, the Ground Water Protection Regulations (GWPR) state that flowing artesian wells should be properly sealed and flows controlled. If a production well or wellfield is to be developed in this aquifer in the future, we recommend discussing this unusual scenario with the relevant regulators early in the technical assessment stage to fully understand what their requirements will be in this situation.

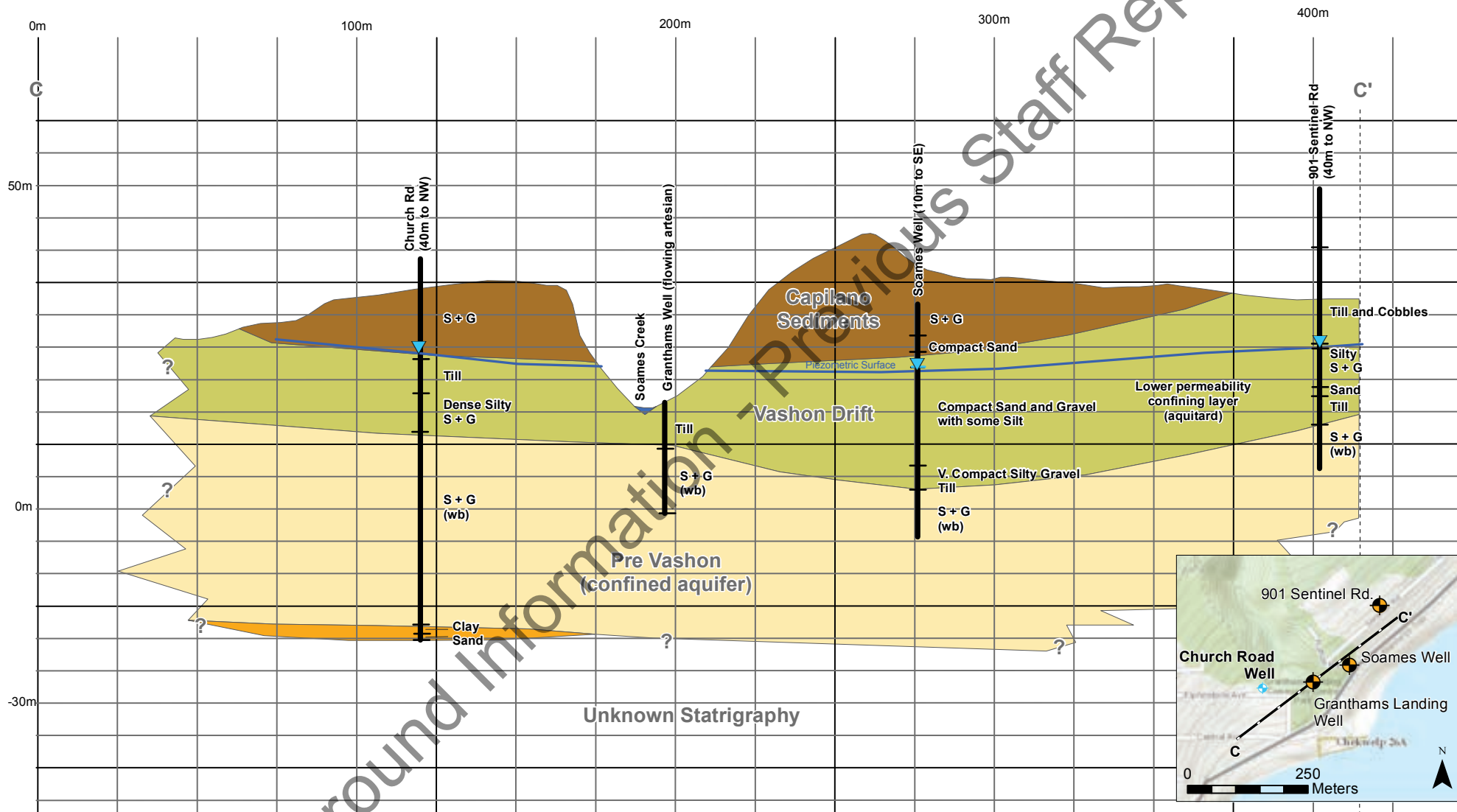
Reference is made in a 2004 Drinking Water Source Assessment Report (Alluvia Environmental Services, 2004) to 'Grantham Springs', a five foot deep, open bottom concrete structure, which has water bubbling up through sediments and was part of a former pumphouse located on the opposite side of the creek to the Granthams Landing Well (as per Figure 2 in the Alluvia report). It is not apparent from the information available whether this is a natural spring discharge that has been utilised to provide a water supply, or if it is the result of a previous well drilled/dug into the aquifer, or if it is an old surface water diversion with a slow sand filtration system. Further research will be required to understand the background/history of this structure.

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6.2 ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS

6.2.1 Impacts to Aquatic Environments

Fish are reported to be present in all creeks local to the wells so where it is determined that the aquifer is hydraulically connected to the creeks the presence and impact on fish and other aquatic species will have to be considered as part of a technical assessment submitted to support a groundwater licence application.

Dusty Road – Whilst much of the nearby Irgens Creek is perched above the water table, the unconfined nature of the aquifer makes it probable that the aquifer is hydraulically connected to Irgens Creek at the lowest reaches of the creek, close to Porpoise Bay. Fish are known to be present in the creek so should a groundwater abstraction have an impact on flow in the creek in the lower reaches, it could detrimentally impact the fish species present by reducing their habitat or impeding their path further up or downstream.

Mahan Road – The hydrogeological setting developed from well logs and the documented observations and flow estimations of low or no flow in Charman Creek suggest that there is no hydraulic connection between the confined 'lower' aquifer that Mahan Road Well draws water from and the local creeks. Consequently, based on the information available, it is considered that there is unlikely to be an impact on the aquatic environment from groundwater abstraction.

Church Road – A low permeability layer was identified at the Church Road Well, confining the aquifer below the level of Soames Creek. Well logs from other wells in the vicinity confirm that this confining layer extends below Soames Creek near the Church Road Well, restricting groundwater flow from the aquifer entering the creek. Nevertheless, there is insufficient information available to confirm whether this low permeability layer is present below the entire reach of the creek down to its discharge point into the sea.

However, Granthams Landing Well, located in the valley floor adjacent to Soames Creek, is an uncontrolled flowing artesian well, which discharges groundwater into the creek from the same aquifer that Church Road Well is completed in. This well behaves like a groundwater spring, augmenting flow in the creek. On the opposite side of the creek is 'Grantham Spring'. Little is known about this feature and whether it was formerly a natural spring that was utilised for supply, a drilled well, a dug well, or a diversion from Soames Creek with a slow sand filter; however, if it is a drilled well providing flow from the aquifer into the creek, this would suggest a hydraulic connection. As such, it will need to be investigated further.

Abstraction from the Church Road Well during the pumping test was shown to have an impact at Granthams Landing Well (although the impact was not able to be quantified during the pumping test due to the complex arrangement of pipe infrastructure at Granthams Landing Well), reducing the flow of water that discharges from this well. Therefore, a production well or wellfield located in this aquifer which lowers the water level/pressure in the aquifer could potentially impact the aquatic habitat by reducing flow from this man-made connection between the aquifer and the creek, as well as from 'Grantham Spring', if it is indeed a spring sourced from the lower Aquifer.

6.2.2 Impact on Nearby Groundwater Users

Dusty Road – Two wells were monitored during the pumping test at Dusty Road, the well at 6109 Sechelt Inlet Rd showed no evidence of an impact. Insufficient data was obtained from the Lehigh Quarry Well #5 to determine an impact; however, given the proximity of the Dusty Road Well to Lehigh Quarry, water levels in #5 Well are likely to drop during long-term pumping. The extent of any impact on this well is unknown at this stage due to a lack of data collected during the pumping test.

Mahan Road – Two wells were monitored during the pumping test at Mahan Rd, the private well at 498 Mahan Rd and MOE monitoring well OW 460. Water level data from both wells show a response to the pumping test with groundwater levels lowered by approximately 0.7 and 0.5 m respectively.

The Mahan Road Well is completed in the same aquifer as that of the Town of Gibsons public supply wells; consequently, prior to development of a production well at this site, the likely impact on the Town of Gibsons existing public water supply wells will need to be considered in detail. In addition, a number of private residences in the vicinity of the Mahan Road Well are not connected to a main water supply, and therefore, are likely to have unregistered wells. Any effect on these private water supplies would require mitigation should there be a detrimental impact on supplies.

Church Road – Four wells were monitored during the pumping test at Elphinstone Ave. Of these, an impact was only observed at the SCRD owned Granthams Landing Well, although impact can not be quantified from the data obtained given the set-up of this flowing artesian well. No impact was observed during the pumping test in the private well at 901 Sentinel Rd or from Soames Point MW. Insufficient water level data was available to conclude if there was any impact at the SCRD owned Soames Well.

Prior to the development of production wells at any of the sites, we recommend that a detailed well and water features survey is conducted to identify any users who may not have registered their wells with the Province of BC and are currently unknown. This would be completed as part of the Technical Assessment. Details such as well depth, pump depth, and water level drawdown in their well when it is in use will help to determine whether a SCRD production well would have an impact upon these private abstractions. If it is deemed likely that a detrimental impact will occur, mitigation measures will need to be implemented such as lowering of pumps to maintain a sufficient head of water above the pump, drilling new wells, or connecting the affected properties to the public water supply.

7 Issues Related to Proposed Works, Land, Public Safety, and Environment

Marta Green, P.Geo, inspected the Granthams Landing well head on November 15, 2016, as part of site visits for the SCRD Well Protection Plan project, completed in March 2017. Based on this site visit, a review of available reports, and discussions with Dave Crosby, Capital Projects Manager of SCRD at that time, the Grantham's wellhead is a sealed above-ground steel casing located inside a locked concrete

culvert above ground. The bottom of the concrete culvert box is coarse gravel. No surface seal is present and ponded water was visible around the concrete culvert. In addition, a 30 mm diameter pipe carries flow from the concrete culvert box and is discharged nearby to Soames Creek. It is unclear whether this flow is coming from the outside of the steel casing, and inside the locked concrete culvert, or from within the steel casing.

Section 53 of the Water Sustainability Act (WSA) states that the owner of a flowing artesian well must engage a well driller who is qualified in respect of the activity or a professional and ensure that the well driller or professional, as applicable, stops the flow of that well or brings the flow of that well under control. A well is considered under control when:

- (a) the artesian flow
 - (i) is clear of sediment,
 - (ii) is entirely conveyed through the well's production casing to the wellhead, if the well has a production casing,
 - (iii) may be mechanically stopped for an indefinite period in a manner that prevents leakage onto the surface of the ground or into another aquifer penetrated by the well, and
 - (iv) does not pose a threat to property, public safety or the environment, or
- (b) if the artesian flow cannot be controlled in accordance with paragraph (a), the well is decommissioned
 - (i) in accordance with the regulations,
 - (ii) by a person authorized under section 49 [restrictions on constructing or decommissioning wells], and,
 - (iii) in a manner that allows no artesian flow at the surface of the ground or leakage into another aquifer penetrated by the well.

Based on Ms. Green's site visit and review of the Granthams Landing well, the artesian flow is not entirely conveyed through the well's production casing therefore, the Granthams Landing Well is an uncontrolled flowing artesian well, and this does not meet section 53 of the WSA.

The Church Road Well, if developed into a production well, could be used as a replacement well to Granthams Landing and Soames wells. Once the Granthams Landing and Soames wells are disconnected from the system, a decommissioning plan can be developed, and the Granthams Landing well can be closed, bringing the SCRD into compliance with the WSA. The Soames Well may be able to be used as a dewatering well as part of the decommissioning. If Granthams Landing Well is to be decommissioned, a new dedicated augmentation well and pipeline, or a new pipeline from an existing well such as Soames Well, may be required to augment creek flows to replace the water that would no longer discharge from Granthams Landing Well. This would need to be further assessed, and we have included it as part of the Technical Assessment in support of a new Groundwater Use Licence Application (see recommendations in Section 12.2)

8 Water Quality Assessment

8.1 WATER QUALITY RESULTS

The results of the water samples analysed by CARO are presented in Appendix F.

The water for all three wells meets the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality for both the health based maximum acceptable concentrations (MAC) and aesthetic objectives (AO), with one exception: total iron from the Church Road well with 0.441 mg/L total iron against a GCDWQ AO guideline of 0.3 mg/L. However, as noted in Section 5.2.3 silt and sand was being pulled into the well during the pumping test and this is likely to be the source of the elevated iron. The results for dissolved iron is 0.016 mg/L which is well below the guideline, and is more likely a true indication of iron in this groundwater.

Langelier Index is an approximate measure of the degree of saturation of calcium carbonate. Under-saturated water will tend to be corrosive, whilst over-saturated water will tend to deposit calcium carbonate. The results indicate that the water at Dusty Road is undersaturated so may be corrosive to the pipework. The water at Mahan Road and Church Road is over-saturated so may result in calcium carbonate deposition. This affects various pipe materials differently and this can be further studied at the detailed design stage.

It should be acknowledged that only one water sample has been collected from each well so the results should be treated with some caution as they could change over time during pumping or seasonally. However, the results from these first samples are encouraging and indicate very good quality water.

Additional considerations

High iron concentrations have previously been found in the Mahan Road area. Personal communication with the owners of the well at 498 Mahan Rd suggests that they have high iron concentrations in the water they abstract with iron staining present on their sinks and baths. Water samples previously collected at OW 460 (WL10-02) are reported to have exceeded the GCDWQ guidelines for iron and manganese and on occasion aluminium (Waterline, 2013).

The Ministry of Environment recommends monitoring for specific conductance when drilling in coastal areas (MOE, 2016). Field measurements were taken throughout the pumping tests to monitor changes in specific conductivity. The readings remained consistent throughout with no increase indicating that pumping did not induce saline water into the well. The wells are the following distances from the coast: Dusty: 450 m; Mahan: 1200 m; Church Rd: 170 m. The Ministry of Environment suggests avoiding drilling locations within 50 m. Based on this, the water quality monitoring to date, and the capture zones we calculated (as discussed in Section 8.2.1), it is unlikely that salt water intrusion will be an issue with any of the three well sites. However, pumping tests during future phases should include conductivity measurements to confirm.

8.2 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL DRINKING WATER HAZARDS

We assessed potential drinking water hazards as follows:

1. We estimated the capture zone, or the area within which rain or snow melt would eventually be captured by the well during pumping over a certain time frame, following standard equations.
2. Within each capture zone, we assessed hazards to the drinking water source. This was completed by interviews during our site visits and through reviewing publicly available air photos.
3. Compared water quality results to Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality and assessed the aquifer setting (confined vs unconfined) and its implications on water quality to be expected.

8.2.1 Delineation of Capture Zones

Table 1-4 in Module 1 of the Source-to-Tap Guideline summarizes the different capture zone delineation methods, from simple to more complex, and recommends which one to follow depending on the size of the water system and the hydrogeologic setting (MHLS 2010). For water systems with 100 to 10,000 connections, the Source-to-Tap Guideline recommends using analytical equations and hydrogeological mapping to delineate the capture zones. For the purposes of this study it has been assumed that each well will have connections in this range, therefore, we used a combination of desk-based hydrogeological mapping and the analytical equation method outlined by Ceric and Haitjema (2005), which includes a mathematical approach to justify the method selection between the circular, eccentric circular, and boat-shaped capture zone analytical equations that are presented in the BC Well Protection Toolkit (MOE 2000). The analytical equations require estimating the aquifer's hydraulic conductivity (m/s), thickness (m), hydraulic gradient (unitless), and porosity (unitless) as well as the pumping rate of the well (m^3/s) and the timeframe of interest.

For this study, capture zones are based on the maximum calculated (sustainable) well pumping rate, not the actual well pumping rate. Following this approach, we mapped the 200-day, 5-year and 20-year capture zones for each well. A 200-day capture zone represents the survival time of pathogens (including viruses) and is consistent with the new version of the BC Ministry of Health's Guideline for Determining Groundwater at Risk of Containing Pathogens (MoH 2015)⁶. Similar to Ontario's approach, a 5-year capture zone represents the time it would take to remediate a hydrocarbon spill or leak; and a 20-year capture zone represents the time it may take chemical hazards such as nitrates to reach the well. An overview of the delineated capture zones for all wells is shown on Figure 8-1, and Table 8-1 lists the parameters that were used to delineate the capture zones. The capture zones shown should be treated as preliminary at this stage as further hydrogeological information is required to better delineate the extent and shape of the capture zone.

⁶ Pathogens are disease causing organisms. There are three types of water-born pathogens of concern to humans: viruses, bacteria, and protozoa, each with different sizes, life cycles, and characteristics.

Table 8-1
List of parameters used to delineate the capture zones

		Dusty Road	Mahan Rd	Church Rd
Aquifer description based on well logs		Unconfined, sand and gravel aquifer	Unconfined, sand and gravel aquifer	Confined, sand and gravel aquifer
Analytical equation used	200-day	Eccentric circular	Eccentric circular	Boat-shaped
	5-year	Boat-shaped	Boat-shaped	Boat-shaped
	20-year	Boat-shaped	Boat-shaped	Boat-shaped
Hydraulic conductivity (m/s) ¹		9x10 ⁻⁵ m/s	1.6x10 ⁻⁴ m/s	2x10 ⁻³ m/s
Aquifer thickness (m) ²		50	35	22
Porosity ³		0.25	0.25	0.25
Hydraulic gradient ⁴		0.02	0.006	0.02
Pumping rate ⁵		1011 USgpm (63.7L/s)	572 USgpm (36.1 L/s)	407 USgpm (25.7 L/s)
Changes to analytical equation results based on hydrogeological mapping		No changes made to the analytical equation results.		The capture zones were large and extended beyond Mt. Elphinstone so they were ended at what is estimated to be the contact of the bedrock and the surficial sediments.

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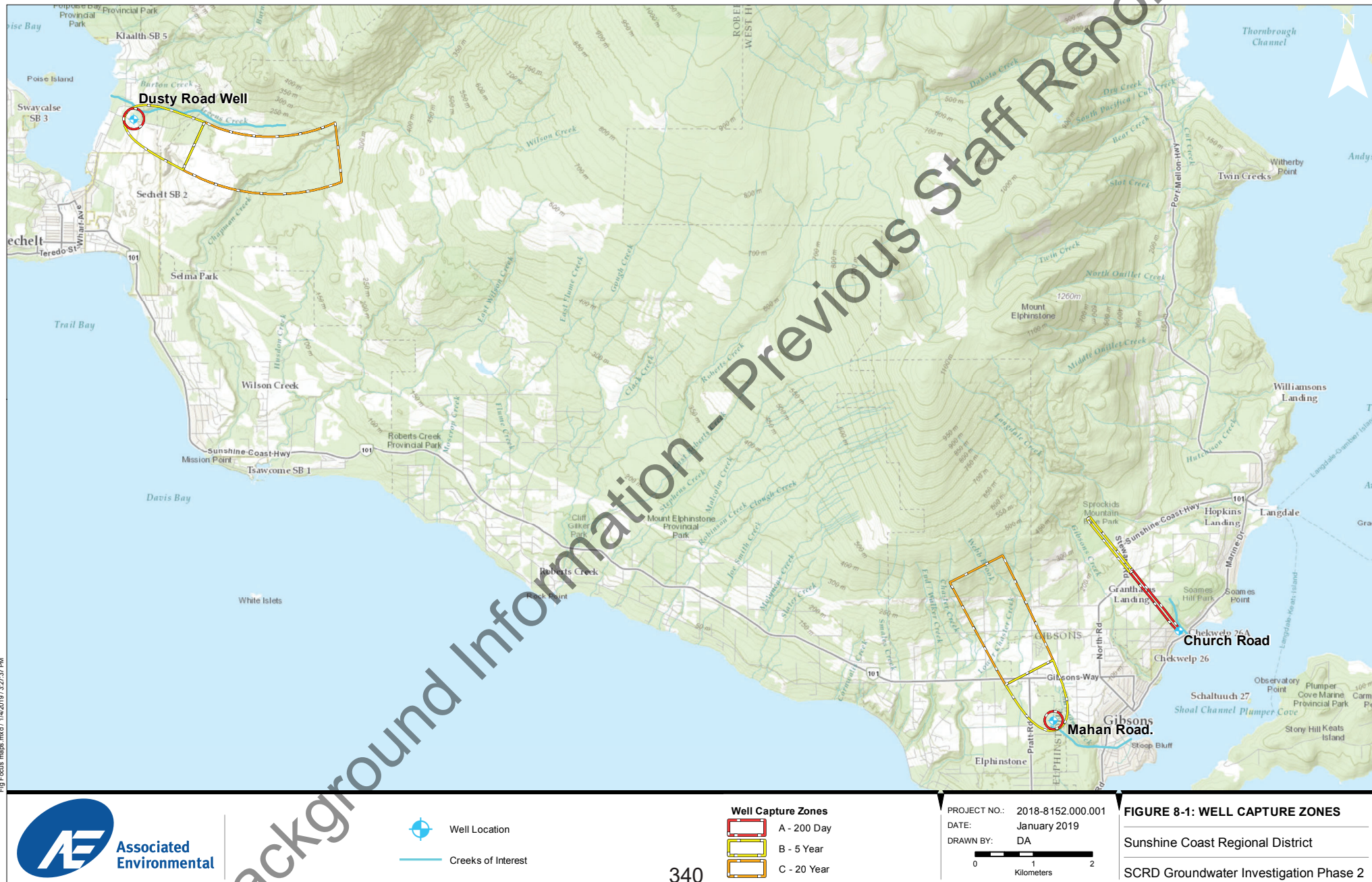
¹ The hydraulic conductivity was calculated by dividing the aquifer transmissivity by aquifer thickness. Values calculated are typical for medium sand to fine gravel unconsolidated deposits (Freeze and Cherry, 1979).

² Based on geology encountered during drilling.

³ Typical porosity for sand and gravel (from BC Well Protection Toolkit).

⁴ Dusty Rd: calculated based on well water level and assuming groundwater is at 0 masl at coast; Mahan Rd: from Waterline report using groundwater contours; Church Rd: from Associated Well Protection report using same gradient as that used for Soames and Granthams Wells.

⁵ Calculated 100-day sustainable yield from the October/November 2018 pumping tests.



8.2.2 Potential Hazards

Groundwater can enter a water supply well through:

1. groundwater flow from an up-gradient aquifer,
2. overland flow and then infiltration near the well-head,
3. through geological fractures, annular spaces along improperly closed boreholes and other larger openings in an aquifer, and
4. via direct entry to the well if the well head completion is not sealed properly.

Hazards can be both human-related or natural. Examples of hazards are:

- Naturally occurring: pathogens from wildlife including bacteria (E. coli), and protozoa such as Giardia lamblia.
- Agricultural: nitrates, phosphates, pesticides
- Forestry-related: turbidity
- Municipal: fertilizers and pesticides from fields/parks, stormwater run-off from roads
- Commercial: contaminants from airports, auto repair shops, dry cleaners
- Industrial: specific contaminants from specific industrial land uses
- Residential: pathogens and nitrates from septic tanks, pesticides, and/or solvents

Table 8-2 presents potential hazards identified for each well site and distances to the hazard where known.

Table 8-2
Potential drinking water hazards for each well site

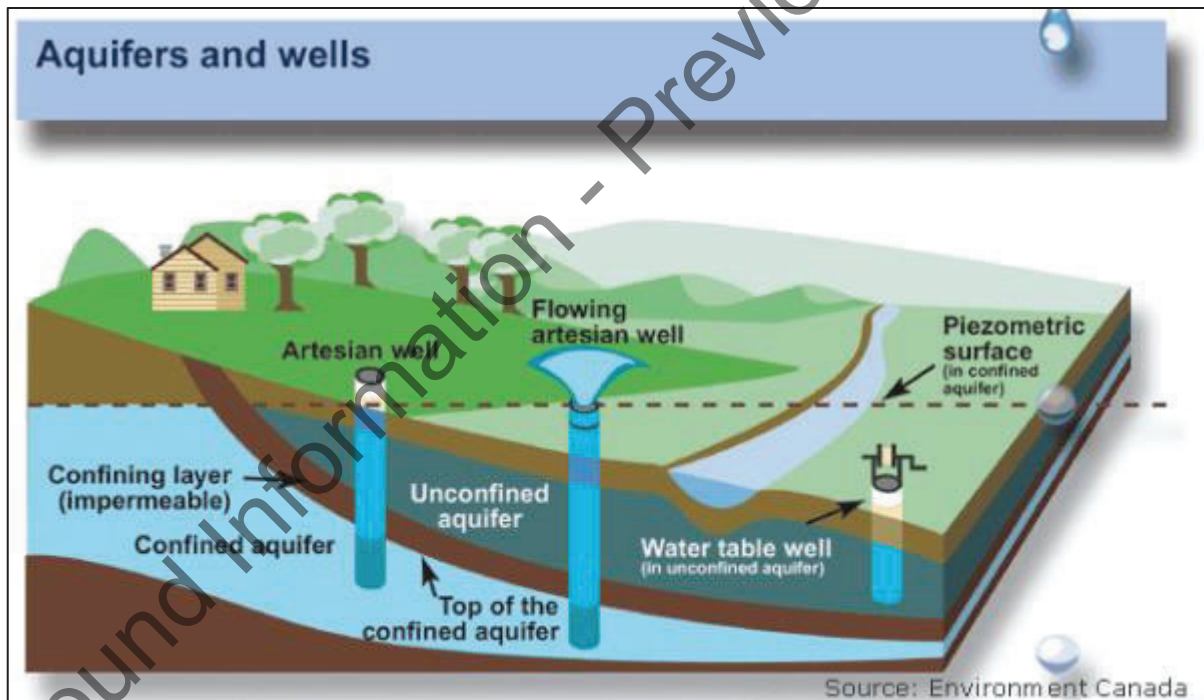
Dusty Road	Mahan Road	Elphinstone Avenue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dusty Road Sewage Treatment Plant (0.5 km to east) Sechelt Landfill (1.9 km to east) Sechelt Public Works (adjacent to well) Road drainage, including minor oil spills and salt (5 m to south) Industry – quarry, including minor and major oil spills and leaks (50 m to south) Hydrocarbon and chemical storage – above and below ground storage private, commercial and industrial (closest is adjacent to site) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private septic tanks (closest private dwelling is 10 m to east) Hydrocarbon and chemical storage – above and below ground storage for private, commercial and industrial use (closest private dwelling is 10 m to east) Road drainage (adjacent to site) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private septic tanks (closest private dwelling is 20 m to south) Industrial area (1.5km to northwest) Hydrocarbon and chemical storage – above and below ground storage private, commercial and industrial (closest private dwelling is 20 m to south) Road drainage (5 m to south) Disused landfill (2.1 km to north west)

8.2.3 Review of Water Quality and Aquifer Setting

A review of the water quality does not indicate any unusual parameters of concern; however, the pumping tests were short term while long term pumping draws water in from a larger area; therefore, the water quality is only representative of existing water quality concerns in the area under non-pumping conditions.

The aquifer setting in which water supply wells are installed will dictate the vulnerability of the wells to contamination from surface, and the time it will take for contaminants to transport through the aquifer. In confined aquifers, there is a layer of less permeable material, such as clay or silt, overlying the aquifer. This layer helps to protect the aquifer from contamination directly above because contaminants will take a very long time to percolate through. Unconfined aquifers do not have this overlying layer of less permeable material and are therefore more susceptible to contamination from the surface (Figure 8-2).

Figure 8-2
Schematic diagram of confined and unconfined aquifers (Geological Survey Canada, 2017)



Dusty Road is likely to be most at risk from surface or near-surface potential hazards because this well is located within an unconfined aquifer with no overlying low permeability geological strata present, that would otherwise provide a measure of protection from contaminants. The current proximity of Lehigh Quarry to the well and the potential for expansion of the quarry around and upgradient of the well poses a significant risk of contamination to the aquifer. Oil spills and leaks from heavy machinery and continued daily round trip gravel truck deliveries, that operate in and to/from the quarry, as well as leaks from fuel or chemical storage facilities, could pass through the sand and gravel deposits reaching the aquifer and the cone of depression formed by pumping and consequently become drawn towards the well. Quarries typically excavate material

to a level close to or below the water table, thereby increasing the risk of contamination by reducing the amount of unsaturated material present above the water table that would otherwise help filter any contamination prior to it reaching the aquifer. Consequently, the intense industrial nature of the land use in this area is seen as a major risk to the development of a production well or wellfield at this location.

Low permeability clay and till formations exist over the aquifers in which Mahan Road and Church Road wells were drilled and this layer will provide a measure of protection from contaminants migrating into the aquifer and reduces the risk of contamination occurring. However, there may be zones where this low permeability layer is thin or non-existent and therefore pathways could still exist for contaminants to migrate downwards into the aquifers.

The potential drinking water hazards, water quality data, and aquifer setting were considered as part of Task 6, Evaluation of well sites (see Section 10).

8.3 GARP SCREENING

The *Drinking Water Protection Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 200/2003) requires that the drinking water from a water supply system be disinfected by a water supplier if the water originates from groundwater that, in the opinion of a Drinking Water Officer (DWO), is at risk of containing pathogens⁷. The BC Ministry of Health (MOH) Guidance Document for Determining Groundwater at Risk of Containing Pathogens (GARP) (herein referred to as the GARP Guideline) was released in September 2017, and helps inform DWOs on the steps involved to make a GARP determination.

The GARP Guideline includes 13 hazards that each well is screened against. The hazards are categorized into three groups: water quality results, well location, and well construction. If a hazard is “present” at the screening stage, then the hazard is moved to the “assessment” stage. After the assessment stage, the assessor recommends a “determination” for the groundwater. Wells can be determined to be considered:

1. Low risk GARP: The well is at low risk to GARP and does not require disinfection. The assessor then moves on to Stage 4 Long-Term Monitoring.
2. At risk GARP-viruses only: The well is at risk to viruses only and the assessor then moves on to Stage 3 Risk Mitigation, which can include treatment to meet only the provincial drinking water objectives for viruses.
3. At risk: The well is at risk to pathogens and the assessor then moves on to Stage 3 Risk Mitigation, which can include treatment to meet the provincial drinking water objectives.
4. At risk (due to unavailable information): If there is information that is unavailable or inconclusive, the well is determined to be “at risk” and the assessor then moves on to Level 2 or 3 Investigation (Preliminary or Detailed Hydrogeological Investigations).

⁷ There are three main groups of pathogens, or disease-causing organisms: viruses, bacteria, and protozoa. More information about the types of pathogens, and how they move differently in groundwater, is available here: <https://www.bcwwa.org/news-announcements/2018-10-29-new-technical-information-brochure-available-for-m/>.

To determine if the groundwater from the three wells should be considered GARP (Groundwater at Risk of containing Pathogens), Associated conducted a GARP screening following the GARP Guideline) (MOH 2017). The GARP Guideline outlines four stages:

1. Hazard Screening and Assessment
2. GARP Determination
3. Risk Mitigation
4. Long-term Monitoring

For this study, we performed the first (screening only) and second stage of the GARP Guideline (determination). The hazard screening portion of Stage 1 involved a review of each well's location, construction, aquifer properties and water sample results. This information was used to inform the GARP determination.

Results

The GARP screening and assessment checklists for each well are provided in Appendix G. Based on this screening and assessment, all three wells are determined to be "at-risk to viruses only". Consequently, one method of treatment is needed, and treatment is to meet 4-log virus inactivation/removal for each well site. For long-term monitoring, we recommend the following, for the first year of operation, at which time a GARP-determination update can be completed and a review of long-term monitoring parameters and frequency can be completed:

- Regular (at a minimum every four hours) monitoring of turbidity; and
- Weekly *E.coli* and total coliform testing of raw water.

The results of the GARP determination helped inform treatment requirements, Task 11, and recommendations.

9 Production Well Design

Appendix H provides sketches of our proposed well design for each site. Careful consideration of the drill methods will be needed to ensure that representative soil samples will be collected at Mahan Road and Church Road where the formation is made up of thin sand/gravel layers. A combination of cable tool and dual rotary rigs may need to be used. In addition, a review of the open storm water ditch capacity at each site will be needed, including the capacity of any downstream culverts that may present a restriction to flow. This is to confirm that the ditches/culverts can handle the calculated well yields.

10 Evaluation of Four Well Sites (Task 6)

A meeting was held on November 28, 2018 between Associated and SCRD to evaluate the three well sites and rank them in order of preference based on multiple criteria from four general categories: well supply, engineering, land access, and environmental. A matrix was developed with scores agreed upon for each well against the evaluation criteria in each category. An importance weighting was built in to the matrix as some criteria are considered more important than others. A memo outlining the evaluation criteria and the

scoring method used is provided in Appendix I together with the minutes of the meeting. The completed evaluation matrix is shown in Table 10-1.

Church Road Well - The results show that Church Road Well scores highest and is therefore evaluated as the preferred well site to prioritise for development.

During the meeting on 28 November 2018, the potential of developing a wellfield at Shirley Macey Park, located 500 m to the northwest of the well was discussed. This park is owned by the SCRD and is expected to be located above the same aquifer as that of the Church Road Well and would provide a greater area of land in which to develop production wells and treatment facilities. A cost estimate to investigate the potential of this area with the drilling of two new exploratory wells (to assess water level drawdown interference between two wells), pumping tests and consultancy support was developed. However, due to the significant expected depth to the top of the aquifer of nearly 100m, the depth of the wells would likely be around 150m and pumping would require the groundwater to be lifted a significant height at greater cost than pumping from a shallower depth to groundwater. The cost to complete this exploratory drilling and testing of two new wells is estimated to be in the region of \$350K. An alternative is the development of a wellfield along Elphinstone Avenue with a production well located close to the recently drilled Church Road Well and potentially a second well drilled on land next to the Granthams Landing Reservoir at the corner of Elphinstone Avenue and Fisher Road. Both wells would then also be located on property owned by the SCRD (see Sections 11 and 12).

Mahan Road Well – The Mahan Road final evaluation score was relatively close to that of Church Road, however difficulties may be encountered concerning the development of a production well close to the Town of Gibsons public supply wells and the impact a SCRD abstraction might have on their existing and future supply needs. This consideration makes development of a well at this location less favourable than at Church Road at this time.

We recommend that an aquifer mapping study be conducted in this area to better define the extent of the aquifer and the resource available. We recommend that a collaborative approach be taken for such a study that involves the SCRD, the Town of Gibsons and the Provincial Government.

Dusty Road Well – Dusty Road has the lowest score of the three wells despite having the highest calculated sustainable yield, the overall score is significantly impacted by its low source protection score, which has the highest weighting of all the criteria. This reflects the unconfined nature of the aquifer and its location next to Lehigh Quarry, putting the aquifer at high risk from contamination which could effectively render the well(s) unusable in the future. The risk from contamination is deemed too high to justify well development costs when there are other groundwater options to explore at this time.

Gray Creek – Gray Creek was also discussed during the meeting and a groundwater supply well in this area has not been discounted at this stage, given the apparent productive aquifer that Northern Divine Aquafarms have constructed a wellfield in. The SCRD could explore this if this company is willing to discuss options for the potential development of a public water supply well(s) on their property. Furthermore, the SCRD have an existing surface water licence to divert water from Gray Creek for public water supply (3

million litres per day [550 USgpm]) and all or part of this licence could be transferred to a groundwater abstraction licence in the future should a well be developed here.

Background Information - Previous Staff Report

**Table 10-1
Well Evaluation Matrix**

General Category	Grading Criterion	Score			Importance Weighting	Notes
		Dusty Road Well	Mahan Road Well	Church Road Well		
Well Supply	Long term sustainable well yield	5	4	3	15%	Dusty Road: unconfined aquifer. Sand and Gravel: 64 L/s. Mahan Road: deep well, 400 ft deep well. Also unconfined although there is a local confining unit which provides protection. Yields: pumped 300 USgpm, rated at 570 USgpm. Church Road: Confined aquifer (confining layer: till) and sand and gravel below that. Issues with drilling. Drilling didn't give clear picture of what's down there. Screen got lost first time. Put another screen in and then pumping test started pulling in sands and silts at 240 USgpm. Dialed back to 170 USgpm. Rated at 407 USgpm.
	Well interference (drawdown) with other wells	3	3	5	5%	Dusty: inconclusive due to lack of data. Mahan: monitored two wells: 300m to North (private well): 70 cm drawdown. MOE's observation well: 400 m away 50 cm drawdown (difficult to interpret with tidal influence). Gibsons wells farther away so negligible interference is expected but could use 50 cm as worst case scenario. Also will need a detailed (door to door) survey to confirm water users (every house near the border but in the Town of Gibsons can be assumed to have a well). Everyone ok with ongoing monitoring and discussion with other well owners. An independent aquifer mapping study across entire study may be useful. See if can partner with BC FLNR Surrey office and Town of Gibsons. Church Road: monitored pressure changes in Granthams, and Soames well minimal interference observed but data was limited. Also private well: no interference.
Engineering	Interconnecting Pipe Size	3	5	4	10%	Limiting factor on pipe capacity in Bold: Dusty Rd: well 64 L/s and pipe 47 L/s . Mahan Rd: well 37 L/s , pipe 94 L/s (pipe along Pratt Road, and could flow in other direction). Church Rd: well 26 L/s , pipe 47 L/s. Lots of pipe room in Mahan.
	Production Wells, Treatment, Storage, Tie-In and Energy Costs (Capital)	5	3	4	15%	All sites designed with 4-log treatment (chlorination). Expensive to connect Mahan to 3-phase power as will come from Gibsons Way, approx. 600m to north. Church Road also requires a new 3-phase power connection. Dusty Rd already has 3-phase power.
	O&M and Long term Energy Costs	5	4	3	5%	Generally the same per well except for energy costs (Mahan has highest drilling costs due to depth). O&M for pumps may be seasonal.
Access Issues	Room for Production Well, Treatment Plant, and Storage, Land ownership/agreement	4	3	5	10%	SCRD staff will look into this further. Board may wish to have ownership vs right of way only from MOTI, so Mahan scores lower. Church Road is also on right of way but there is room owned by SCRD.
	Land Use Fit	5	5	5	0%	Everyone agreed there will be minimal disturbance and sufficient room at each site. Community is used to wells in parks and in residential areas.
Environmental	Source Protection	1	4	5	20%	Dusty has a very high risk: one of largest gravel extraction mines in North America. Plans for expansion all around this well. Unconfined aquifer so any spills or leaks from oil or gas for machines could make its way to aquifer and drawdown cone of well.
	Hydraulic Connection and Impacts to Environmental Flow Needs (needed to support new Groundwater Use Licence Application)	2	5	5	15%	Aquifer at Dusty Road site is likely connected to Irgins Creek so could require mitigation to augment EFNs. Mahan and Church Rd not likely naturally connected to Charman and Soames Creek, respectively. Will know more by final report because AE is doing more hydrology work. Aquatic values are very important for community.
	Other regulations (e.g.: Environmental Assessment Act and Ground Water Protection Regulation)	3	3	5	5%	EAA: All wells below 75 L/s as long as each well considered a different "project". If in separate watersheds should be ok. For GWPR, Church Road would allow Granthams to be closed (uncontrolled flowing artesian well) to be in compliance with GWPR.
Total score with importance weighting		3.25	3.9	4.35	100%	

11 Assessment of Infrastructure and Operations Requirements (Task 7)

The following sections provide an assessment of the treatment, infrastructure and operational requirements and costs to develop a production well at each of the three well sites. A preliminary assessment of requirements and capital costs was completed prior to the well evaluation meeting on 28 November 2018 (Sections 11.1 to 11.3 below). This information was considered as part of the well evaluation process (Section 10).

Following the well evaluation discussions, it was concluded that the Church Road site should be prioritised for further investigation and development. Two development options have been identified:

- Option A: the construction of a single production well at the recently drilled Church Road site.
- Option B: the construction of a 'wellfield' consisting of two production wells, one well at the Church Road site and a second well adjacent to the SCRD Granthams Landing Well on the corner of Elphinstone Avenue and Fisher Road.

Both options would tie into the Chapman and Granthams Landing and Soames service areas.

Detailed development costs for these two options are provided in Section 11.4.

11.1 TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS

The treatment requirements vary depending on the well location and water quality obtained from the well sampling.

11.1.1 Dusty Road

This well is considered GARP (Viruses only). Water quality testing report indicated that all parameters tested complied with the CDWQG. Physically, the well is located in an area with no existing reservoirs in the vicinity that a dedicated watermain could reasonably connect the well to. In order to meet the CT (concentration X time) requirements for 4-log inactivation of viruses the connection to the distribution will be an oversized 300 mm main of about 300 m length. The sizing has been based on a chlorine residual of 1.5 mg/l.

Treatment required: Chlorine injection providing primary (for virus inactivation) and secondary disinfection (for residual). It is proposed to use sodium hypochlorite solution (SHS) as the SCRD has experience in using this delivered liquid chemical.

Infrastructure Required: 300mm main approximately 300m in length.

Assumed Facility Flow Rate: 47 L/s. This is based on a full 200mm pipe (the existing main on Sechelt Inlet Road) with water running in south direction only. If it is confirmed that flow could be sent north during the maximum day water demand (MDD) condition, i.e. Grey Creek intake is not used, then this could be increased to include the demand north of Grey Creek intake to a maximum of 94 L/s if an additional well(s) was drilled.

11.1.2 Mahan Road

Background: This well is considered GARP (Viruses only). Water quality testing report indicated that all parameters tested complied with the CDWQG. The nearest reservoir that could be tied into is the Reed Road Reservoir which is located approximately 2.2 km from the Mahan Road well. Installing a dedicated main of this length would be expensive (\$814,000 for a 200 mm watermain and \$528,000 for paving alone). Instead a new dedicated main could run along Kearton Road to tie in along Pratt Road. This main will be oversized at 250mm to provide adequate CT prior to reaching the first user. The sizing has been based on a chlorine residual of 1.5 mg/l.

Treatment Required: Chlorine injection providing primary (for virus inactivation) and secondary disinfection (for residual). It is proposed to use SHS.

Infrastructure Required: 250mm main approximately 410m in length. A new 3-phase electrical service connection is also required to run the well pump.

Assumed Facility Flow Rate: 37 L/s. This is based on the well yield, but could be increased up to 94 L/s if additional wells were drilled.

11.1.3 Church Road

The well is considered to be GARP (Viruses only). As listed in the Drinking Water Treatment Objectives for Ground Water Supplies in BC, only one form of treatment is required to provide potable water for this type of water source. The water quality testing report also indicated that the iron was above the aesthetic objective of 0.3 mg/L with a reading of 0.44 mg/L. Turbidity was also noted to be well above the Objective limits of 1.0 NTU with a reading of 10.2 NTU. We anticipate that the turbidity resulted from the formation collapse around the well screen. The iron levels may also have been elevated because of this collapse. As the well is further developed we anticipate that turbidity will drop below 1.0 NTU. Often the turbidity reading can be skewed higher by iron precipitating out of the sample jar during transport to the laboratory. It is recommended to determine what the turbidity of the water is on site before proceeding with additional treatment. It's also recommended to re-test the iron levels prior to finalising treatment requirements. For this report it has been assumed that iron levels will return to levels seen in other wells in the area which show iron levels below the aesthetic limit and therefore filtration has not been shown in this conceptual design. This should be noted as a risk to this well that iron level could stay elevated and filtration could be required.

Treatment Required: Chlorine injection providing primary (for virus inactivation) and secondary disinfection (for residual). It is proposed to use SHS.

Storage and Infrastructure Required: Tie into the nearby Grantham Reservoir (which currently only feeds the Granthams Landing service area) with a dedicated raw water main from the well to a new chlorination water treatment plant (WTP) located adjacent to the reservoir (250m). The Grantham reservoir would be retrofitted with baffles inside to increase the baffling factor in the reservoir in order to achieve adequate concentration x time (CT) for 4-log virus inactivation.

A pump station, complete with backup emergency generator, would be required to pump water into the Chapman service area since the new well would produce more water than what is used by the Grantham's Landing and Soames services areas. The new pump station would be located within the new WTP and would pump treated water from the hydraulic grade of 80m up to the 210m which is what the Chapman system is run at (Henry Road Reservoir TWL) and what the existing main along Reed road is operated at according to Figure 3-2B of the Comprehensive Regional Water Plan (Opus DaytonKnight, 2013). A new dedicated watermain would be installed along Reed Road and tie in at Chamberlin Road to provide water to the Chapman system. A new 3-phase electrical service connection is also required at the new WTP location to run the pump station and the well pump. Power and control wiring would run from the new WTP to the well pump so that no building would be required in the park adjacent to the well, only the wellhead would be visible.

Assumed Facility Flow rate: 26 L/s. This is based on the well yield and also flow through a 150mm existing pipe along Reed Road. This could be increased to approximately 47 L/s if this pipe was upsized to 200mm and an additional well was drilled.

11.2 COMPARISON OF CLASS D CAPITAL COST ESTIMATES FOR EACH WELL SITE

Preliminary Class D capital cost estimates (with 40% contingency included) for the development of one production well, treatment plant and associated infrastructure at each site are summarised in Table 11-1. These costs are for comparative purpose only (for use during the well evaluation process – see Section 10) and only include construction costs, with no detailed design and consultancy support costs included as it is anticipated that these costs would be similar for each well site. A breakdown of these construction costs together with preliminary plans showing proposed infrastructure are provided in Appendix J.

Table 11-1
Comparison of Class D capital costs for development of a production well at each site

Well Site	Class D capital construction cost ¹
Dusty Road	\$1.38M
Mahan Road	\$1.75M
Church Road	\$2.01M

¹ Construction cost estimates only

11.3 COMPARISON OF OPERATIONAL COST ESTIMATES FOR EACH WELL SITE

Annual electricity and SHS cost estimates for each well are provided in Appendix J and summarised in Table 11-2 for comparative purposes.

Table 11-2
Annual operating costs

Well Site (and pumping rate)	Estimated annual electricity cost	Estimated annual SHS cost
Dusty Road (64 L/s)	\$19,372	\$13,271
Mahan Road (37 L/s)	\$28,769	\$7,672
Church Road (26 L/s)	\$37,050	\$5,391

Assumptions:

- These costs are for comparison purposes and based on approximate motor sizes for each well
- Replacement costs not included
- Miscellaneous costs like SCADA network, water sampling, insurance, operator wages, engineering support, tech support not included since this is for comparison purposes
- Assume wells operate for 4 months a year at their calculated sustainable rates
- SHS costs are \$0.02 per m³ (1000 litres) for each well, based on current SCRD chlorine costs for existing wells.

11.4 COST ESTIMATES TO DEVELOP A WELL OR WELLFIELD AT CHURCH ROAD

Cost estimates have been prepared for the development of either one production well (Option A), or two production wells (Option B). For the purposes of costing we have assumed each option would be comprised of the following:

- Option A: a single production well (with well yield estimated at 25.7 L/s) adjacent to the Church Road exploratory well (Church Road Production Well) with new chlorination water treatment plant at Granthams Reservoir and tie in to Pressure Zone 3 distribution network at Chamberlin Road.

- Option B: construct two production wells (with a combined well yield estimated at 51.4 L/s), one adjacent to the Church Road exploratory well (Church Road Production Well) and the second well located at the corner of Elphinstone Avenue and Fisher Road (Fisher Road Production Well) with treatment facility and tie in at Granthams Reservoir and tie in to Pressure Zone 3 distribution network at Chamberlin Road (with upgraded pipe size to accommodate a flow up to 47 L/s).

11.4.1 Class D Capital Cost Estimate

Table 11-3 shows the estimated capital cost, including 40% contingency, to develop both options and includes costs for: detailed design, construction, additional exploratory drilling and testing (where required for Option B), permitting (including any environmental assessments), and engineering construction support. A more detailed breakdown of these costs is provided in Appendix K.

Table 11-3
Class D cost estimates for construction of Option A and Option B (Church Road)

Option (and pumping rate)	Class D Cost Estimate ¹
Option A – 1 Production Well (26L/s) ²	\$2.4M
Option B – 2 Production Wells (47 L/s) ³	\$3.1M

¹ A contingency of 40% has been added to all cost estimates

² Pumping rate based on calculated sustainable yield

³ Pumping rate based on maximum calculated flow rate from two wells through existing infrastructure

11.4.2 Operating Cost Estimates

Operating cost estimates are provided in Table 11-4 for both options.

Table 11-4
Annual operating cost estimates for Option A and Option B (Church Road)

Option (and pumping rate)	Estimated annual electricity cost	Estimated annual hypochlorite cost
Option A – 1 Production Well (26 L/s)	\$37,050 (per Table 11-2)	\$5,391
Option B – 2 Production Wells (47 L/s)	\$69,306	\$9,746

Assumptions:

- These costs are based on approximate motor sizes for each well
- Replacement costs not included
- Miscellaneous costs like SCADA network, water sampling, insurance, operator wages, engineering support, tech support not included
- Wells operate for 4 months a year at the pumping rates shown
- SHS costs are \$0.02 per m³ (1000 litres) for each well, based on current SCRD chlorine costs for existing wells.

12 Conclusions and Recommendations

12.1 CONCLUSIONS

All tasks of the Phase 2 Groundwater Investigation Project have been completed. Based on the findings of the study, we conclude the following:

1. Three of the four well sites were completed and tested, and have been considered for development into production wells. The pumped rate, and the calculated sustainable well yield of each well is shown in Table 12-1. Looking at the modelled gap in water supply for 2050 of 188 L/s (2,979 USgpm) to 322 L/s (5,099 USgpm) for 184 days, Associated concludes that the aquifers in the vicinity of the wells sites at Dusty Rd, Mahan Rd, and Church Rd could make up this supply gap, considering water quantity alone. Interestingly, the results of the drilling and pumping test program suggest that the groundwater resources on this part of the Sunshine Coast are larger than previously thought.

**Table 12-1
Summary of Drilling**

	Units	Dusty Road	Mahan Road	Church Road
Well Depth	m	83.5	118.9	43.9
Tested Rate	USgpm	300	300	170
	L/s	18.9	18.9	10.7
Calculated sustainable well yield per well	USgpm	1011	572	407
	L/s	63.8	36.1	25.7

2. Desktop hydraulic connection studies have been undertaken for the three well sites. Based on the information available, the aquifer at Dusty Road is considered to be connected to the lower reach of nearby Irgens Creek; the aquifer at Mahan Road is considered unlikely to be hydraulically connected to the nearby Charman Creek; and the aquifer at Church Road is connected to Soames Creek via a man-made pathway: the flowing artesian Granthams Landing Well. This information will become important when completing the technical assessment in support of a new groundwater use licence application.
3. Water quality from all three well sites is excellent, and no health-based exceedances were observed, other than high NTU at Church Road due to the well formation collapse and which is expected to reduce to less than 1 NTU for a completed well.
4. The wells are considered GARP-viruses only. One method of treatment is needed, and treatment must provide 4-log inactivation of viruses. Recommendations for long-term monitoring once the production wells are brought on-line are presented in Section 8.

5. The Mahan Road and Church Road wells are located in areas with few hazards and are protected by a low permeability clayey till layer above the aquifer of interest. The Dusty Road well is deemed to be at greater health risk from contamination, with drilling showing that no protective low permeability layer is present (the aquifer is unconfined). This is unfortunate given the location of Dusty Road within an industrial area.
6. A review of the piping infrastructure concluded that the following flow rates (Table 12-2) could be possible at each site with new mains and upgrades to the existing infrastructure.

Table 12-2
Maximum facility flow rate at each site

	Units	Dusty Road	Mahan Road	Church Road
Calculated sustainable well yield	USgpm	1011	572	407
	L/s	63.8	36.1	25.7
Maximum facility flow rate ¹	L/s	94	94	47

¹ Based on using multiple wells and existing infrastructure

7. The three wells were evaluated and ranked based on a number of weighted criteria.
 - a. Church Road had the highest score and development of this site should be prioritised.
 - b. Mahan Road scored lower in the well interference and land availability criteria. The Mahan Road well would be developed in the same aquifer of the Town of Gibsons public water supply wells, and other private supplies, so more work would be needed to map the aquifer and better understand well interference. We understand the Ministry of Environment is updating their aquifer mapping information on the Sunshine Coast in 2019, which will help with the well interference criteria, and may allow Mahan Road to become an area to develop at a later date.
 - c. The Dusty Road Well is calculated to have the highest sustainable yield of the three wells, more than double the calculated sustainable yield calculated for Church Road Well, so it scored highly on the costing and yield criteria. However, the aquifer at this location is susceptible to contamination given its location adjacent to Lehigh Quarry (which is also expected to expand around the well site) and the unconfined nature of the aquifer with no protective low permeability layer. The risk from contamination was deemed too high to human health to justify production well development costs when there are other groundwater options available at this time, therefore the Dusty Road well scored low in the Source Protection criterion.
8. A well located in the Gray Creek area, downstream of where the Gray Creek exploratory well was drilled, should not be discounted at this stage. The relatively thin aquifer and lower yields encountered during drilling are believed to reflect the well location at the apex of the alluvial fan. A well further downstream should intercept a thicker aquifer with higher yields, as observed from wells operated by Northern Divine Aquafarms.

12.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on these conclusions, Associated recommends the following next steps:

1. Prioritise the Church Road site for further development – the ‘Church Road Wellfield Project’ – to develop a wellfield capable of providing up to 47L/s (the maximum flow the existing supply infrastructure will allow). This will require:
 - Completing a Technical Assessment that would be submitted to support an application for a new groundwater use licence of up to 74 L/s. Although the infrastructure in the area currently only allows for 47 L/s, there could be an option to develop a transmission line on Reed Road to the Reed Road Pump Station, which feeds the Henry Road reservoir. Henry Road reservoir feeds Pressure Zone 3, which is where the demand is. This scenario would allow for 74 L/s more supply. Applying for this amount will provide the SCRD with some flexibility in the future should the production well(s) - once developed - produce a yield in excess of 47 L/s. Applying for a project volume above this rate is not recommended because an Environmental Impact Assessment reviewable by the Environmental Assessment Office will be triggered. Note that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources has a minimum target review time of 140 days and that their current timelines for the processing of applications could be a year or more. This assessment should be undertaken prior to the construction of a production well. The Technical Assessment will make use of the information collected during Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Groundwater Investigation but will also likely require the following:
 - Consulting with the relevant regulators (FLNRO, DFO) at an early stage with regard to the unique situation in Soames Creek where the Granthams Landing Well augments flow. This will enable the SCRD to understand what any future licence conditions are likely to be, i.e., will an augmentation flow continue to be required if the Granthams Landing Well is sealed and the uncontrolled artesian flow stops, or if abstraction from the aquifer significantly reduces the artesian pressure and therefore reduces flow to the creek.
 - Confirm whether there is any hydraulic connection between the aquifer and Soames Creek (other than through the man-made connection at Granthams Landing Well). This would be achieved by:
 - Collecting flow data at various points along Soames Creek to develop flow accretion profiles to help identify whether there are any groundwater discharges into the creek. These accretion profiles should be conducted at various times during the year but particularly during a period of low flow.
 - Undertaking shallow intrusive ground investigation to confirm or exclude the presence of the low permeability layer beneath Soames Creek downstream of the Granthams Landing Well to the coast.
 - It may be necessary to construct a hydrometric monitoring station to allow collection of continuous creek flow throughout the year to better understand seasonal flows and how this might have an effect on the aquatic habitat, particularly if the current artesian flow from Granthams Landing Well is removed from the creek.

- Undertake a habitat assessment of the creek. This will initially include reconnaissance work to establish the reaches of the creek, collection of fish habitat data (e.g., channel size, gradient, substrate, cover, riparian area properties, etc.) at representative sites within each potentially affected reach, recording of any fish passage barriers, and fish sampling to determine presence/absence.

The cost to complete the above tasks, including the Technical Assessment and submission of a groundwater licence application is estimated to be **\$112,000** (with a 40% contingency included). The schedule of the Technical Assessment must include high and low flow periods, so May through to December, with reporting completed by end of February in the following year. With a review target turnaround time of 140 days, the earliest a licence could be received would be June 2020, however given their current backlog in processing similar applications it is more realistic to expect that that would occur in 2021. We recommend allowing 1 year for scheduling purposes, i.e., the licence received around March 2021.

2. Concurrent to completing the Technical Assessment, design and drill a pilot well along Elphinstone Avenue at a location – potentially on the corner of Elphinstone Avenue and Fisher Road – where a second production well could be constructed to help meet SCRD's water demand shortfall. The estimated cost to drill and test the pilot well is at a minimum **\$140,000**, including drilling, testing, hydrogeology consulting, and a 40% contingency. The testing should be completed in late summer, with reporting following in fall 2019.
3. Once the groundwater abstraction licence has been received, complete detailed design and drill and test a production well at the Church Road site. Use the information gained to develop plans to increase the water supply through construction of a second production well, potentially sited at the corner of Elphinstone Avenue and Fisher Road, next to the existing Granthams Landing Reservoir and the proposed new water treatment plant.

Option A: The cost to construct a single production well (with well yield estimated at 25.7 L/s) at the Church Road site with new chlorination water treatment plant at Granthams Reservoir and tie in to Pressure Zone 3 distribution network at Chamberlin Road, is estimated to be **\$2.4M** (includes 40% contingency for construction works plus engineering and environmental consultancy fees).

Option B: The cost to construct two production wells (with a combined well yield estimated at 51.4 L/s) with treatment facility and tie in at Granthams Reservoir and tie in to Pressure Zone 3 distribution network at Chamberlin Road (with upgraded pipe size to accommodate a flow up to 47 L/s) is estimated to be **\$3.1M** (includes 40% contingency for construction works plus engineering and environmental consultancy fees).

4. Consider further exploratory groundwater investigations in Shirley Macey Park, which is in Pressure Zone 3, where the water demand is needed, to further help meet the supply gap of 175 L/s, and because this is in any area owned by the SCRD, and a park area, excellent for source protection. Initially, this would include drilling two new exploratory wells to confirm the presence and thickness of

the aquifer and undertake pumping tests at both wells to determine aquifer characteristics, well yields and well interference. Due to the depth of the water table (94 m), the cost to design, drill and test two wells is estimated at **\$350,000**.

5. Complete further investigation of the potential for a well at Mahan Road by conducting an aquifer mapping study; ideally this would be in collaboration with the Town of Gibsons and the Provincial Government. This study would help to delineate the extent of the aquifer and available water resources that could be utilised by all parties. We understand the Provincial Government is working on aquifer mapping; however, we recommend the SCRD to be an active partner in this mapping because of the knowledge the SCRD has gained about the aquifers on the Coast from their various recent projects.
6. Approach Northern Divine Aquafarms Ltd. to discuss the feasibility of drilling an exploratory test well within Northern Divine's property near Gray Creek, where the aquifer is expected to be thicker and provide a greater yield than that observed at the Gray Creek exploratory test well drilled during this investigation. A production well or wellfield located at this location would help the SCRD meet their water supply demand in this zone of their supply network.
7. Abandon consideration of the Dusty Road site as a new groundwater source as drilling demonstrated that the aquifer here is unconfined sand and gravel with no low permeability (clay) layer protecting it from contamination from the surface. This lack of a confining layer is important given the location, scale and the potential risk of contamination posed by the adjacent quarry (oil spills and leaks from trucks and machinery). The SCRD has other options to site a well that do not have this risk (e.g. Gray Creek is also an unconfined aquifer setting, but is not surrounded by industrial use. Other areas within the SCRD (e.g.: Mahan Road, Langdale, and Church Road wells are in a confined aquifer setting, allowing for the protective cap).

REPORT

Closure

This report was prepared for the Sunshine Coast Regional District to summarise the drilling and testing of four exploratory water supply wells to augment supply to the Chapman Creek water system.

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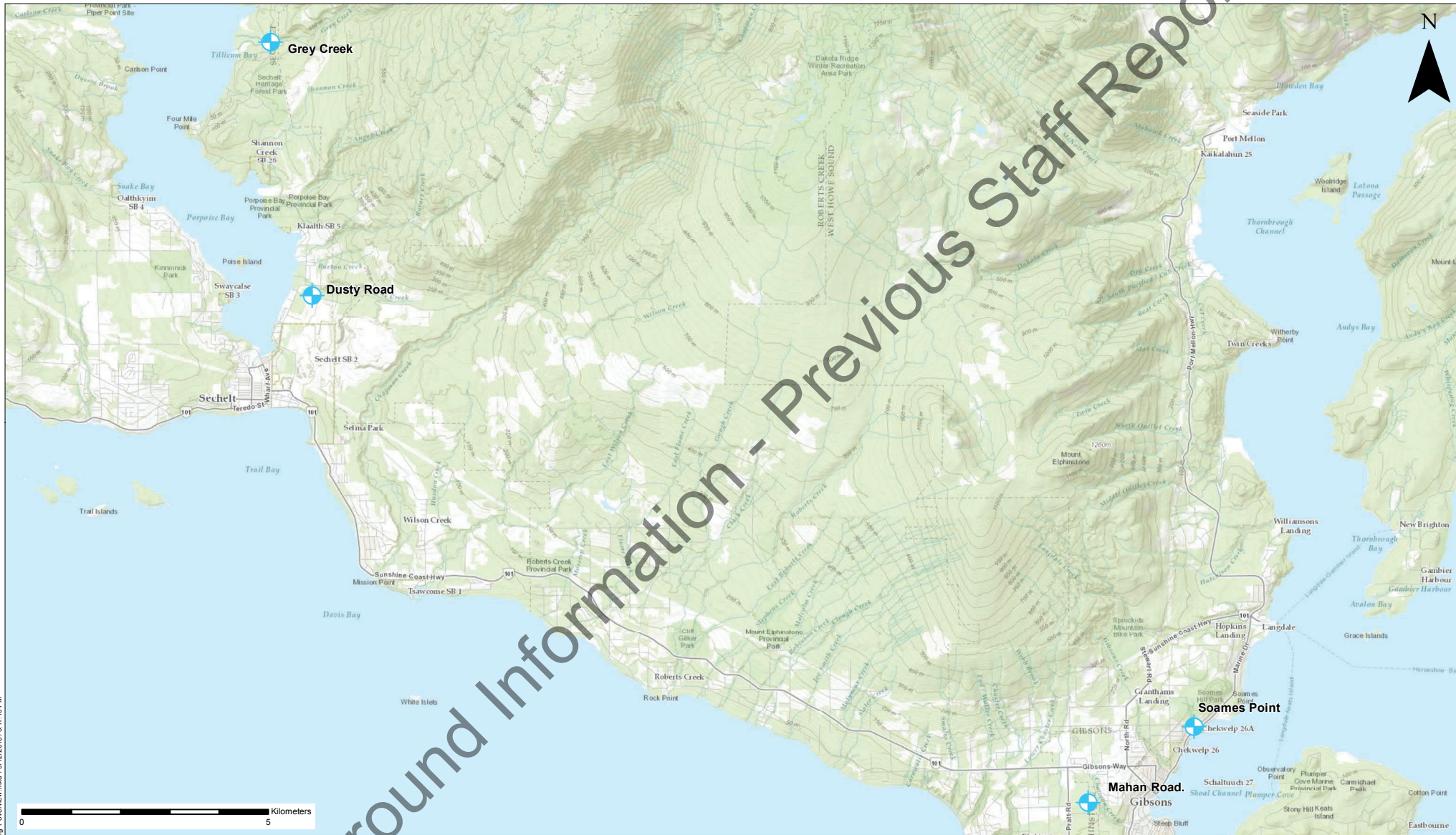
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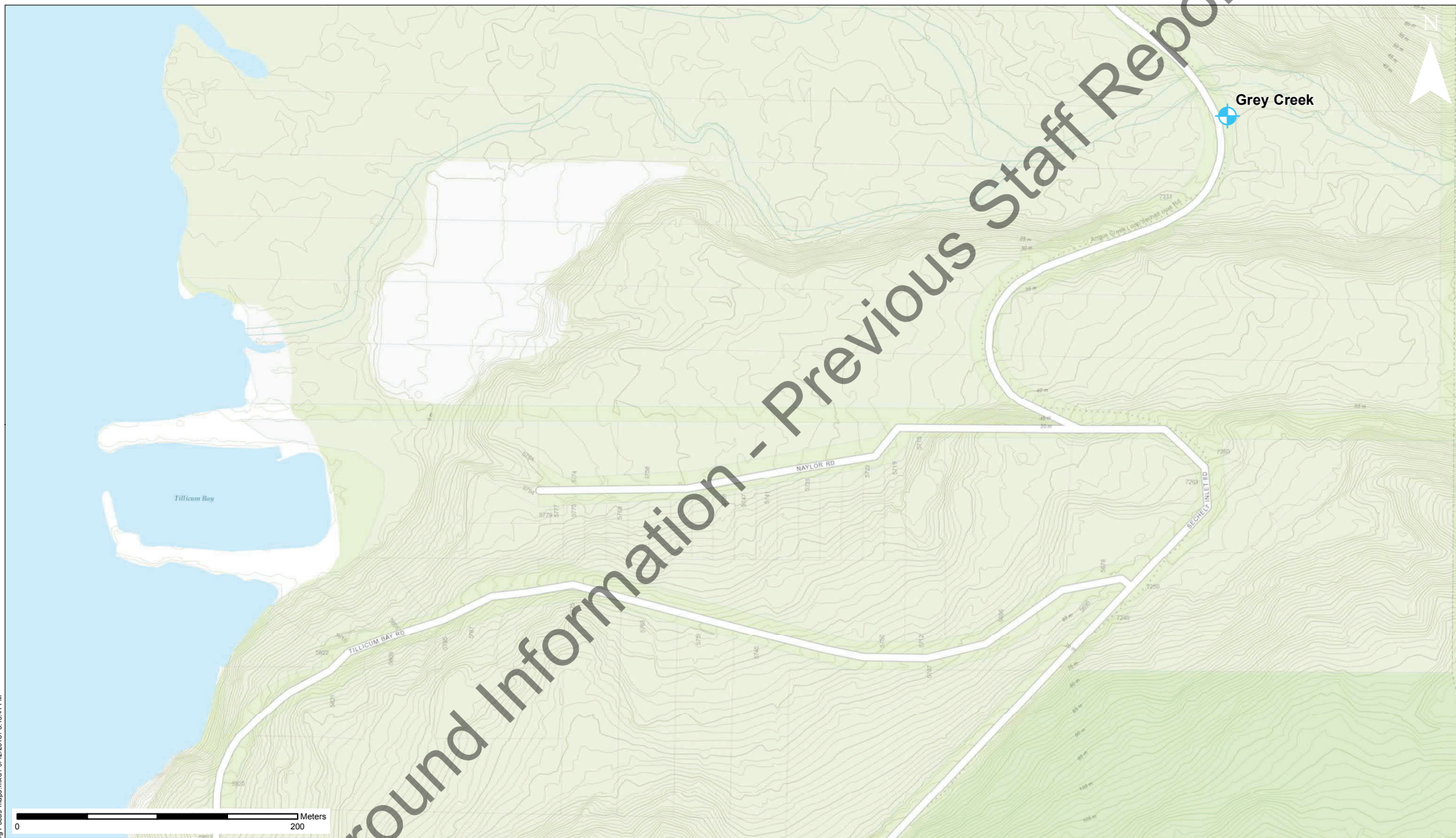
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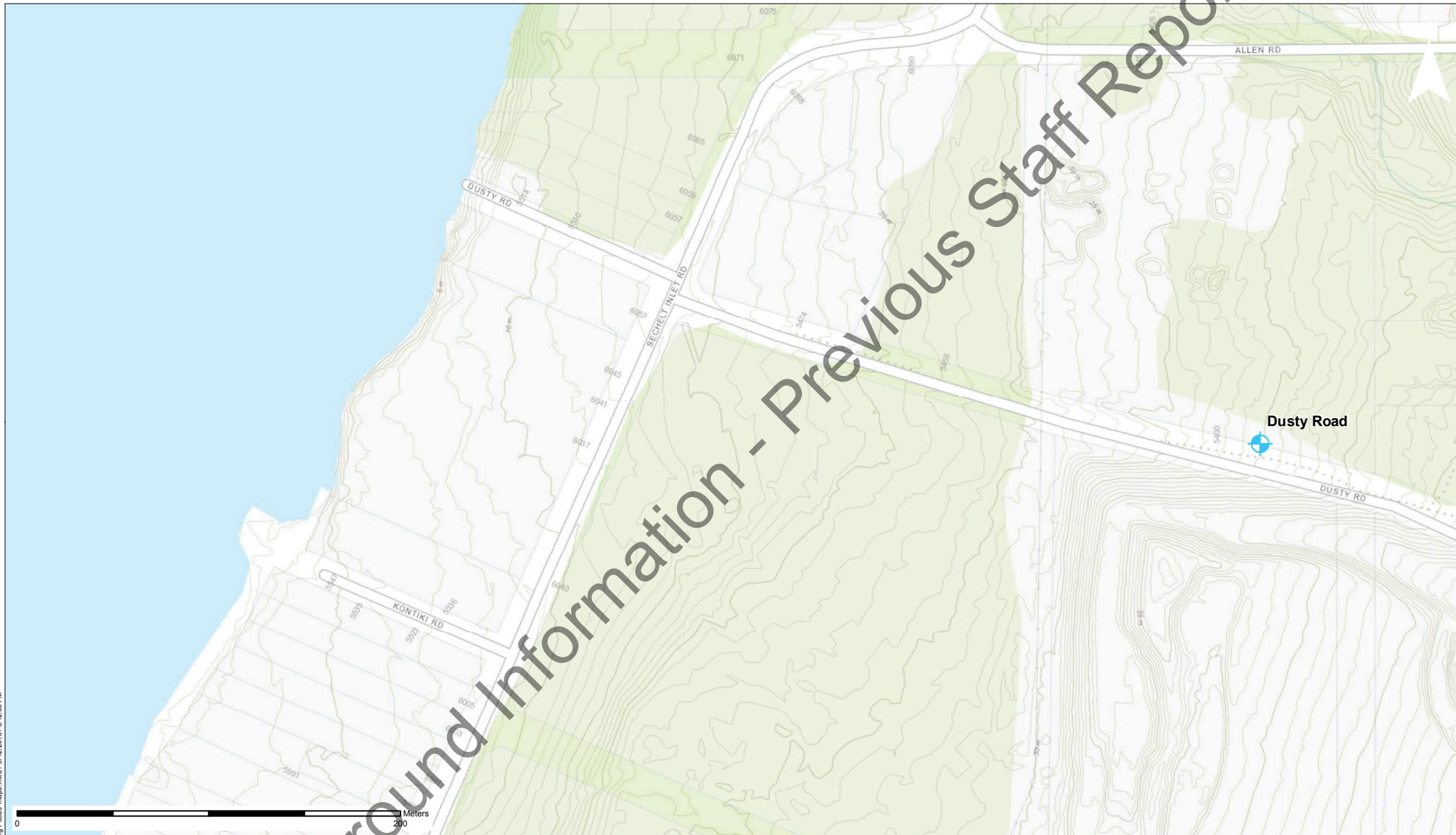
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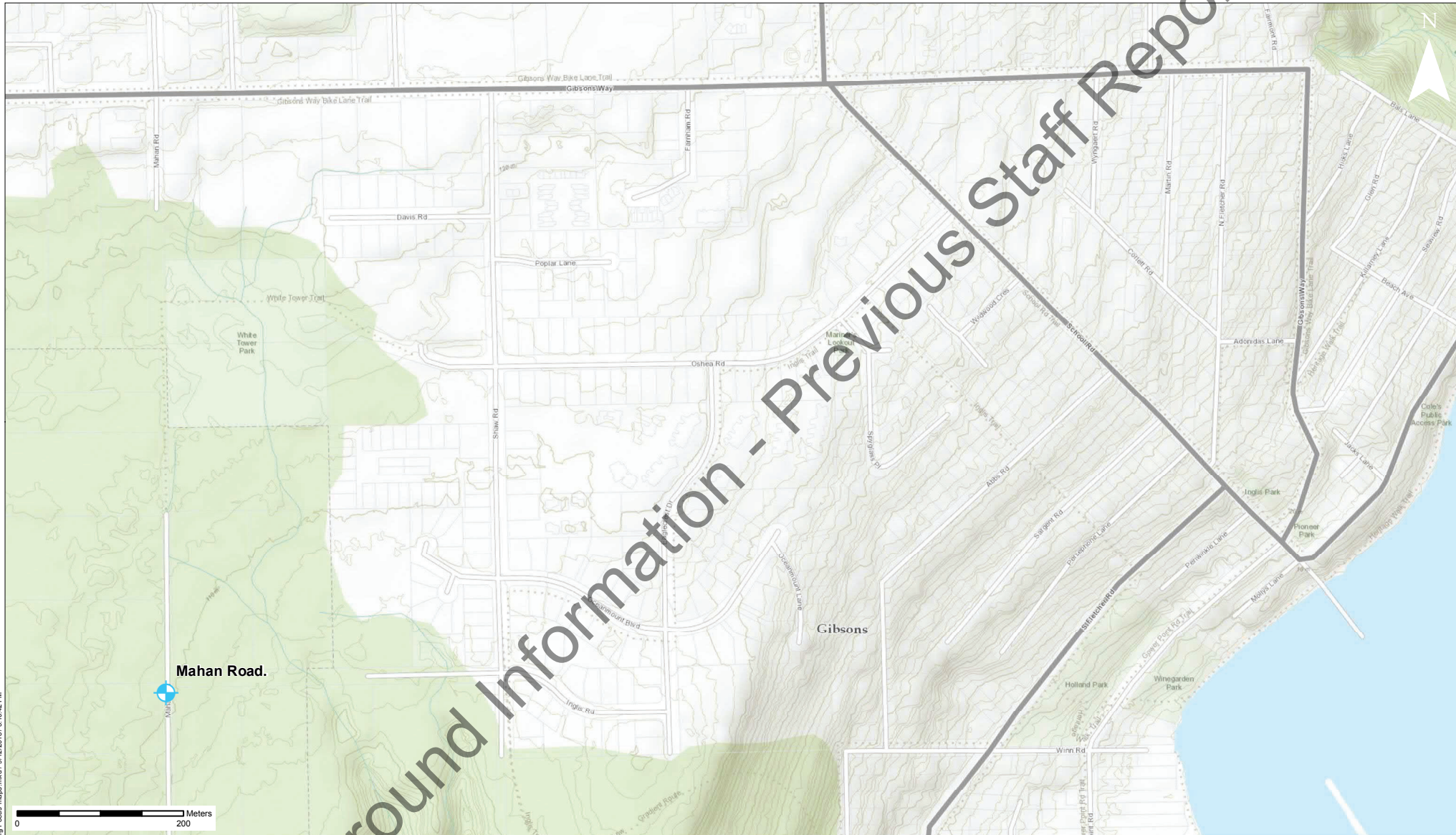
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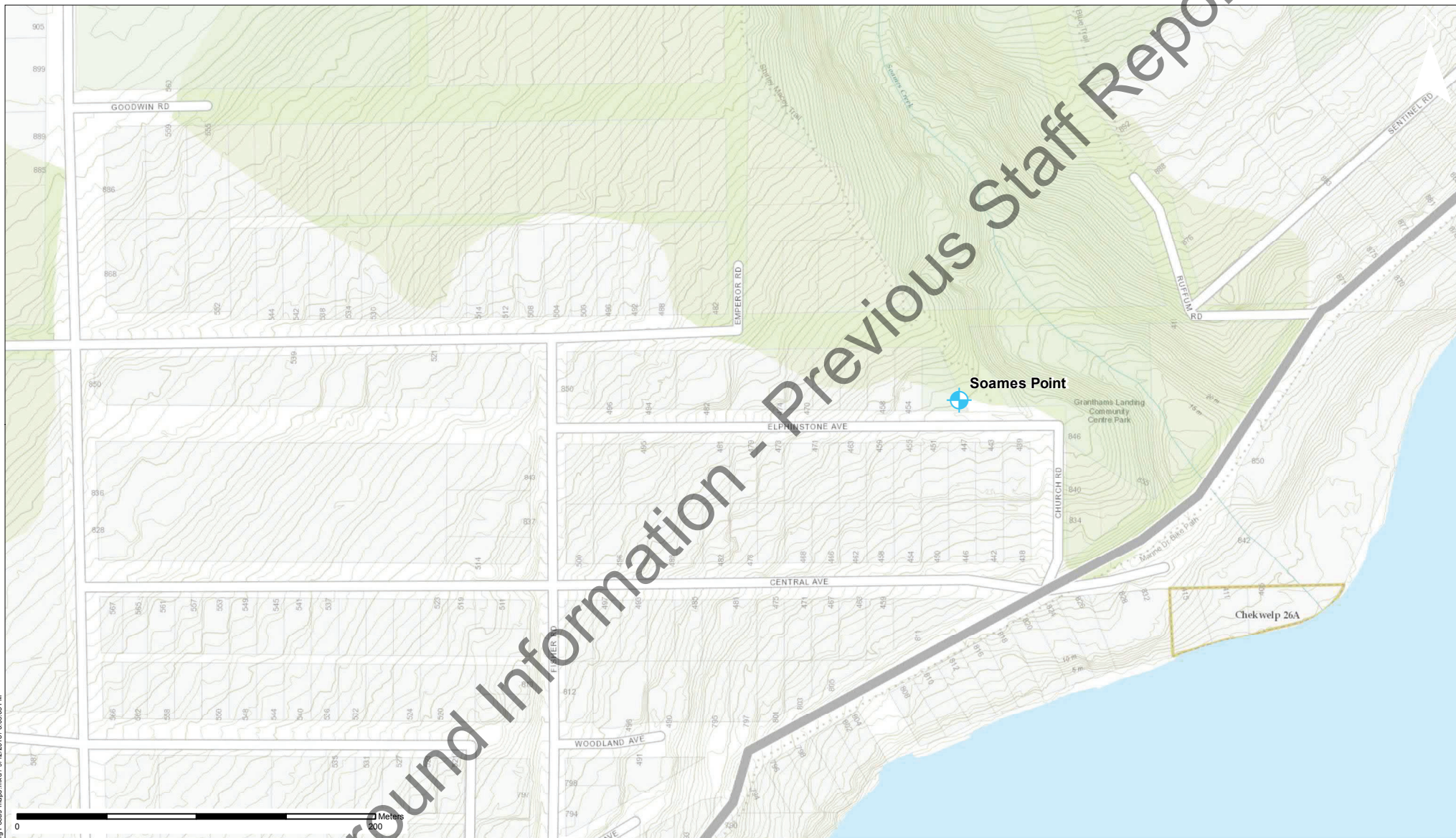
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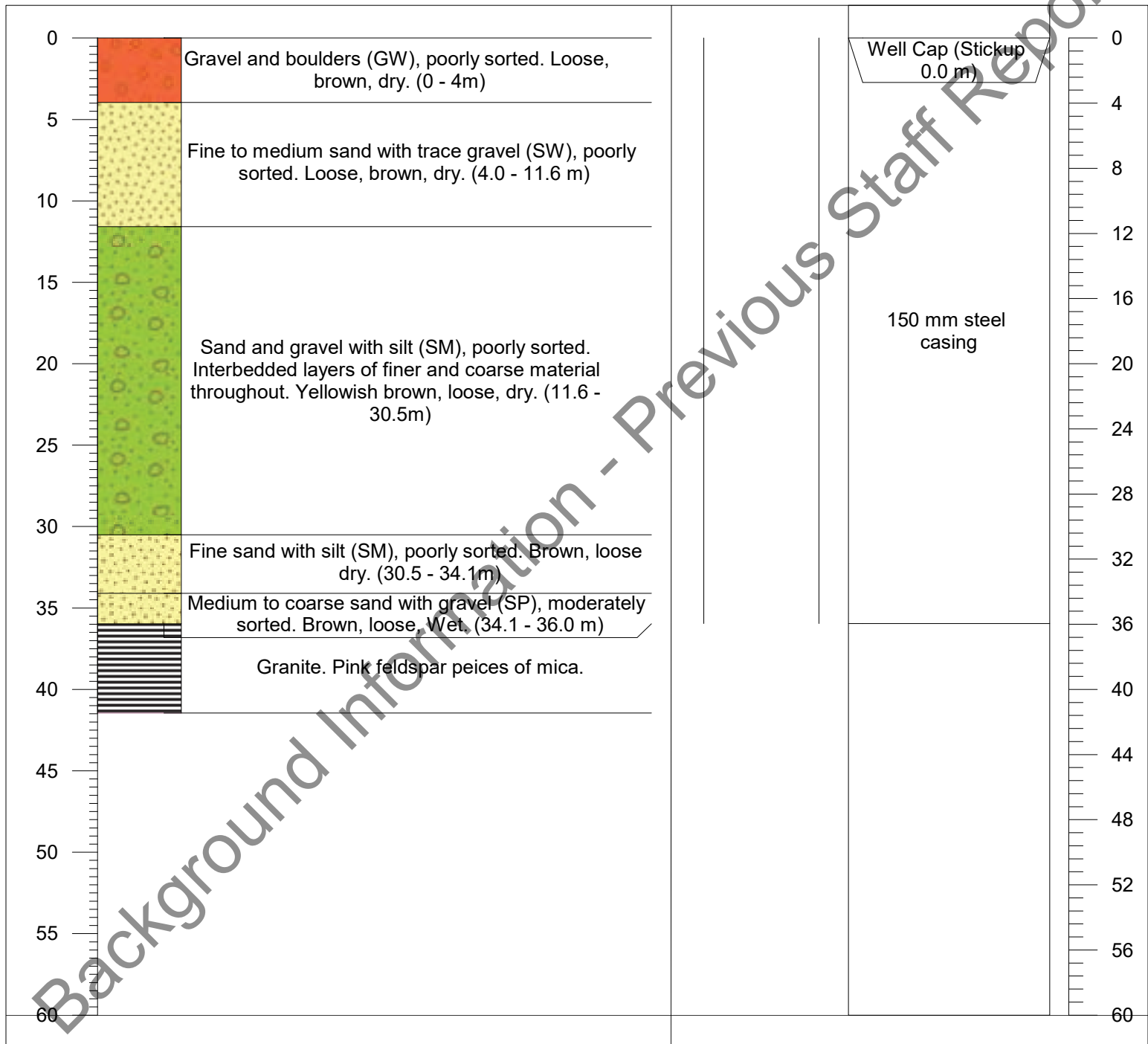




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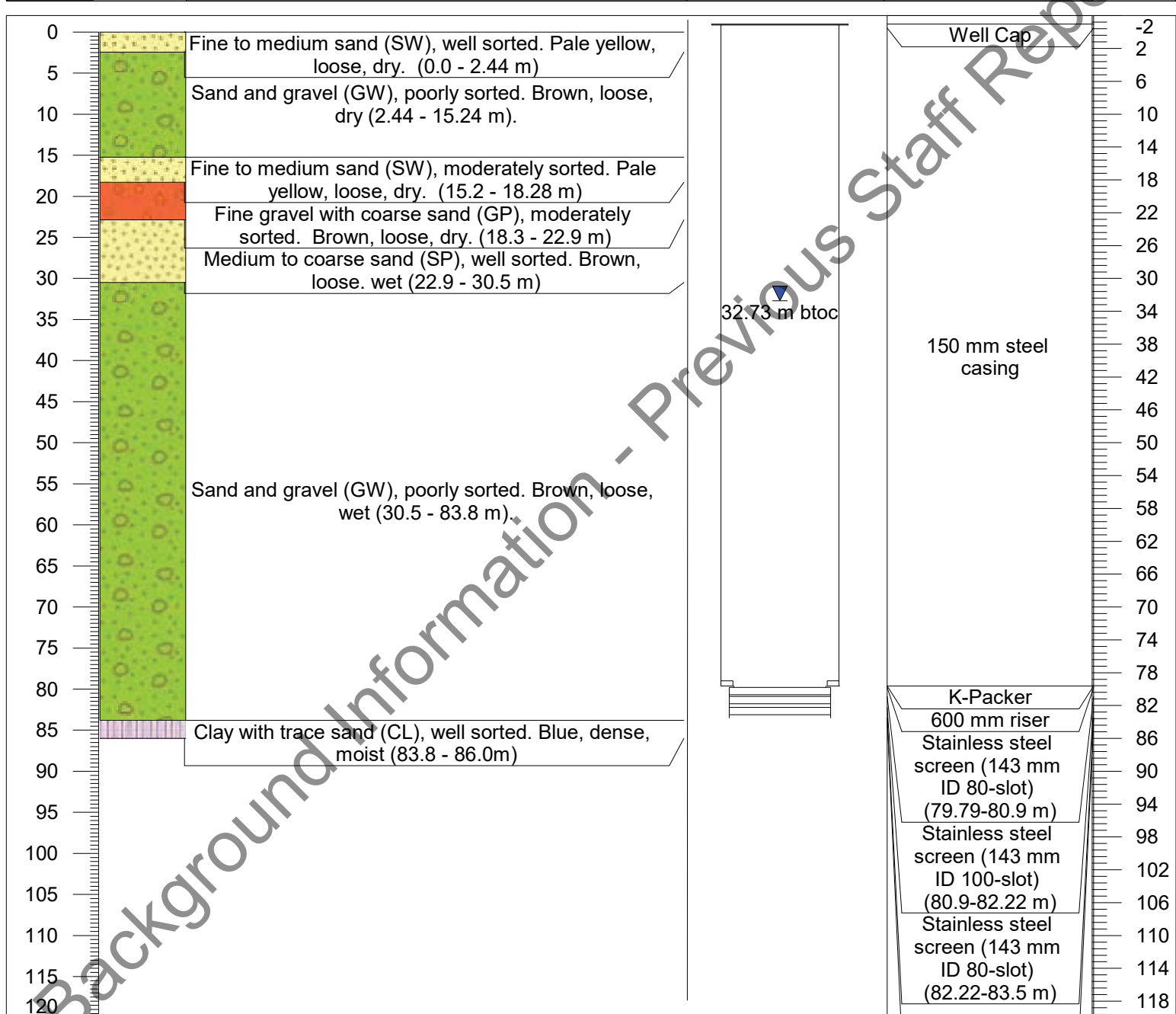
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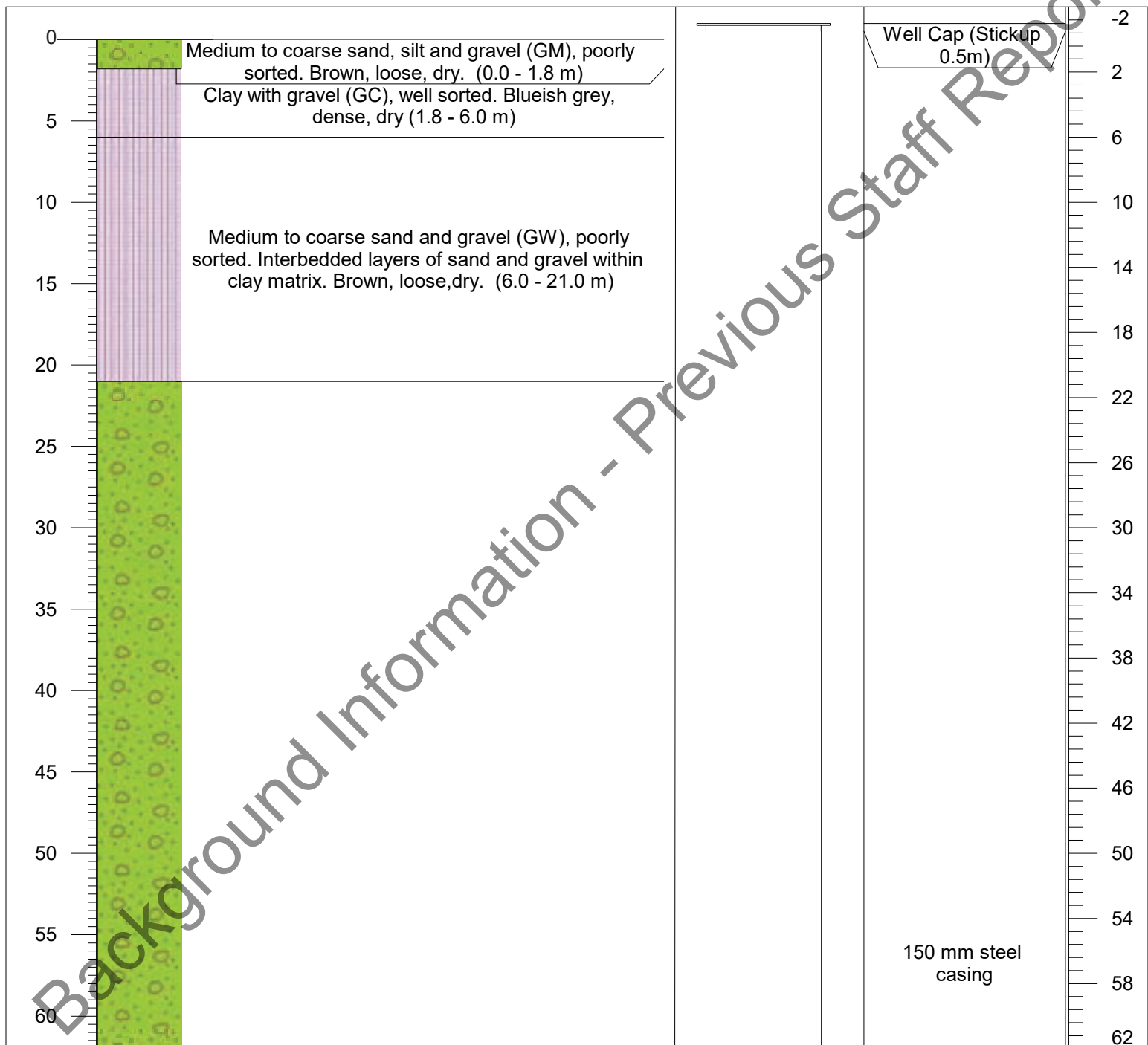
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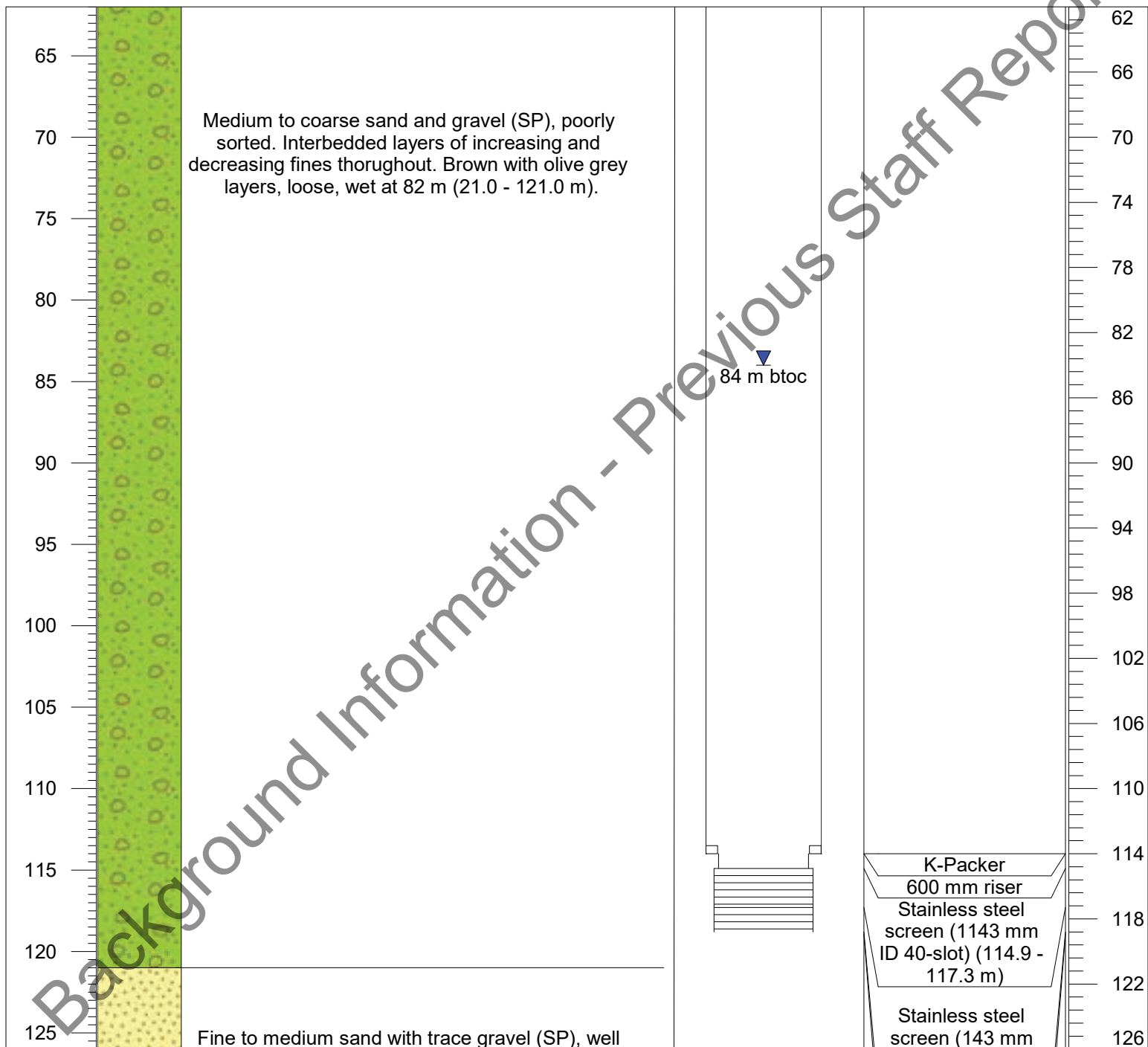
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Project Number:	2018-8152		Northing (m): 5471991		
Client:	SCRD		Easting (m): 461984		
Location:	Mahan Road		Elevation (m): c.107		
Subsurface Profile			Well Completion		
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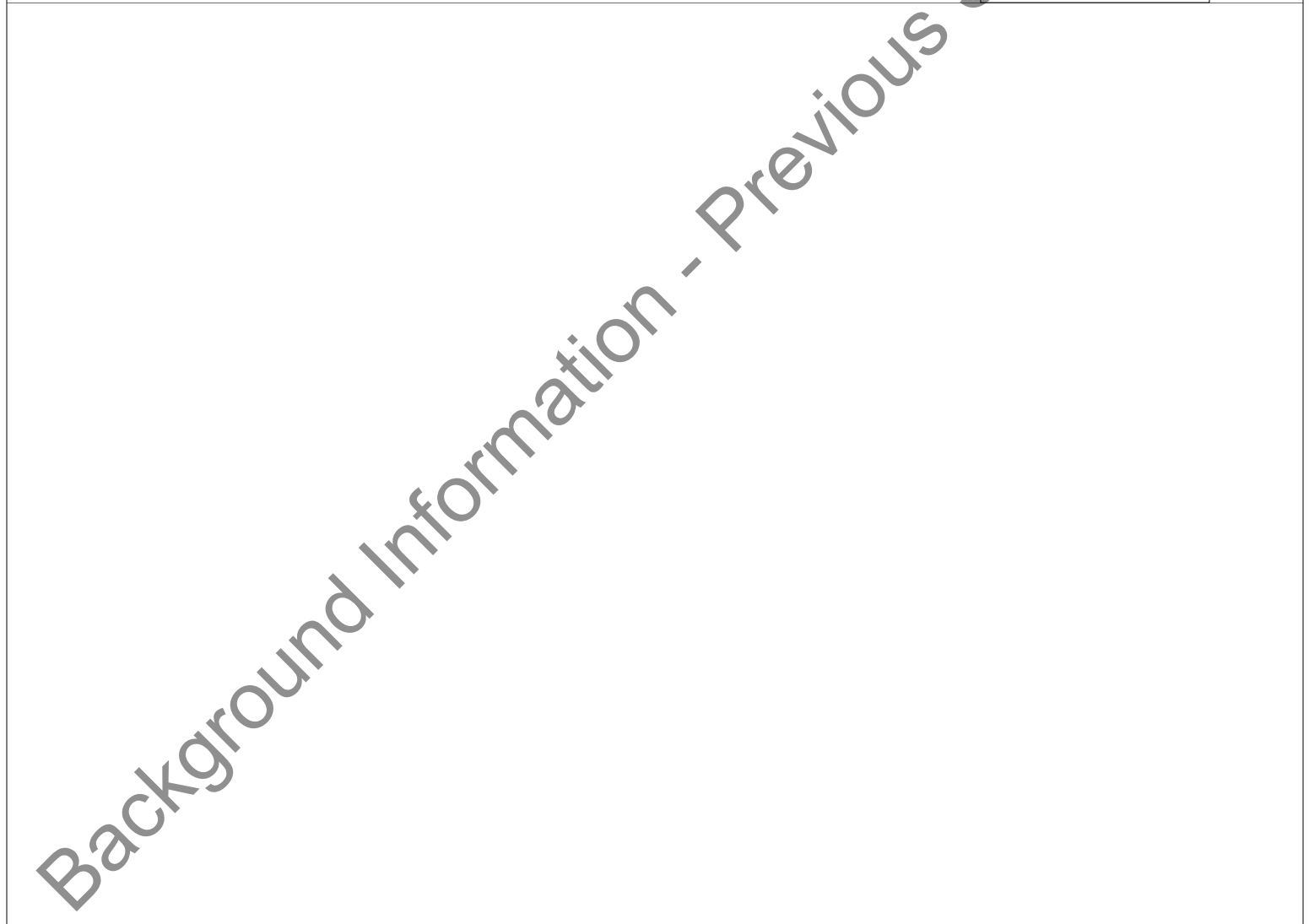
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Subsurface Profile			Well Completion		
Depth (m)	Graphic Log	Description	Well Construction	Details	Depth (m)







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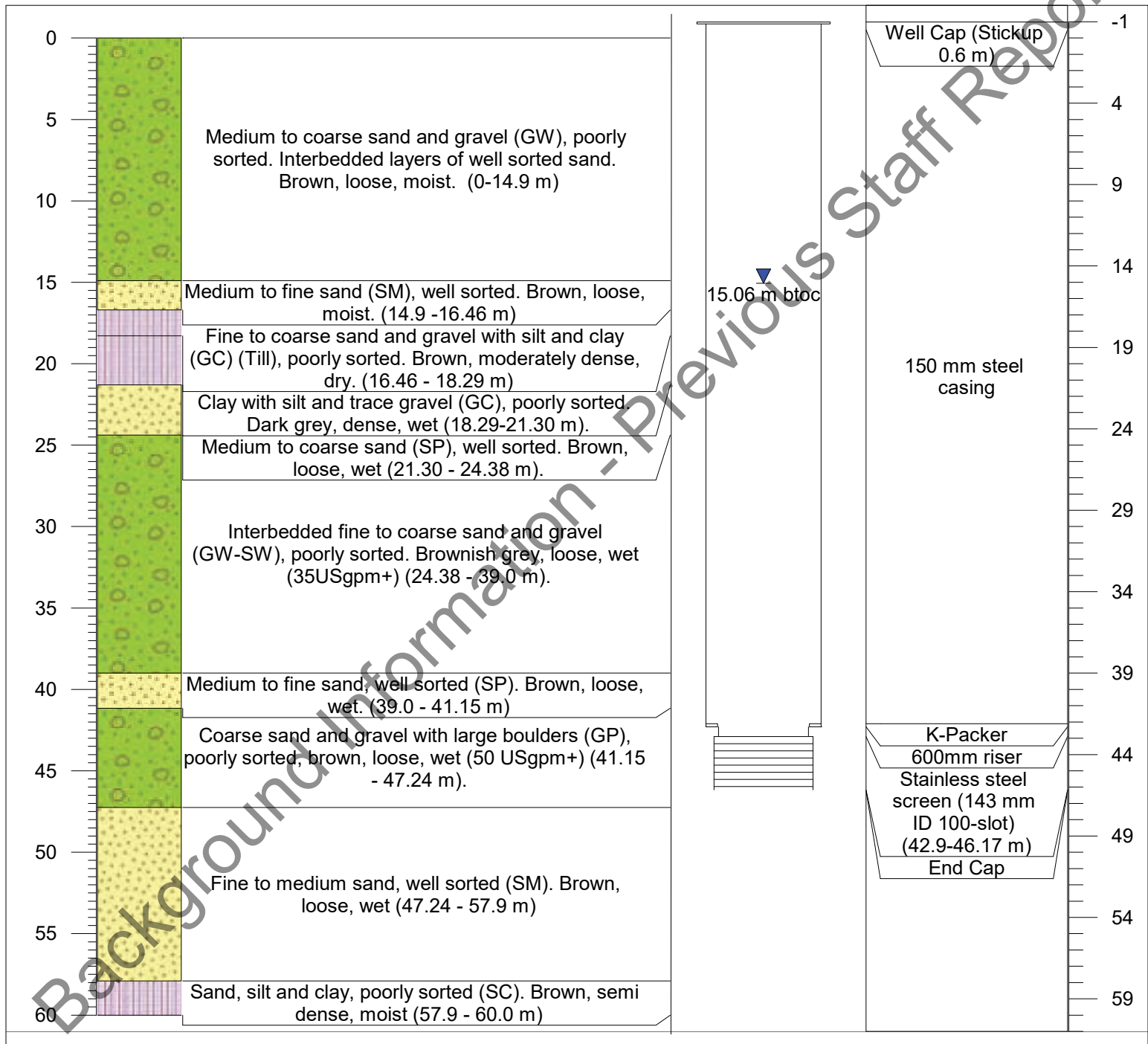
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Depth (m)	Graphic Log	Description	Well Construction	Details	Depth (m)	

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135					130



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Project Details		WIN 54928	Location		
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Client:	SCRD		Easting (m):	464129	
Location:	Church Road		Elevation (m):	c.39	
Subsurface Profile			Well Completion		
Depth (m)	Graphic Log	Description	Well Construction	Details	Depth (m)



Appendix C - Figures provided to pumping test contractor


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Figure C2

Dusty Road Well and monitoring well location

Legend

 Dusty Road Well

Dusty Road Well

Quarry Well 5

Google Earth

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200 m



Figure C3

Mahan Road Well and monitoring well locations

Legend

 Mahan Road Well

498 Mahan Rd Private Well

WL10-02 (MOE Monitoring Well OW460)

Mahan Road Well

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300 m

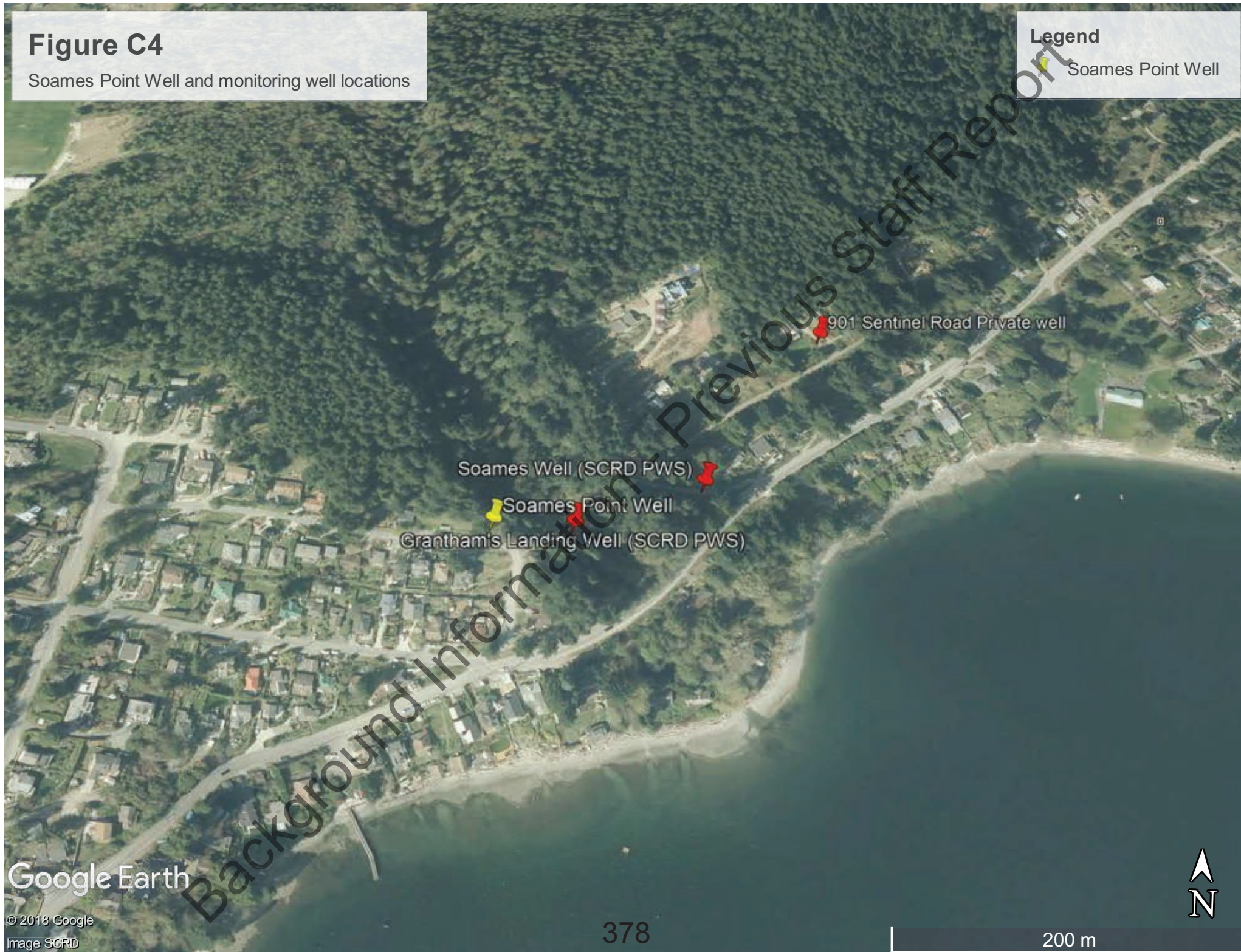


Figure C4

Soames Point Well and monitoring well locations

Legend

Soames Point Well



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Appendix D - Pumping test data and sustainable yield figures

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DUSTY ROAD
STEP TEST DATA



Well ID:	WIN 54929	Static Water Level (ftbtoc)	103.96	
Start Date/Time	10/26/18 11:48 AM	Pre-Test Water Level (ftbtoc)	103.96	
Client	SCRD	Total Well Depth (ft)	274.00	
Project	2018-8152	Pump Intake Depth (ftbtoc)	218.00	
Test	Step Test	Pump Used	Grundfos	
Contractor	Monashee	Pumping Rate (L/s)	Various	
Clock Time	Time Elapsed (min)	Depth to Water (ft)	Drawdown (ft)	Comments
10/26/18 11:49:00	1	108.75	4.79	Step 1 (100 Usgpm)
10/26/18 11:50:00	2	109.28	5.32	
10/26/18 11:51:00	3	110.12	6.16	
10/26/18 11:52:00	4	110.28	6.32	
10/26/18 11:53:00	5	110.22	6.26	
10/26/18 11:54:00	6	110.98	7.02	
10/26/18 11:55:00	7	110.99	7.03	
10/26/18 11:56:00	8	111	7.04	
10/26/18 11:57:00	9	111	7.04	
10/26/18 11:58:00	10	111.02	7.06	
10/26/18 12:00:00	12	111.02	7.06	
10/26/18 12:03:00	15	111.02	7.06	
10/26/18 12:08:00	20	111.21	7.25	
10/26/18 12:13:00	25	111.32	7.36	
10/26/18 12:18:00	30	111.34	7.38	
10/26/18 12:23:00	35	111.33	7.37	
10/26/18 12:28:00	40	111.33	7.37	
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10/26/18 12:38:00	50	111.32	7.36	
10/26/18 12:48:00	60	111.33	7.37	
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10/26/18 13:33:00	105	116.75	12.79	
10/26/18 13:38:00	110	116.8	12.84	
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10/26/18 13:50:00	122	123.4	19.44	

DUSTY ROAD
STEP TEST DATA



Clock Time	Time Elapsed (min)	Depth to Water (ft)	Drawdown (ft)	Comments
10/26/18 13:51:00	123	123.54	19.58	
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DUSTY ROAD
CONSTANT RATE TEST DATA



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Project	2018-8152	Pump Intake Depth (ftbtoc)	218.00	
Test	Constant Rate Test	Pump Used	Franklin Electric	
Contractor	Monashee	Pumping Rate (L/s)	18.93	
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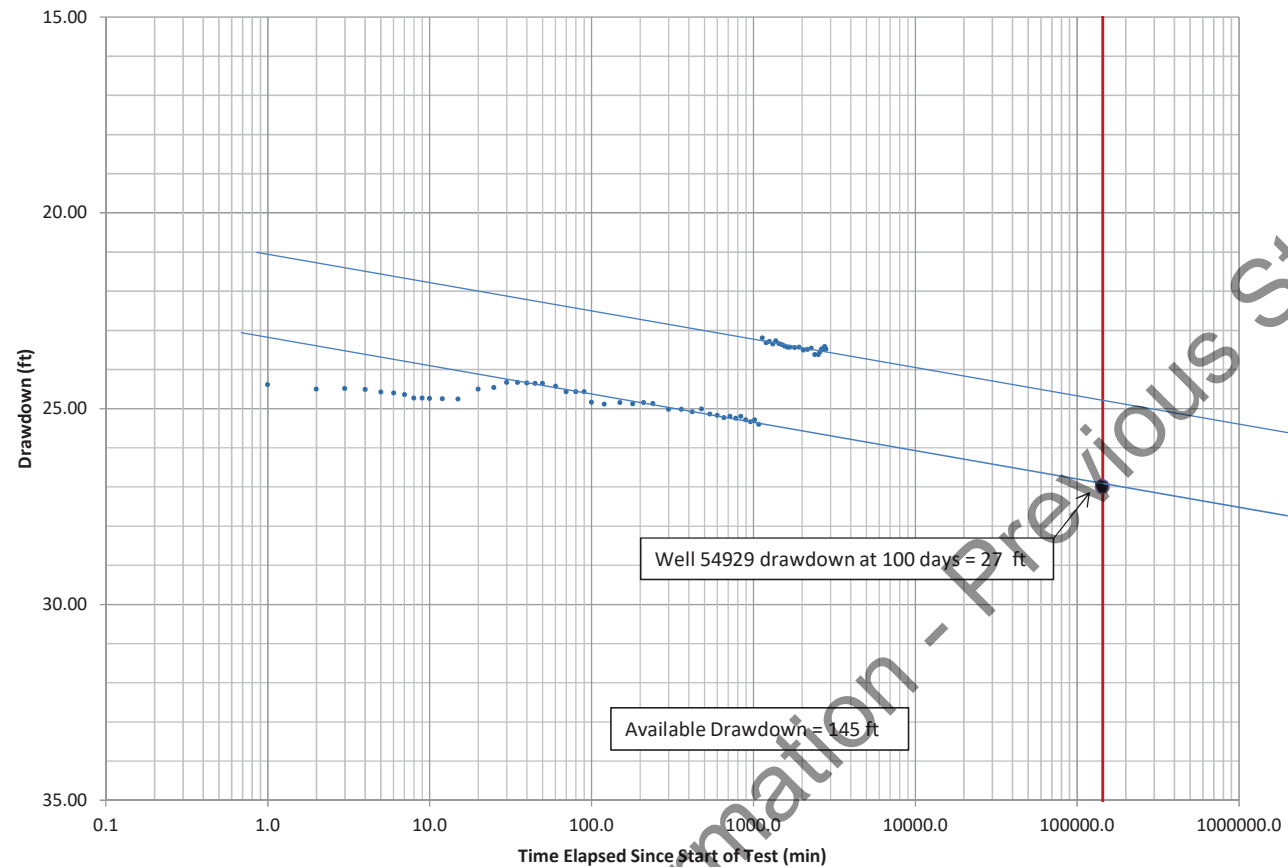
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Clock Time	Time Elapsed (min)	Depth to Water (ft)	Drawdown (ft)	Comments
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10/27/18 10:48:00	1080	129.36	25.40	
10/27/18 11:48:00	1140	127.16	23.20	
10/27/18 12:48:00	1200	127.28	23.32	
10/27/18 13:48:00	1260	127.25	23.29	
10/27/18 14:48:00	1320	127.31	23.35	
10/27/18 15:48:00	1380	127.23	23.27	
10/27/18 16:48:00	1440.0	127.30	23.34	
10/27/18 17:48:00	1500.0	127.33	23.37	
10/27/18 18:48:00	1560.0	127.36	23.40	
10/27/18 19:48:00	1620.0	127.39	23.43	
10/27/18 20:48:00	1680.0	127.39	23.43	
10/27/18 22:48:00	1800.0	127.40	23.44	
10/28/18 0:48:00	1920.0	127.39	23.43	
10/28/18 2:48:00	2040.0	127.47	23.51	
10/28/18 4:48:00	2160.0	127.45	23.49	
10/28/18 6:48:00	2280.0	127.42	23.46	
10/28/18 8:48:00	2400.0	127.58	23.62	
10/28/18 10:48:00	2520.0	127.58	23.62	
10/28/18 11:48:00	2580.0	127.52	23.56	
10/28/18 12:48:00	2640.0	127.44	23.48	
10/28/18 13:48:00	2700.0	127.43	23.47	
10/28/18 14:48:00	2760.0	127.38	23.42	
10/28/18 15:48:00	2820.0	127.44	23.48	

Summary Table

WIN 54929	
PUMPING SPECIFICATIONS	
Pumping rate (L/s)	18.93
Test duration (hours)	48
Depth of pump intake (ftbtoc)	218.00
Static water level (ftbtoc)	103.96
Depth to top of screen (ftbtoc)	261.00
Depth of well (ftbgl)	274.00
RECOVERY	
Length of recovery (min)	
% recovered	
CPCN INPUTS	
Pumping rate (L/s)	18.93
Available drawdown (ft)	130
Drawdown at 100 days (ft)	27
CPCN OUTPUTS	
100 day specific capacity (L/s/ft)	0.701
100 day specific capacity (USgpm/ft)	11.11
Calculated pumping rate (L/s)	91.16
Sustainable pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (L/s)	63.81
Calculated pumping rate (L/d)	7,876,055
Sustainable pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (L/d)	5,513,238
Calculated pumping rate (USGPM)	1,445
Sustainable pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (USGPM)	1,011.5



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FIGURE D-1

Drawdown extrapolated to 100
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WIN 54929

MAHAN ROAD
STEP TEST DATA



Well ID:	WIN 54943	Static Water Level (ftbtoc)	276.30	
Start Date/Time	10/29/18 8:46 AM	Pre-Test Water Level (ftbtoc)	276.30	
Client	SCRD	Total Well Depth (ft)	390.00	
Project	2018-8152	Pump Intake Depth (ftbtoc)	367.00	
Test	Step Test	Pump Used	Franklin Electric (40 HP)	
Contractor	Monashee	Pumping Rate (L/s)	Various	
Clock Time	Time Elapsed (min)	Depth to Water (ft)	Drawdown (ft)	Comments
10/29/18 8:47:00	1	281.43	5.13	Step 1 (100 Usgpm)
10/29/18 8:48:00	2	287.9	11.60	
10/29/18 8:49:00	3	285.67	9.37	
10/29/18 8:50:00	4	283.53	7.23	
10/29/18 8:51:00	5	#N/A	#N/A	
10/29/18 8:52:00	6	286.31	10.01	
10/29/18 8:53:00	7	286.35	10.05	
10/29/18 8:54:00	8	286.37	10.07	
10/29/18 8:55:00	9	286.35	10.05	
10/29/18 8:56:00	10	286.35	10.05	
10/29/18 8:58:00	12	286.36	10.06	
10/29/18 9:01:00	15	286.4	10.10	
10/29/18 9:06:00	20	286.4	10.10	
10/29/18 9:11:00	25	286.38	10.08	
10/29/18 9:16:00	30	286.34	10.04	
10/29/18 9:21:00	35	286.31	10.01	
10/29/18 9:26:00	40	286.32	10.02	
10/29/18 9:31:00	45	286.28	9.98	
10/29/18 9:36:00	50	286.26	9.96	
10/29/18 9:46:00	60	286.28	9.98	
10/29/18 9:47:00	61	291.58	15.28	Step 2 (170 Usgpm)
10/29/18 9:48:00	62	291.7	15.40	
10/29/18 9:49:00	63	291.78	15.48	
10/29/18 9:50:00	64	291.32	15.02	
10/29/18 9:51:00	65	291.97	15.67	
10/29/18 9:52:00	66	291.94	15.64	
10/29/18 9:53:00	67	291.94	15.64	
10/29/18 9:54:00	68	291.95	15.65	
10/29/18 9:55:00	69	291.97	15.67	
10/29/18 9:56:00	70	291.96	15.66	
10/29/18 9:58:00	72	291.98	15.68	
10/29/18 10:01:00	75	292.01	15.71	
10/29/18 10:06:00	80	292.05	15.75	
10/29/18 10:11:00	85	292.05	15.75	
10/29/18 10:16:00	90	292.05	15.75	
10/29/18 10:21:00	95	292.02	15.72	
10/29/18 10:26:00	100	292.09	15.79	
10/29/18 10:31:00	105	292.09	15.79	
10/29/18 10:36:00	110	292.03	15.73	
10/29/18 10:46:00	120	292.02	15.72	Step 3 (240 Usgpm)
10/29/18 10:47:00	121	299.45	23.15	
10/29/18 10:48:00	122	299.72	23.42	
10/29/18 10:49:00	123	299.75	23.45	

MAHAN ROAD
STEP TEST DATA



Clock Time	Time Elapsed (min)	Depth to Water (ft)	Drawdown (ft)	Comments
10/29/18 10:50:00	124	299.79	23.49	
10/29/18 10:51:00	125	299.85	23.55	
10/29/18 10:52:00	126	299.89	23.59	
10/29/18 10:53:00	127	299.89	23.59	
10/29/18 10:54:00	128	299.95	23.65	
10/29/18 10:55:00	129	299.95	23.65	
10/29/18 10:56:00	130	299.93	23.63	
10/29/18 10:58:00	132	299.94	23.64	
10/29/18 11:01:00	135	299.98	23.68	
10/29/18 11:06:00	140	300.02	23.72	
10/29/18 11:11:00	145	300.04	23.74	
10/29/18 11:16:00	150	300.14	23.84	
10/29/18 11:21:00	155	300.09	23.79	
10/29/18 11:26:00	160	300.04	23.74	
10/29/18 11:31:00	165	300	23.70	
10/29/18 11:36:00	170	300	23.70	
10/29/18 11:46:00	180	299.98	23.68	Step 34 (300 Usgpm)
10/29/18 11:47:00	181	305.88	29.58	
10/29/18 11:48:00	182	306.02	29.72	
10/29/18 11:49:00	183	306.1	29.80	
10/29/18 11:50:00	184	306.08	29.78	
10/29/18 11:51:00	185	306.14	29.84	
10/29/18 11:52:00	186	306.12	29.82	
10/29/18 11:53:00	187	306.22	29.92	
10/29/18 11:54:00	188	306.22	29.92	
10/29/18 11:55:00	189	306.16	29.86	
10/29/18 11:56:00	190	306.14	29.84	
10/29/18 11:58:00	192	306.18	29.88	
10/29/18 12:01:00	195	306.18	29.88	
10/29/18 12:06:00	200	306.32	30.02	
10/29/18 12:11:00	205	306.34	30.04	
10/29/18 12:16:00	210	306.32	30.02	
10/29/18 12:21:00	215	306.34	30.04	
10/29/18 12:26:00	220	306.38	30.08	
10/29/18 12:31:00	225	306.29	29.99	
10/29/18 12:36:00	230	306.34	30.04	
10/29/18 12:46:00	240	306.32	30.02	

MAHAN ROAD
CONSTANT RATE TEST DATA



Well ID:	WIN 54943	Static Water Level (ftbtoc)	277.36	
Start Date/Time	10/29/18 1:30 PM	Pre-Test Water Level (ftbtoc)	277.36	
Client	SCRD	Total Well Depth (ft)	390.00	
Project	2018-8152	Pump Intake Depth (ftbtoc)	367.00	
Test	Constant Rate Test	Pump Used	Franklin Electric	
Contractor	Monashee	Pumping Rate (L/s)	18.93	
Clock Time	Time Elapsed (min)	Depth to Water (ft)	Drawdown (ft)	Comments
10/29/18 13:30:00	0	277.36	0.00	
10/29/18 13:31:00	1	303.94	26.58	
10/29/18 13:32:00	2	303.42	26.06	
10/29/18 13:33:00	3	304.8	27.44	
10/29/18 13:34:00	4	304.94	27.58	
10/29/18 13:35:00	5	305.12	27.76	
10/29/18 13:36:00	6	305.22	27.86	
10/29/18 13:37:00	7	305.29	27.93	
10/29/18 13:38:00	8	305.38	28.02	
10/29/18 13:39:00	9	305.51	28.15	
10/29/18 13:40:00	10	305.56	28.20	
10/29/18 13:42:00	12	305.58	28.22	
10/29/18 13:45:00	15	305.69	28.33	
10/29/18 13:50:00	20	305.78	28.42	
10/29/18 13:55:00	25	305.94	28.58	
10/29/18 14:00:00	30	306.06	28.70	
10/29/18 14:05:00	35	306.03	28.67	
10/29/18 14:10:00	40	306	28.64	
10/29/18 14:15:00	45	306.08	28.72	
10/29/18 14:20:00	50	306.08	28.72	
10/29/18 14:30:00	60	306.1	28.74	
10/29/18 14:40:00	70	306.12	28.76	
10/29/18 14:50:00	80	306.14	28.78	
10/29/18 15:00:00	90	306.15	28.79	
10/29/18 15:10:00	100	306.2	28.84	
10/29/18 15:30:00	120	306.23	28.87	
10/29/18 16:00:00	150	306.15	28.79	
10/29/18 16:30:00	180	306.23	28.87	
10/29/18 17:00:00	210	306.19	28.83	
10/29/18 17:45:00	255	306.23	28.87	
10/29/18 18:30:00	300	306.13	28.77	
10/29/18 19:30:00	360	306	28.64	
10/29/18 20:30:00	420	305.95	28.59	
10/29/18 21:30:00	480	306.02	28.66	
10/29/18 22:30:00	540	305.9	28.54	
10/29/18 23:30:00	600	305.97	28.61	
10/30/18 0:30:00	660	306.03	28.67	
10/30/18 1:30:00	720	305.98	28.62	
10/30/18 2:30:00	780	306.03	28.67	
10/30/18 3:30:00	840	306.11	28.75	
10/30/18 4:30:00	900	306.04	28.68	
10/30/18 5:30:00	960	306.15	28.79	

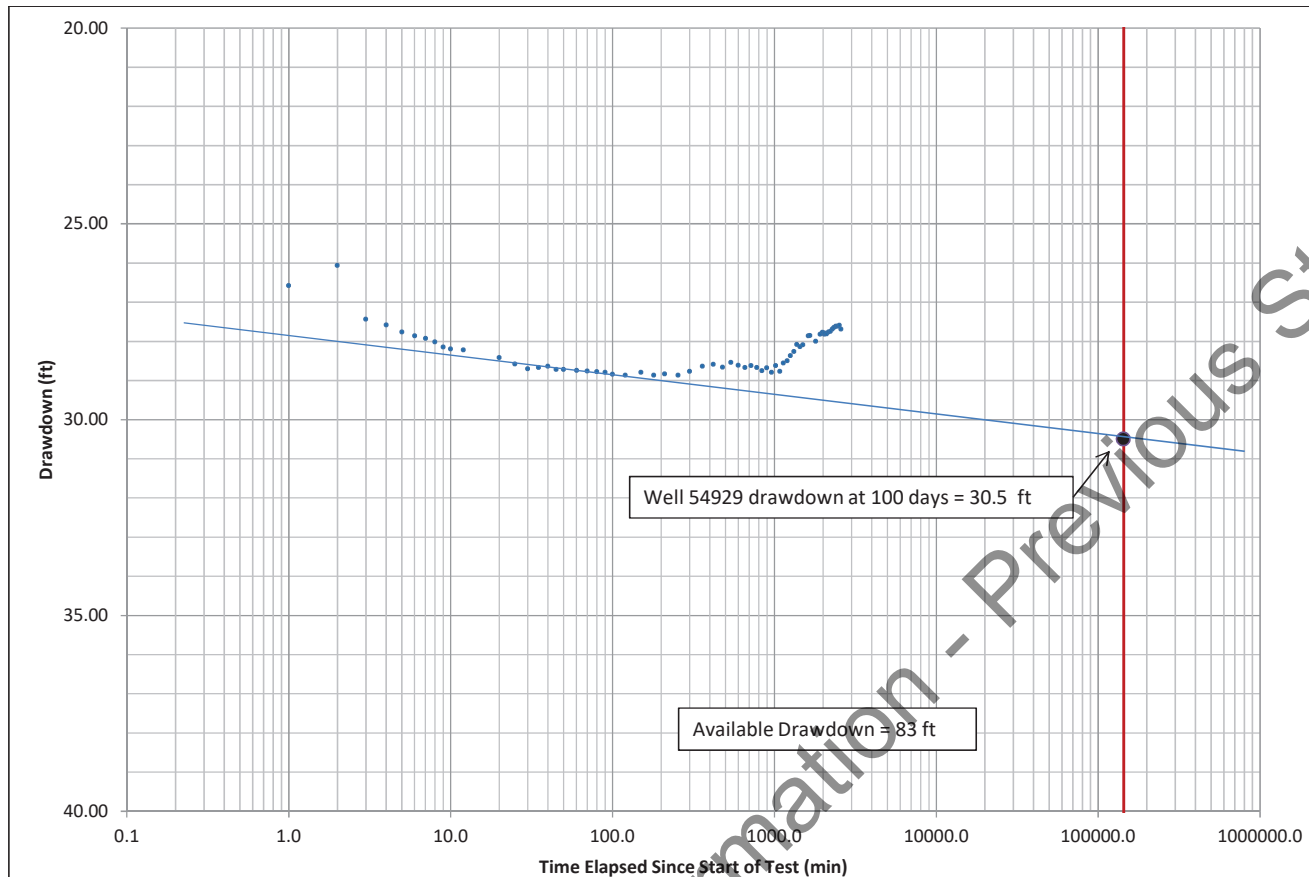
MAHAN ROAD
CONSTANT RATE TEST DATA



Clock Time	Time Elapsed (min)	Depth to Water (ft)	Drawdown (ft)	Comments
10/30/18 6:30:00	1020	305.98	28.62	
10/30/18 7:30:00	1080	306.13	28.77	
10/30/18 8:30:00	1140	305.92	28.56	
10/30/18 9:30:00	1200	305.86	28.50	
10/30/18 10:30:00	1260	305.73	28.37	
10/30/18 11:30:00	1320	305.62	28.26	
10/30/18 12:30:00	1380	305.44	28.08	
10/30/18 13:30:00	1440.0	305.50	28.14	
10/30/18 14:30:00	1500.0	305.45	28.09	
10/30/18 15:30:00	1560.0	#N/A	#N/A	
10/30/18 16:30:00	1620.0	305.22	27.86	
10/30/18 17:10:00	1660.0	305.21	27.85	
10/30/18 19:30:00	1800.0	305.36	28.00	
10/30/18 21:30:00	1920.0	305.18	27.82	
10/30/18 23:30:00	2040.0	305.18	27.82	
10/30/18 22:30:00	1980.0	305.13	27.77	
10/30/18 23:30:00	2040.0	305.15	27.79	
10/31/18 0:30:00	2100.0	305.17	27.81	
10/31/18 1:30:00	2160.0	305.12	27.76	
10/31/18 2:30:00	2220.0	305.11	27.75	
10/31/18 3:30:00	2280.0	305.05	27.69	
10/31/18 4:30:00	2340.0	305.01	27.65	
10/31/18 5:30:00	2400.0	304.98	27.62	
10/31/18 6:30:00	2460.0	304.98	27.62	
10/31/18 7:30:00	2520.0	304.95	27.59	
10/31/18 8:30:00	2580.0	305.05	27.69	
10/29/18 13:30:00				

Summary Table

WIN 54943	
PUMPING SPECIFICATIONS	
Pumping rate (L/s)	18.93
Test duration (hours)	48
Depth of pump intake (mftbtoc)	367.00
Static water level (ftbtoc)	277.36
Depth to top of screen (ftbtoc)	377.00
Depth of well (ftbgl)	390.00
RECOVERY	
Length of recovery (min)	120
% recovered	100
CPCN INPUTS	
Pumping rate (L/s)	18.93
Available drawdown (ft)	83.00
Drawdown at 100 days (ft)	30.5
CPCN OUTPUTS	
100 day specific capacity (L/s/ft)	0.621
100 day specific capacity (USgpm/ft)	9.84
Calculated pumping rate (L/s)	51.51
Sustainable pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (L/s)	36.05
Calculated pumping rate (L/d)	4,450,141
Sustainable pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (L/d)	3,115,099
Calculated pumping rate (USGPM)	816
Sustainable pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (USGPM)	571.5



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FIGURE D-2

Drawdown extrapolated to 100
days
WIN 54943

CHURCH ROAD
STEP TEST DATA



Well ID:	WIN 54928	Static Water Level (ftbtoc)	51.05	
Start Date/Time	11/1/18 9:00 AM	Pre-Test Water Level (ftbtoc)	51.05	
Client	SCRD	Total Well Depth (ft)	144.00	
Project	2018-8152	Pump Intake Depth (ftbtoc)	134.00	
Test	Step Test	Pump Used	Franklin Electric (40 HP)	
Contractor	Monashee	Pumping Rate (L/s)	Various	
Clock Time	Time Elapsed (min)	Depth to Water (ft)	Drawdown (ft)	Comments
11/1/18 9:01:00	1	62.37	11.32	Step 1 (100 Usgpm)
11/1/18 9:02:00	2	63.2	12.15	
11/1/18 9:03:00	3	63.91	12.86	
11/1/18 9:04:00	4	63.83	12.78	
11/1/18 9:05:00	5	63.77	12.72	
11/1/18 9:06:00	6	63.1	12.05	
11/1/18 9:07:00	7	62.87	11.82	
11/1/18 9:08:00	8	63.12	12.07	
11/1/18 9:09:00	9	63.15	12.10	
11/1/18 9:10:00	10	63.19	12.14	
11/1/18 9:12:00	12	62.82	11.77	
11/1/18 9:15:00	15	63	11.95	
11/1/18 9:20:00	20	62.96	11.91	
11/1/18 9:25:00	25	63.05	12.00	
11/1/18 9:30:00	30	62.87	11.82	
11/1/18 9:35:00	35	62.91	11.86	
11/1/18 9:40:00	40	62.91	11.86	
11/1/18 9:45:00	45	62.91	11.86	
11/1/18 9:50:00	50	62.9	11.85	
11/1/18 10:00:00	60	62.89	11.84	
11/1/18 10:01:00	61	69.93	18.88	Step 2 (170 Usgpm)
11/1/18 10:02:00	62	70.4	19.35	
11/1/18 10:03:00	63	70.43	19.38	
11/1/18 10:04:00	64	70.43	19.38	
11/1/18 10:05:00	65	70.43	19.38	
11/1/18 10:06:00	66	70.44	19.39	
11/1/18 10:07:00	67	70.47	19.42	
11/1/18 10:08:00	68	70.46	19.41	
11/1/18 10:09:00	69	70.49	19.44	
11/1/18 10:10:00	70	70.47	19.42	
11/1/18 10:12:00	72	70.46	19.41	
11/1/18 10:15:00	75	70.39	19.34	
11/1/18 10:20:00	80	70.26	19.21	
11/1/18 10:25:00	85	70.25	19.20	
11/1/18 10:30:00	90	70.18	19.13	
11/1/18 10:35:00	95	70.25	19.20	
11/1/18 10:40:00	100	70.18	19.13	
11/1/18 10:45:00	105	70.3	19.25	
11/1/18 10:50:00	110	70.2	19.15	

CHURCH ROAD
STEP TEST DATA



Clock Time	Time Elapsed (min)	Depth to Water (ft)	Drawdown (ft)	Comments
11/1/18 11:00:00	120	70.12	19.07	
11/1/18 11:10:00	130	70.37	19.32	
11/1/18 11:20:00	140	70.32	19.27	
11/1/18 11:33:00	153	70.09	19.04	
11/1/18 11:40:00	160	70.04	18.99	Step 3 (240 Usgpm)
11/1/18 11:41:00	161	78.25	27.20	
11/1/18 11:42:00	162	78.88	27.83	
11/1/18 11:43:00	163	78.85	27.80	
11/1/18 11:44:00	164	79.14	28.09	
11/1/18 11:45:00	165	79.1	28.05	
11/1/18 11:46:00	166	79.34	28.29	
11/1/18 11:47:00	167	79.33	28.28	
11/1/18 11:48:00	168	79.2	28.15	
11/1/18 11:49:00	169	79.02	27.97	
11/1/18 11:50:00	170	78.92	27.87	
11/1/18 11:52:00	172	78.54	27.49	
11/1/18 11:55:00	175	78.36	27.31	
11/1/18 12:00:00	180	78.56	27.51	
11/1/18 12:05:00	185	78.47	27.42	
11/1/18 12:10:00	190	71.18	20.13	Adjust back to 170 Usgpm
11/1/18 12:15:00	195	71	19.95	
11/1/18 12:20:00	200	71	19.95	
11/1/18 12:25:00	205	70.91	19.86	
11/1/18 12:30:00	210	70.82	19.77	
11/1/18 12:40:00	220	70.04	18.99	
11/1/18 12:53:00	233	70	18.95	
11/1/18 13:00:00	240	69.91	18.86	

CHURCH ROAD
CONSTANT RATE TEST DATA

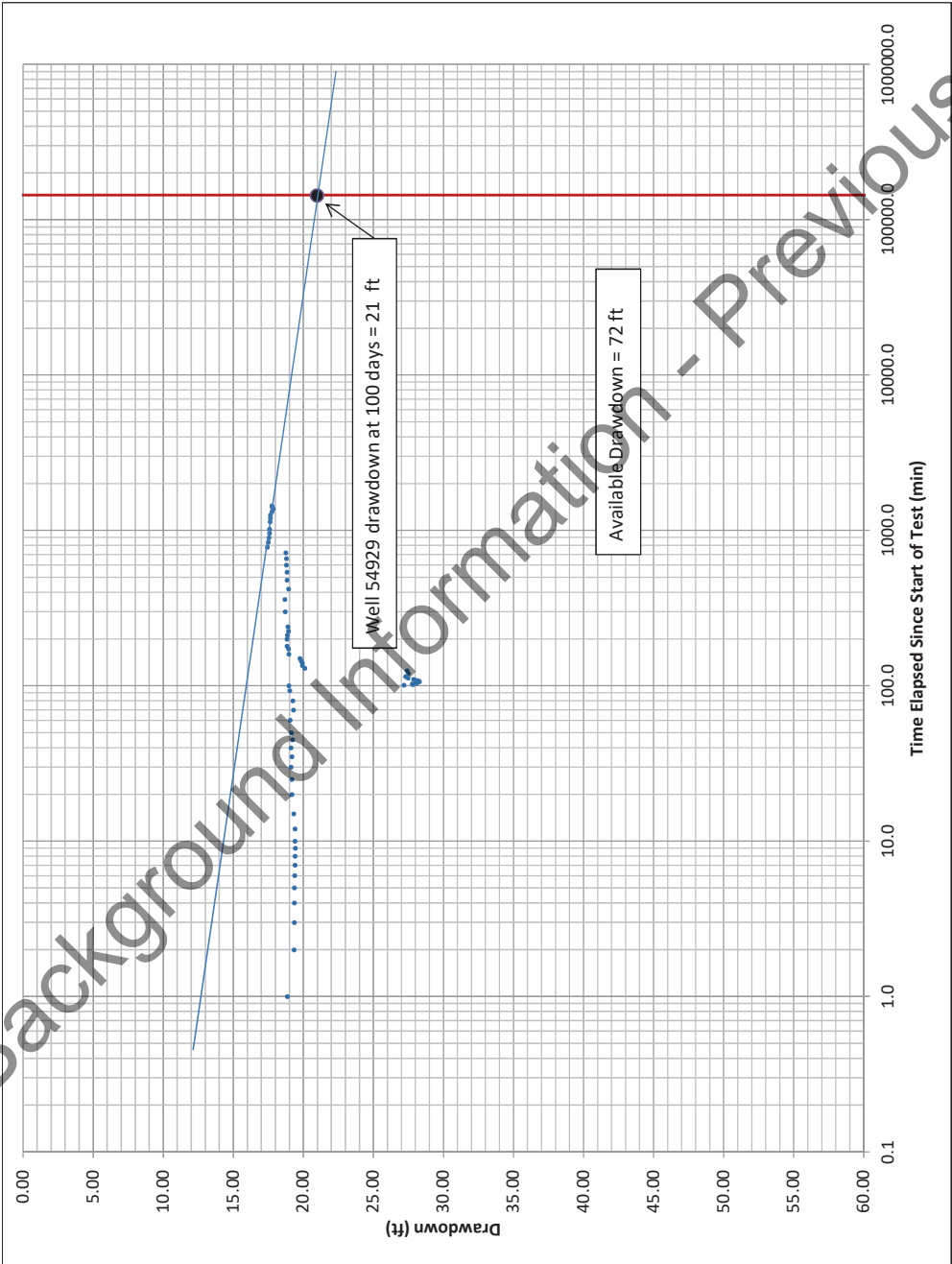


Well ID:	WIN 54928	Static Water Level (ftbtoc)	51.05	
Start Date/Time	11/1/18 10:00 AM	Pre-Test Water Level (ftbtoc)	51.05	
Client	SCRD	Total Well Depth (ft)	144.00	
Project	2018-8152	Pump Intake Depth (ftbtoc)	134.00	
Test	Constant Rate Test	Pump Used	Franklin Electric	
Contractor	Monashee	Pumping Rate (L/s)	10.70	
Clock Time	Time Elapsed (min)	Depth to Water (ft)	Drawdown (ft)	Comments
11/1/18 10:00:00	0	62.89	11.84	data starts at second step at 170 Usqpm
11/1/18 10:01:00	1	69.93	18.88	
11/1/18 10:02:00	2	70.4	19.35	
11/1/18 10:03:00	3	70.43	19.38	
11/1/18 10:04:00	4	70.43	19.38	
11/1/18 10:05:00	5	70.43	19.38	
11/1/18 10:06:00	6	70.44	19.39	
11/1/18 10:07:00	7	70.47	19.42	
11/1/18 10:08:00	8	70.46	19.41	
11/1/18 10:09:00	9	70.49	19.44	
11/1/18 10:10:00	10	70.47	19.42	
11/1/18 10:12:00	12	70.46	19.41	
11/1/18 10:15:00	15	70.39	19.34	
11/1/18 10:20:00	20	70.26	19.21	
11/1/18 10:25:00	25	70.25	19.20	
11/1/18 10:30:00	30	70.18	19.13	
11/1/18 10:35:00	35	70.25	19.20	
11/1/18 10:40:00	40	70.18	19.13	
11/1/18 10:45:00	45	70.3	19.25	
11/1/18 10:50:00	50	70.2	19.15	
11/1/18 11:00:00	60	70.12	19.07	
11/1/18 11:10:00	70	70.37	19.32	
11/1/18 11:20:00	80	70.32	19.27	
11/1/18 11:33:00	93	70.09	19.04	
11/1/18 11:40:00	100	70.04	18.99	
11/1/18 11:41:00	101	78.25	27.20	Upto 240 Usqpm
11/1/18 11:42:00	102	78.88	27.83	
11/1/18 11:43:00	103	78.85	27.80	
11/1/18 11:44:00	104	79.14	28.09	
11/1/18 11:45:00	105	79.1	28.05	
11/1/18 11:46:00	106	79.34	28.29	
11/1/18 11:47:00	107	79.33	28.28	
11/1/18 11:48:00	108	79.2	28.15	
11/1/18 11:49:00	109	79.02	27.97	
11/1/18 11:50:00	110	78.92	27.87	
11/1/18 11:52:00	112	78.54	27.49	
11/1/18 11:55:00	115	78.36	27.31	
11/1/18 12:00:00	120	78.56	27.51	
11/1/18 12:05:00	125	78.47	27.42	

CHURCH ROAD
CONSTANT RATE TEST DATA




Clock Time	Time Elapsed (min)	Depth to Water (ft)	Drawdown (ft)	Comments
11/1/18 12:10:00	130	71.18	20.13	Back to 170 Usgpm
11/1/18 12:15:00	135	71	19.95	
11/1/18 12:20:00	140	71	19.95	
11/1/18 12:25:00	145	70.91	19.86	
11/1/18 12:30:00	150	70.82	19.77	
11/1/18 12:40:00	160	70.04	18.99	
11/1/18 12:53:00	173	70	18.95	
11/1/18 13:00:00	180	69.91	18.86	
11/1/18 13:20:00	200	69.91	18.86	
11/1/18 13:32:00	212	69.93	18.88	
11/1/18 13:45:00	225	70.02	18.97	
11/1/18 14:00:00	240	69.97	18.92	
11/1/18 15:00:00	300	69.77	18.72	
11/1/18 16:00:00	360	69.75	18.70	
11/1/18 17:00:00	420	70	18.95	
11/1/18 18:00:00	480	69.9	18.85	
11/1/18 19:00:00	540	69.91	18.86	
11/1/18 20:00:00	600	69.85	18.80	
11/1/18 21:00:00	660	69.85	18.80	
11/1/18 22:00:00	720	69.82	18.77	
11/1/18 23:00:00	780	68.5	17.45	Flow meter ws broken. Got it working adjusted flow from 180 to 170
11/2/18 0:00:00	840	68.57	17.52	
11/2/18 1:00:00	900	68.6	17.55	
11/2/18 2:00:00	960	68.65	17.60	
11/2/18 3:00:00	1020	68.66	17.61	
11/2/18 4:00:00	1080	#N/A	#N/A	
11/2/18 5:00:00	1140	68.7	17.65	
11/2/18 6:00:00	1200	68.72	17.67	
11/2/18 7:00:00	1260	68.72	17.67	
11/2/18 8:00:00	1320	68.82	17.77	
11/2/18 9:00:00	1380	68.91	17.86	
11/2/18 9:30:00	1410	68.85	17.80	
11/2/18 10:00:00	1440	68.83	17.78	
11/1/18 10:00:00				



Summary Table

WIN 54928	
PUMPING SPECIFICATIONS	
Pumping rate (L/s)	10.70
Test duration (hours)	24
Depth of pump intake (ftbtoc)	134.00
Static water level (ftbtoc)	51.05
Depth to top of screen (ftbtoc)	135.50
Depth of well (ftbgl)	144.00
RECOVERY	
Length of recovery (min)	30
% recovered	100
CPCN INPUTS	
Pumping rate (L/s)	10.70
Available drawdown (ft)	72.00
Drawdown at 100 days (ft)	21
CPCN OUTPUTS	
100 day specific capacity (L/s/ft)	0.510
100 day specific capacity (USgpm/ft)	8.077
Calculated pumping rate (L/s)	36.69
Sustainable calculated pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (L/s)	25.68
Sustainable calculated pumping rate (L/d)	3,169,646
Sustainable calculated pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (L/d)	2,218,752
Calculated pumping rate (USGPM)	582
Sustainable calculated pumping rate with BC safety factor of 30% (USGPM)	407.1

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	DATE: 27-Nov-18	SCRD	Drawdown extrapolated to 100 days
	DRAWN BY:		WIN 54928

Appendix E - Hydrological Desk Study

Background Information - Previous Staff Report

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From: Jordyn Carss, B.Sc. and Brian Guy, P.Geo.

Project: Phase 2 Groundwater Investigation

Subject: Desktop Surface Water Study for Soames and Charman Creeks

MEMO

1 INTRODUCTION

To support investigations into the capacity of groundwater to supplement water supply on the Sunshine Coast, a study was performed to estimate relevant hydrologic properties of two unmonitored watercourses (i.e., Soames and Charman creeks). In areas where a hydraulic connection links groundwater and surface water, groundwater extraction can influence surface waterbodies by decreasing the amount of recharge that occurs during dry months, potentially decreasing or degrading aquatic habitat. The annual runoff, monthly distribution of annual runoff, and summer and annual low flows in Soames and Charman creeks was estimated using data from nearby monitored watercourses with similar runoff-generating mechanisms, climate, watershed size, and elevation.

The information contained in this memo can be used to inform decisions related to the development of production wells as part of the Phase 2 Groundwater Investigation Project.

2 METHODS

2.1 Spatial data analysis

Using GIS, the median elevation and drainage area for Soames and Charman creeks were calculated from a digital elevation model (Natural Resources Canada 2018) (Table 2).

2.2 Background research

Because very little data has been collected on the creeks of interest, data from similar nearby watercourses was used to estimate annual runoff and annual and summer low flows. The key background report used herein was Ahmed (2017): a study that summarizes Water Survey of Canada hydrologic data for watercourses located in the South Coast and West Coast regions. Additional background information was gathered from a study that estimated the monthly and annual water balance for Hotel Lake near Sechelt - situated at a similar elevation to Soames and Charman creeks (Summit 2004).

2.3 Selecting representative hydrometric stations

Soames and Charman Creeks are located in Hydrologic Zone 27, as defined by Ahmed (2017). Based on proximity, median elevation, and drainage area, several representative hydrometric stations from within Zone 27 were selected for analysis. Hydrologic data for the six watercourses is summarized in Table 1.

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Table 1 – Hydrologic data of representative Zone 27 streams

Station Name	Location	Median Elevation (m)	Drainage area (km ²)	Annual Runoff (mm)	Jun-Sep 10-Year 7-Day Low Flow (L/s/km ²)	Annual 10-Year 7-Day Low Flow (L/s/km ²)
Lang	Saltery Bay	299	127.48	1011	0.643	0.643
Mahood-Newton	Surrey	84	17.95	1066	0.279	0.279
Nicomekl	Langley	55	71.18	896	2.065	2.023
Roberts	Sechelt	606	29.4	1089	1.599	1.599
Salmon River @ 72 Ave	Langley	92	46.22	975	2.813	2.726
West	Langley	86	11.53	1029	0.867	0.781

Notes:
Data from *Inventory of Streamflow in the South Coast and West Coast Regions* (Ahmed 2017)

2.4 Estimating annual runoff

Runoff data from the entire hydrologic zone (i.e. Zone 27) was graphed against median elevation to determine the overall trend for Zone 27 (Figure 1). Data outside the 95th percentile was discarded as it skewed the overall trend significantly. The trendline generated in Excel was manually adjusted to reflect a heavier weighting of the six key watercourses identified above (the red line in the figure). Annual runoff for Soames and Charman creeks was determined from this new trendline, then checked against results reported in Summit (2004).

2.5 Monthly distribution of annual runoff

To create monthly hydrographs for Soames and Charman creeks, an average of the monthly distribution of the annual runoff was taken from the six representative hydrometric stations (Table 2). The average monthly distribution was then compared to the estimated monthly distribution of Hotel Lake (Summit 2004). In general, the average calculated from six representative stations in Zone 27 agrees with the estimated distribution at Hotel Lake. The Zone 27 average was then applied to the annual runoff for Soames and Charman creeks, as determined from the trendline in Figure 1.

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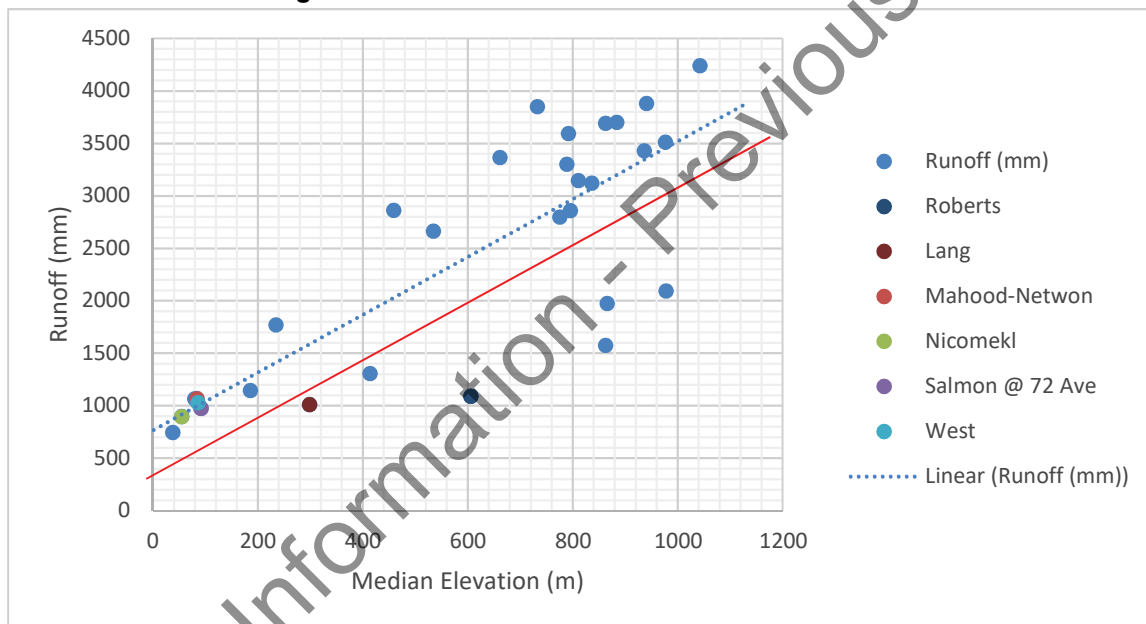
Table 2 – Average monthly runoff distribution

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Zone 27 (%)	18	13	11	8	6	4	2	1	2	5	16	15

Notes:

Data from *Inventory of Streamflow in the South Coast and West Coast Regions* (Ahmed 2017)

Figure 1 – Annual runoff for stations in Zone 27



2.6 Estimating Low Flows

The 10-year return period 7-day low flow data, for both the entire year and the June-September period, from all stations in Zone 27 was graphed against drainage area (Figures 2 and 3). Even after discarding data outside of the 95th percentile, there is significant variability and a trendline could not be used to determine low flows at Soames and Charman creeks. Instead, an average was taken of low flow data from Roberts and Lang creeks as they are the closest in proximity and likely best represent the low flow regime of Soames and Charman creeks.

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Figure 2 – 10-year return period 7-day annual low flow for stations in Zone 27

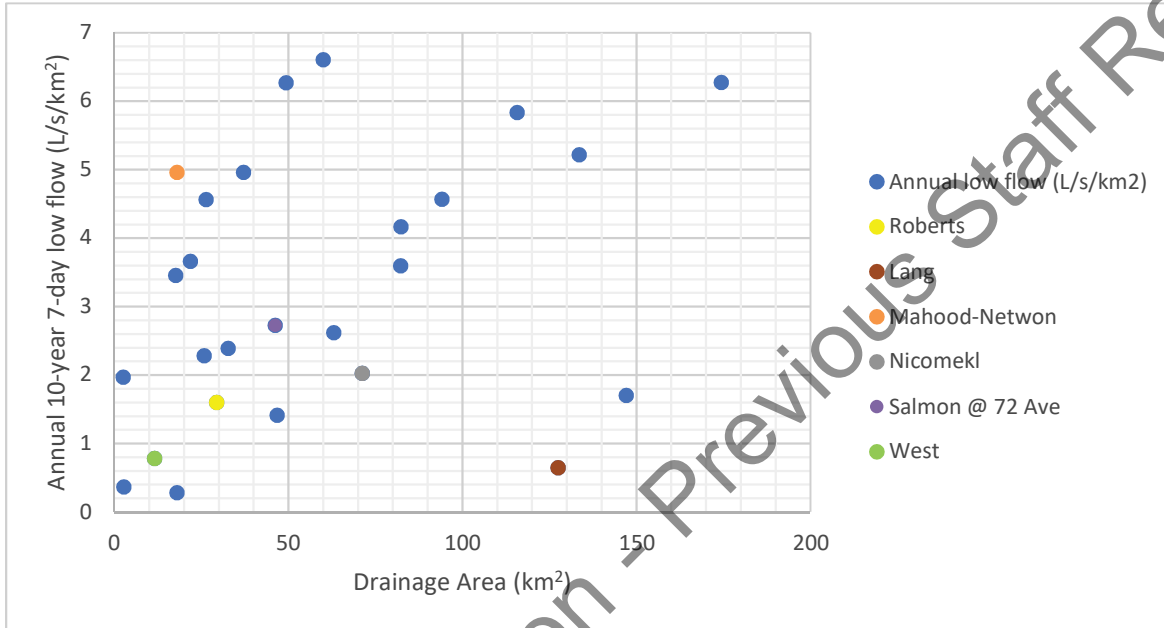
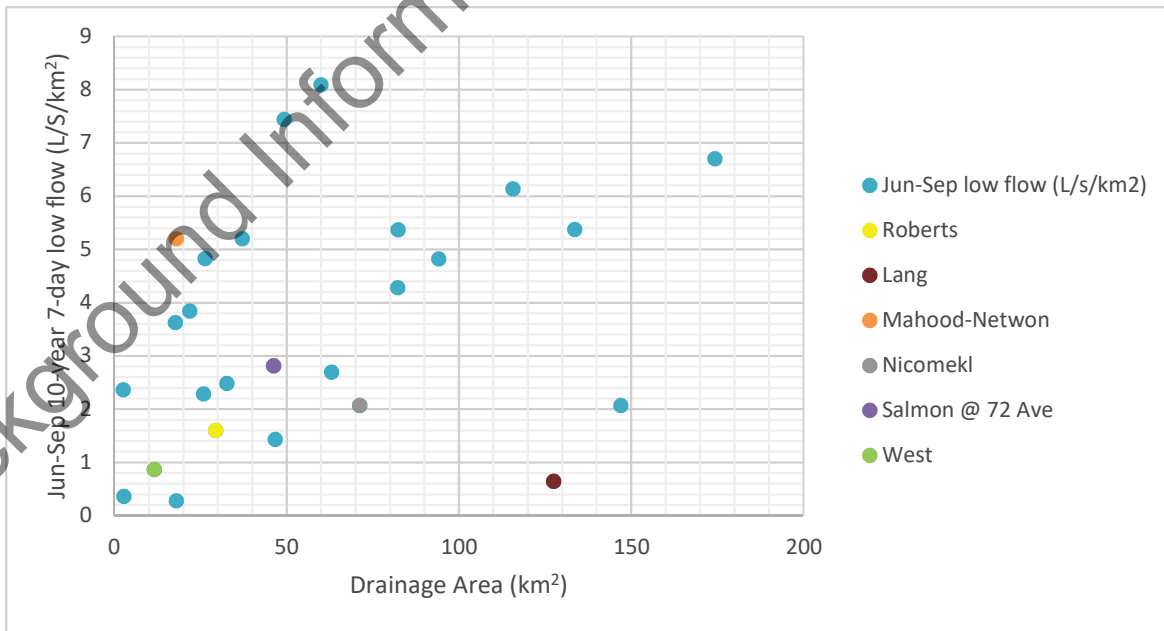


Figure 3 – 10-year return period 7-day June-September low flow for stations in Zone 27



3 RESULTS

Table 3 summarizes hydrologic data for Soames and Charman creeks.

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Table 3 – Hydrologic data for Soames and Charman creeks

Creek Name	Median Elevation (m) ¹	Drainage Area (km ²) ¹	Annual Runoff (mm)	Average Annual Discharge (L/s)	Annual 10-Year 7-Day Low Flow (L/s/km ²) ²	Annual 10-Year 7-Day Low Flow (L/s)	June-September 10-Year 7-Day Low Flow (L/s/km ²) ²	June-September 10-Year 7-Day Low Flow (L/s/km ²)
Soames	161	1.76	730	41	1.12	1.97	1.12	1.97
Charman	122	1.39	610	27	1.12	1.56	1.12	1.56

Notes:

¹Data from Canadian Digital Elevation Model (Natural Resources Canada 2018)

²Data from *Inventory of Streamflow in the South Coast and West Coast Regions* (Ahmed 2017)

3.1 Runoff

The annual runoff for Soames and Charman creeks is estimated to be 730 mm and 610 mm, respectively. In terms of volumetric flow rate, this is equal to 0.041 m³/s (i.e., 41 L/s) for Soames Creek and 0.027 m³/s (i.e., 27 L/s) for Charman Creek.

These results are consistent with those of Summit (2004) in which the average annual runoff to Hotel Lake was estimated to be 600 mm.

3.2 Monthly hydrographs

Monthly hydrographs for an average year for Soames and Charman creeks are presented in Figures 4 and 5, respectively. Table 4 contains the estimated monthly flow for each creek. Both creeks are typical of rain dominated catchments as they have the lowest flows in the summer when the weather is dry and peak flows in the winter when the coast experiences heavy rain.

Table 4 – Average monthly flows for Soames and Charman creeks

Creek	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Soames (L/s)	85.7	66.7	53.5	41.1	27.4	17.7	9.6	5.5	8.5	24.0	77.9	73.3
Charman (L/s)	56.5	44.0	35.3	27.1	18.1	11.7	6.3	3.6	5.6	15.8	51.4	48.4

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Figure 4 – Soames Creek hydrograph

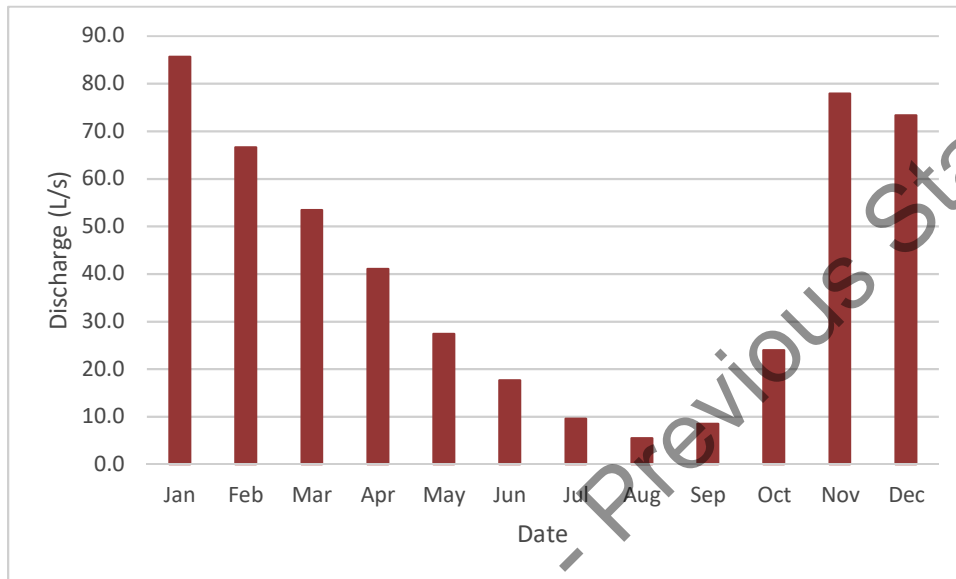
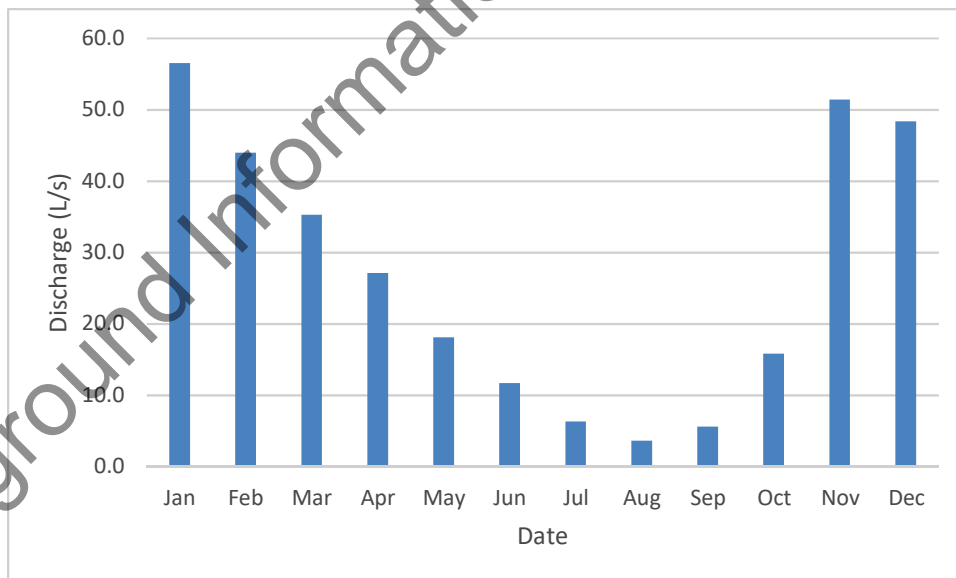


Figure 5 – Charman Creek hydrograph



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3.3 10-year return period, 7-day low flow

The 10-year return period 7-day low flow for Soames and Charman creeks, both for the full year and for the June-September period is estimated as approximately 1.97 L/s and 1.56 L/s, respectively.

4 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Associated completed a desktop hydrology study for Soames and Charman creeks. Based on this study, Associated concludes that:

- The annual runoff for Soames and Charman creeks are 41 L/s, and 27 L/s respectively.
- The 10-year return period 7-day low flow for Soames and Charman creeks are 1.97 and 1.56 L/s, respectively.

5 CLOSURE

This report was prepared for the SCRD to inform decision making during the Phase 2 Groundwater Investigation study. The services provided by Associated Environmental Consultants Inc. in the preparation of this report were conducted in a manner consistent with the level of skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing under similar conditions. No other warranty expressed or implied is made.

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Background Information - Previous Staff Report

Appendix F - CARO water quality results

Background Information - Previous Staff Report

Sampling Location						WIN 54928	WIN 54929	WIN 54943
Date Sampled						01-Nov-18	26-Oct-18	30-Oct-18
Well Name						CHURCH RD	DUSTY RD	MAHAN RD
Lab Sample ID						8110123-01	8102454-01	8102785-01
Sample Type								
Analyte	Unit	Guideline						
		GCDWQ MAC	GCDWQ AO	BC SDWQG MAC	BC SDWQG AQ			
Lab Results								
General								
Alkalinity (bicarbonate, as CaCO3)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	40.6	52.2	52.0
Alkalinity (carbonate, as CaCO3)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Alkalinity (hydroxide, as CaCO3)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Alkalinity (phenolphthalein, as CaCO3)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Alkalinity (total, as CaCO3)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	40.6	52.2	52.0
Chloride	mg/L	NG	250	NG	250	2.24	21.5	26.8
Colour	CU	NG	15	NG	15	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0
Conductivity	µS/cm	NG	NG	NG	NG	105	181	192
Fluoride	mg/L	1.5	NG	1.5	NG	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10
Hardness, Total (dissolved as CaCO3)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	38.3	66.8	77.6
Langelier Index		NG	NG	NG	NG	0.6	-1.6	1.2
pH		NG	7.0 - 10.5 ^{2.1}	NG	NG	7.51	7.01	7.71
Sulphate	mg/L	NG	500 ^{2.2}	NG	500	7.8	2.2	4.6
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	NG	500	NG	NG	103	131	174
Total organic carbon	mg/L	NG	NG	4.0	NG	0.91	<0.50	<0.50
Turbidity	NTU	N ^{1.1}	NG	N ^{1.1}	NG	10.2	<0.10	0.95
UV transmittance at 254 nm	%	NG	NG	NG	NG	98.7	99.6	98.3
Nutrients								
Ammonia (total, as N)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.020	0.021	<0.020
Nitrate + Nitrite (as N)	mg/L	10 ^{1.2}	NG	NG	NG	0.502	0.242	0.796
Organic nitrogen	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500
Total nitrogen	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.502	0.242	0.796
Total kjeldahl nitrogen	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050
Phosphorus (dissolved, by ICPMS/ICPOES)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	N ^{4.1}	0.072	<0.050	0.077
Phosphorus (total, by ICPMS/ICPOES)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	N ^{4.2}	0.105	<0.050	0.080
Potassium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	2.32	1.85	3.32
Potassium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	2.32	1.29	3.30
Microbiological								
E. coli (counts)	CFU/100 mL	0 ^{1.3}	NG	10 ^{3.2}	NG	<1	<1	<1
Heterotrophic Plate Count (counts)	CFU/mL	N ^{1.4}	NG	NG	NG	<1	<1	<1
Iron Bacteria (counts)	CFU/mL	NG	NG	NG	NG	85300	8820	8820
Sulfate-reducing bacteria (counts)	CFU/100 mL	NG	NG	NG	NG	<800	<800	22600
Total coliforms (counts)	CFU/100 mL	0 ^{1.5}	NG	NG	NG	<1	<1	<1
Total Metals								
Aluminum (total)	mg/L	NG	N ^{2.3}	9.5	NG	0.575	0.0068	<0.0050
Antimony (total)	mg/L	0.006	NG	NG	NG	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020
Arsenic (total)	mg/L	0.010 ^{1.6}	NG	0.01	NG	0.00188	<0.00050	0.00256
Barium (total)	mg/L	1.0	NG	NG	NG	0.0084	<0.0050	<0.0050
Beryllium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010
Bismuth (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.00093	<0.00010	<0.00010
Boron (total)	mg/L	5	NG	5.0	NG	0.0115	0.0374	0.0059
Cadmium (total)	mg/L	0.005	NG	0.005	NG	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010
Calcium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	8.53	17.7	16.5
Chromium (total)	mg/L	0.05	NG	NG	NG	0.00148	<0.00050	<0.00050
Cobalt (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.00039	<0.00010	<0.00010
Copper (total)	mg/L	NG	1.0	NG	1.0	0.0432	0.00308	0.00112
Iron (total)	mg/L	NG	0.3	NG	0.3	0.441	0.011	<0.010
Lead (total)	mg/L	0.010	NG	0.01	NG	0.00089	<0.00020	<0.00020
Lithium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.00085	0.00079	0.00078
Magnesium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	4.43	5.78	9.28
Manganese (total)	mg/L	NG	0.05	NG	0.05	0.00811	0.00074	0.00033
Mercury (total)	mg/L	0.001	NG	0.001	NG	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010
Molybdenum (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	0.25	NG	0.00120	0.00050	0.00093
Nickel (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.00113	<0.00040	<0.00040
Selenium (total)	mg/L	0.05	NG	0.01	NG	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Silicon (total, as Si)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	19.8	9.7	20.5
Silver (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.000050	<0.000050	<0.000050
Sodium (total)	mg/L	NG	200	NG	NG	5.96	6.79	9.83
Strontium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.0244	0.0533	0.0628
Sulphide (total, as S)	mg/L	NG	0.047 ^{2.4}	NG	NG	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020
Sulphur (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0
Tellurium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Thallium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.000020	<0.000020	<0.000020
Thorium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010
Tin (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.00207	<0.00020	<0.00020
Titanium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.0224	<0.0050	<0.0050
Tungsten (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
Uranium (total)	mg/L	0.02	NG	NG	NG	0.000133	0.000091	0.000215
Vanadium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.0079	0.0015	0.0098
Zinc (total)	mg/L	NG	5.0	NG	5.0	0.0284	0.0205	0.0328
Zirconium (total)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.00072	<0.00010	<0.00010
Dissolved Metals								
Aluminum (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	N ^{2.5}	9.5	NG	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050
Antimony (dissolved)	mg/L	0.006	NG	NG	NG	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020
Arsenic (dissolved)	mg/L	0.010 ^{1.7}	NG	0.01	NG	0.00176	<0.00050	0.00277
Barium (dissolved)	mg/L	1.0	NG	NG	NG	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050
Beryllium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010
Bismuth (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010
Boron (dissolved)	mg/L	5	NG	5.0	NG	0.0063	0.0107	0.0053
Cadmium (dissolved)	mg/L	0.005	NG	0.005	NG	0.000014	<0.000010	<0.000010
Calcium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	8.22	17.9	16.1
Chromium (dissolved)	mg/L	0.05	NG	NG	NG	0.00052	<0.00050	<0.00050
Cobalt (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010
Copper (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	1.0	NG	1.0	0.00153	0.00288	0.00073
Iron (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	0.3	NG	0.3	0.016	0.013	<0.010
Lead (dissolved)	mg/L	0.010	NG	0.01	NG	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020
Lithium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.00059	0.00108	0.00067
Magnesium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	4.32	5.37	9.10
Manganese (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	0.05	NG	0.05	0.00109	0.00076	0.00035
Mercury (dissolved)	mg/L	0.001	NG	0.001	NG	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010
Molybdenum (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	0.25	NG	0.00252	0.00037	0.00094
Nickel (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.00061	<0.00040	<0.00040
Selenium (dissolved)	mg/L	0.05	NG	0.01	NG	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Silicon (dissolved, as Si)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	18.1	11.0	20.3

						WIN 54928	WIN 54929	WIN 54943
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Well Name						8110123-01	8102454-01	8102785-01
Lab Sample ID								
Sample Type								
Analyte	Unit	Guideline						
		GCDWQ MAC	GCDWQ AO	BC SDWQG MAC	BC SDWQG AO			
Silver (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.000050	<0.000050	<0.000050
Sodium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	200	NG	NG	5.64	6.66	9.45
Strontium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.0228	0.0508	0.0614
Sulphur (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0
Tellurium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Thallium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.000020	<0.000020	<0.000020
Thorium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010
Tin (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020
Titanium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050
Tungsten (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
Uranium (dissolved)	mg/L	0.02	NG	NG	NG	0.000094	0.000091	0.000208
Vanadium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	0.0069	0.0012	0.0093
Zinc (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	5.0	NG	5.0	0.0186	0.0205	0.0182
Zirconium (dissolved)	mg/L	NG	NG	NG	NG	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010



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Guideline Notes for Reports for 2018-8152 SCRD GW Investigation Water Quality Results

1. Notes for Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality - Maximum Acceptable Concentrations (GCDWQ MAC)

Note 1.1 for Turbidity:

Waterworks systems that use a surface water source or a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water should filter the source water to meet health-based turbidity limits, as defined for specific treatment technologies. Where possible, filtration systems should be designed and operated to reduce turbidity levels as low as possible, with a treated water turbidity target of less than 0.1 NTU at all times. Where this is not achievable, the treated water turbidity levels from individual filters should meet the requirements described in GCDWQ.

For systems that use groundwater that is not under the direct influence of surface water, which are considered less vulnerable to faecal contamination, turbidity should generally be below 1.0 NTU.

For effective operation of the distribution system, it is good practice to ensure that water entering the distribution system has turbidity levels below 1.0 NTU.

Note 1.2 for Nitrate + Nitrite (as N):

The MAC for Nitrate (as N) is 10 mg/L

Note 1.3 for E. coli (counts):

MAC is none detectable per 100 mL

Note 1.4 for Heterotrophic Plate Count (counts):

There is no guideline for heterotrophic plate count (HPC) bacteria. Following is an excerpt from "Guidance on the use of heterotrophic plate counts in Canadian drinking water supplies", Health Canada (2012), prepared by the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Committee on Drinking Water:

Measuring HPC is an analytic method that is a useful operational tool for monitoring general bacteriological water quality throughout the treatment process and in the distribution system. HPC results are not an indicator of water safety and, as such, should not be used as an indicator of potential adverse human health effects. Each drinking water system will have a baseline range of HPC bacteria levels depending on the site-specific characteristics. Unexpected increases in the HPC baseline range could indicate a change in the treatment process, a disruption or contamination in the distribution system, or a change in the general bacteriological quality of the water.

If an unusual, rapid, or unexpected increase in HPC bacteria concentrations does occur, the system should be inspected and the cause determined.

Note 1.5 for Total coliforms (counts):

The maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) of total coliforms in water leaving a treatment plant and in non-disinfected groundwater leaving the well is none detectable per 100 mL.

Total coliforms should be monitored in the distribution system because they are used to indicate changes in water quality. Detection of total coliforms from consecutive samples from the same site or from more than 10% of the samples collected in a given sampling period should be investigated.

Note 1.6 for Arsenic (total):

Every effort should be made to maintain arsenic levels in drinking water as low as reasonably achievable.

Note 1.7 for Arsenic (dissolved):

Every effort should be made to maintain arsenic levels in drinking water as low as reasonably achievable.

2. Notes for Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality - Aesthetic Objectives (GCDWQ AO)

Note 2.1 for pH:

The operational guideline for pH is a range of 7.0 to 10.5 in finished drinking water.

Note 2.2 for Sulphate:

There may be a laxative effect in some individuals when sulphate levels exceed 500 mg/L. Health authorities should be notified of drinking water sources containing above 500 mg/L.

Note 2.3 for Aluminum (total):

This is an operational guidance value, designed to apply only to drinking water treatment plants using aluminum-based coagulants. The operational guidance value of 0.1 mg/L applies to conventional treatment plants, and 0.2 mg/L applies to other types of treatment systems.

Note 2.4 for Sulphide (total, as S):

The aesthetic objective for sulphide (as H₂S) is 0.05 mg/L. This is equivalent to 0.047 mg/L sulphide (as S).

Note 2.5 for Aluminum (dissolved):

This is an operational guidance value, designed to apply only to drinking water treatment plants using aluminum-based coagulants. The operational guidance value of 0.1 mg/L applies to conventional treatment plants, and 0.2 mg/L applies to other types of treatment systems.

3. Notes for BC Source Drinking Water Quality Guidelines - Maximum Acceptable Concentrations (2017 and updates) (BC SDWQG MAC)

General Notes:

The source drinking water quality guidelines presented in this document apply to the ambient water before it is treated and distributed for domestic use. The guidelines apply to drinking water sources from surface water and groundwater.

Metal guidelines are based on total concentrations.

Note 3.1 for Turbidity:

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For raw drinking water with treatment for particulates, the guideline is:

Change from background of 5 NTU at any time when background is ≤ 50 NTU; and change from background of 10% when background is > 50 NTU.

For raw drinking water without treatment for particulates, the guideline is:

Change from background of 1 NTU at any time when background is ≤ 5 NTU; and change from background of 5 NTU at any time.

If natural background turbidity is > 50 NTU, the guideline is:

Induced turbidity should not exceed 10% of the background turbidity.

Note 3.2 for E. coli (counts):

The MAC is ≤ 10 E. coli /100 mL; 90th percentile (minimum of 5 samples).

4. Notes for BC Source Drinking Water Quality Guidelines - Aesthetic Objectives (2017 and updates) (BC SDWQG AO)

General Notes:

The source drinking water quality guidelines presented in this document apply to the ambient water before it is treated and distributed for domestic use. The guidelines apply to drinking water sources from surface water and groundwater.

Metal guidelines are based on total concentrations.

Note 4.1 for Phosphorus (dissolved, by ICPMS/ICPOES):

The AO for lakes is 0.01 mg/L. For lakes with residence time > 6 months, measure total P during spring overturn. For lakes with residence time < 6 months, measure mean epilimnetic total P during the growing season (ENV 1985).

Note 4.2 for Phosphorus (total, by ICPMS/ICPOES):

The AO for lakes is 0.01 mg/L. For lakes with residence time > 6 months, measure total P during spring overturn. For lakes with residence time < 6 months, measure mean epilimnetic total P during the growing season (ENV 1985).

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PO NUMBER		SUBMITTED BY	
PROJECT	2018-8152.000.003	COC NO.	
PROJECT INFO	SCRD GW Investigation		

Receipt Details:

RECEIVED	2018-10-26 15:29	LOGGED IN	2018-10-26 16:26
LOCATION	Richmond Lab	ACCOUNT MGR	Eilish St.Clair, B.Sc., C.I.T.

Sample Condition Summary:

Quantity of Transport Vessels Received: 1

Receipt Temperature = 9°C

Broken Container(s)	No	Sampling Date(s) Missing	No	Incorrect Cont./Pres.	No
Cooling Initiated	Yes	Sample(s) Frozen	No	Missing/Extra Samples	No

Note: Sample transport temperatures of less than 8°C for microbiological parameters and less than or equal to 10°C for environmental parameters is recommended. Samples that exceed these values will still be processed. However, please note that the analytical results may be affected, especially for samples collected prior to the day of receipt.

REPORT TO	Nicole Penner Associated Environmental Consultants Inc. (Vernon) #200 - 2800 29th Street Vernon, BC V1T 9P9 Tel: (250) 545-3672	INCLUDE QC	Yes
		INCLUDE COC	No
		EXTRAS	Guidelines
INVOICE TO	Nicole Penner Associated Environmental Consultants Inc. (Vernon) #200 - 2800 29th Street Vernon, BC V1T 9P9 Tel: (250) 545-3672	FREQUENCY	With Report
		GST EXEMPT	No
		PAYMENT TERMS	Upon Receipt
		MIN AMOUNT	N/A

Delivery Plan:

REPORT DUE 2018-11-06 17:00 (5-7 day TAT)

Contact Name	Email / Fax / Cellular	Login Notice	Report	Invoice	EDD	EDD Format	CC to	Fax	Text	Mail
Nicole Penner	pennern@ae.ca	✓	✓		✓	CARO Excel	support@wirelesswater.com			
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Analysis Schedule:

Analysis / Version	Due	Expires ¹	Status	Comments
WIN 54929 (8102454-01) Matrix: Water Sampled: 2018-10-26 09:30				

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Analysis Schedule, Continued:

Analysis / Version	Due	Expires ¹	Status	Comments
WIN 54929 (8102454-01) Matrix: Water Sampled: 2018-10-26 09:30, Continued				
Container(s) Submitted: <div> <div>A = C05_125 mL Plastic (Metals)</div> <div>B = C06_40 mL Vial (Mercury)</div> <div>C = S05_125 mL Plastic (Metals-F)</div> </div> <div> <div>D = S06_40 mL Vial (Mercury-F)</div> <div>E = C23_125 mL Plastic (Sulfide)</div> <div>F = C13_500 mL Plastic (General)</div> </div> <div> <div>G = C13_500 mL Plastic (General)</div> <div>H = C13_500 mL Plastic (General)</div> <div>I = C22_125 mL Plastic (General)</div> </div> <div> <div>J = C04_40 mL Vial (VOC Water)</div> <div>K = C04_40 mL Vial (VOC Water)</div> <div>L = C07_300 mL Plastic (Micro-S)</div> </div> <div> <div>M = C07_300 mL Plastic (Micro-S)</div> <div>N = C14_40 mL Vial (TOC)</div> <div>O = C14_40 mL Vial (TOC)</div> </div> <div> <div>P = S14_40 mL Vial (DOC-F)</div> <div>Q = S14_40 mL Vial (DOC-F)</div> <div>R = C10_125 mL Plastic (H2SO4)</div> </div> <div> <div>S = C10_125 mL Plastic (H2SO4)</div> </div>				
Alkalinity	2018-11-06	2018-11-09	Available	
Anions by IC (3) Pkg	2018-11-06	2018-11-23	Available	
Carbon, Total Organic	2018-11-06	2018-11-23	Available	
Coliforms, Total (MPN)	2018-11-06	2018-10-27	Subcontracted	Subcontracted
Colour, True	2018-11-06	2018-10-29	Batched	
Conductivity	2018-11-06	2018-11-23	Analyzed	
E. coli (MPN)	2018-11-06	2018-10-27	Subcontracted	Subcontracted
Heterotrophic Plate Count	2018-11-06	2018-10-27	Subcontracted	Subcontracted
Iron Related Bacteria (Count)	2018-11-06	2018-10-28	Available	
Langelier Index	2018-11-06	2018-11-23	Available	
Mercury, dissolved by CVAFS	2018-11-06	2018-11-23	Available	
Mercury, total by CVAFS	2018-11-06	2018-11-23	Available	
Metals, Dissolved by ICPMS (All) Pkg	2018-11-06	2019-04-24	Available	
Metals, Total by ICPMS (All) Pkg	2018-11-06	2019-04-24	Available	
Nitrogen, Organic (Calc TKN, NH3)	2018-11-06	2018-11-23	Available	
Nitrogen, Total (TKN, NO2+NO3 by colour)	2018-11-06	2018-10-29	Available	
pH	2018-11-06	2018-10-26	Available	
Solids, Total Dissolved	2018-11-06	2018-11-02	Available	
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (Count)	2018-11-06	2018-10-28	Available	
Sulfide, Total	2018-11-06	2018-11-02	Available	
Transmittance at 254 nm	2018-11-06	2018-10-29	Available	
Turbidity	2018-11-06	2018-10-29	Analyzed	

¹ Red font indicates that the analysis has already or is about to expire. In order to guarantee that your samples will be analyzed within the recommended holding time, they must be received at least one day prior to the expiry date (3 hours for microbiological testing). Note that all pH in water / Chlorine / Temperature / Dissolved Oxygen results will be automatically be qualified as they should be analyzed in the field for greatest accuracy.

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Packages and their respective Analyses included in this Work Order:

Anions by IC (3) Pkg

Chloride by IC

Fluoride by IC

Sulfate by IC

Metals, Dissolved by ICPMS (All) Pkg

Aluminum, dissolved by ICPMS
Barium, dissolved by ICPMS
Boron, dissolved by ICPMS
Chromium, dissolved by ICPMS
Hardness, Total (as CaCO₃) (Calc)
Lithium, dissolved by ICPMS
Molybdenum, dissolved by ICPMS
Potassium, dissolved by ICPMS
Silver, dissolved by ICPMS
Sulfur, dissolved by ICPMS
Thorium, dissolved by ICPMS
Tungsten, dissolved by ICPMS
Zinc, dissolved by ICPMS

Antimony, dissolved by ICPMS
Beryllium, dissolved by ICPMS
Cadmium, dissolved by ICPMS
Cobalt, dissolved by ICPMS
Iron, dissolved by ICPMS
Magnesium, dissolved by ICPMS
Nickel, dissolved by ICPMS
Selenium, dissolved by ICPMS
Sodium, dissolved by ICPMS
Tellurium, dissolved by ICPMS
Tin, dissolved by ICPMS
Uranium, dissolved by ICPMS
Zirconium, dissolved by ICPMS

Arsenic, dissolved by ICPMS
Bismuth, dissolved by ICPMS
Calcium, dissolved by ICPMS
Copper, dissolved by ICPMS
Lead, dissolved by ICPMS
Manganese, dissolved by ICPMS
Phosphorus, dissolved by ICPMS
Silicon, dissolved by ICPMS
Strontium, dissolved by ICPMS
Thallium, dissolved by ICPMS
Titanium, dissolved by ICPMS
Vanadium, dissolved by ICPMS

Metals, Total by ICPMS (All) Pkg

Aluminum, total by ICPMS
Barium, total by ICPMS
Boron, total by ICPMS
Chromium, total by ICPMS
Hardness, Total (as CaCO₃) (Calc)
Lithium, total by ICPMS
Molybdenum, total by ICPMS
Potassium, total by ICPMS
Silver, total by ICPMS
Sulfur, total by ICPMS
Thorium, total by ICPMS
Tungsten, total by ICPMS
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Sodium, total by ICPMS
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Silicon, total by ICPMS
Strontium, total by ICPMS
Thallium, total by ICPMS
Titanium, total by ICPMS
Vanadium, total by ICPMS

Nitrogen, Organic (Calc TKN, NH₃)

Ammonia, Total

Nitrogen, Organic (Calc)

Nitrogen, Total (TKN, NO₂+NO₃ by colour)

Nitrate+Nitrite by Colorimetry

Nitrogen, Total (Calc)

Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl

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Each Analysis includes the following Analytes and their respective Reporting Limits [RLs]:			
Alkalinity in Water		Reference Method: SM 2320 B* (2011)	Units: mg/L
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃) [1] Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃) [1]	Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃) [1]	Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃) [1]	Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃) [1]
Ammonia, Total in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-NH ₃ G* (2011)	Units: mg/L
Ammonia, Total (as N) [0.02]			
Anions by IC in Water		Reference Method: SM 4110 B (2011)	Units: mg/L
Chloride [0.1]	Fluoride [0.1]	Sulfate [1]	
Carbon, Total Organic in Water		Reference Method: SM 5310 B (2011)	Units: mg/L
Carbon, Total Organic [0.5]			
Coliforms, Total (MPN) in Water		Reference Method: SM 9221 (2006)	Units: MPN/100 mL
Coliforms, Total [2]			
Colour, True in Water		Reference Method: SM 2120 C (2011)	Units: CU
Colour, True [5]			
Conductivity in Water		Reference Method: SM 2510 B (2011)	Units: uS/cm
Conductivity (EC) [2]			
Dissolved Metals by ICPMS in Water		Reference Method: EPA 200.8 / EPA 6020B	Units: mg/L
Aluminum, dissolved [0.005] Beryllium, dissolved [0.0001] Calcium, dissolved [0.2] Iron, dissolved [0.01] Manganese, dissolved [0.0002] Potassium, dissolved [0.1] Sodium, dissolved [0.1] Thallium, dissolved [2e-005] Tungsten, dissolved [0.001] Zirconium, dissolved [0.0001]	Antimony, dissolved [0.0002] Bismuth, dissolved [0.0001] Chromium, dissolved [0.0005] Lead, dissolved [0.0002] Molybdenum, dissolved [0.0001] Selenium, dissolved [0.0005] Strontium, dissolved [0.001] Thorium, dissolved [0.0001] Uranium, dissolved [2e-005]	Arsenic, dissolved [0.0005] Boron, dissolved [0.005] Cobalt, dissolved [0.0001] Lithium, dissolved [0.0001] Nickel, dissolved [0.0004] Silicon, dissolved [1] Sulfur, dissolved [3] Tin, dissolved [0.0002] Vanadium, dissolved [0.001]	Barium, dissolved [0.005] Cadmium, dissolved [1e-005] Copper, dissolved [0.0004] Magnesium, dissolved [0.01] Phosphorus, dissolved [0.05] Silver, dissolved [5e-005] Tellurium, dissolved [0.0005] Titanium, dissolved [0.005] Zinc, dissolved [0.004]
E. coli (MPN) in Water		Reference Method: SM 9221 (2006)	Units: MPN/100 mL
E. coli (MPN) [2]			
Heterotrophic Plate Count in Water		Reference Method: SM 9215 B (2004)	Units: CFU/mL
Heterotrophic Plate Count [1]			
Iron Related Bacteria (Count) in Water		Reference Method: DBI DBISOP06	Units: CFU/mL
Iron Related Bacteria [2]			

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Langelier Index in Water		Reference Method: SM 2330 B (2010)		Units: -
Langelier Index [-5]				
Mercury by CVAFS in Water		Reference Method: EPA 245.7*		Units: mg/L
Mercury, dissolved [1e-005]		Mercury, total [1e-005]		
Nitrate+Nitrite by Colorimetry in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-NO3- F (2011)		Units: mg/L
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N) [0.005]				
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-Norg D* (2011)		Units: mg/L
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl [0.05]				
pH in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-H+ B (2011)		Units: pH units
pH [0.1]				
Solids, Total Dissolved in Water		Reference Method: SM 2540 C* (2011)		Units: mg/L
Solids, Total Dissolved [15]				
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (Count) in Water		Reference Method: DBI DBSLW05		Units: CFU/mL
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria [8]				
Sulfide, Total in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-S2 D* (2011)		Units: mg/L
Sulfide, Total [0.02]				
Total Metals by ICPMS in Water		Reference Method: EPA 200.2* / EPA 6020B		Units: mg/L
Aluminum, total [0.005]	Antimony, total [0.0002]	Arsenic, total [0.0005]	Barium, total [0.005]	
Beryllium, total [0.0001]	Bismuth, total [0.0001]	Boron, total [0.005]	Cadmium, total [1e-005]	
Calcium, total [0.2]	Chromium, total [0.0005]	Cobalt, total [0.0001]	Copper, total [0.0004]	
Iron, total [0.01]	Lead, total [0.0002]	Lithium, total [0.0001]	Magnesium, total [0.01]	
Manganese, total [0.0002]	Molybdenum, total [0.0001]	Nickel, total [0.0004]	Phosphorus, total [0.05]	
Potassium, total [0.1]	Selenium, total [0.0005]	Silicon, total [1]	Silver, total [5e-005]	
Sodium, total [0.1]	Strontium, total [0.001]	Sulfur, total [3]	Tellurium, total [0.0005]	
Thallium, total [2e-005]	Thorium, total [0.0001]	Tin, total [0.0002]	Titanium, total [0.005]	
Tungsten, total [0.001]	Uranium, total [2e-005]	Vanadium, total [0.001]	Zinc, total [0.004]	
Zirconium, total [0.0001]				
Transmittance at 254 nm in Water		Reference Method: SM 5910 B* (2013)		Units: % T
UV Transmittance @ 254nm [0.1]				
Turbidity in Water		Reference Method: SM 2130 B (2011)		Units: NTU
Turbidity [0.1]				
Note: RLs on Final Report may be higher than expected due to: 1) limited sample volume, 2) high moisture, 3) analytical interferences				

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	TIME: 1:00		TIME: 3:30 PM

PROJECT:	PROJECT INFO:
SCRD GW Investigation	2018-8152-000.003

TURNAROUND TIME REQUESTED:		REGULATORY APPLICATION:	
Routine: (5-7 Days) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCME <input type="checkbox"/>	
Rush: 1 Day* <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Day* <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Day* <input type="checkbox"/>		BC Drinking Water Protection Act / Reg. <input type="checkbox"/> ALBERTA TIER 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	
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*Contact Lab To Confirm. Surcharge May Apply		OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/>	

ANALYSES REQUESTED:**REPORT TO:**

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DRINKING WATER	
OTHER WATER	
SOIL	
OTHER	

SAMPLING:

DATE	TIME
DD-MMM-YY	HH:MM

COMMENTS:

CHLORINATED		(i.e. flow/volume media ID) tested
FILTERED		
PRESERVED		

CLIENT SAMPLE ID:

WIN 54929

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS: Return Coats, 1
Supplies Needed:

SAMPLE RETENTION INSTRUCTIONS (Discarded 30 days after Report unless otherwise specified):
 60 Days ☐ 90 Days ☐ Longer Date (Surcharges will Apply):

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Low-level DL for metals. Upload to Wireless Water. Ensure E. coli & total coliform DL of < 1 CFU/100 mL.

PAYMENT:

CHEQUE	<input type="checkbox"/>
CREDIT	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEBIT	<input type="checkbox"/>
CASH	<input type="checkbox"/>
INVOICE	<input type="checkbox"/>

SAMPLE RECEIPT TEMP (°C):

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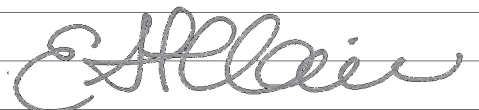


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Analyte	Result	Guideline	RL	Units	Analyzed	Qualifier
WIN 54929 (8102454-01) Matrix: Water Sampled: 2018-10-26 09:30						
Anions						
Chloride	21.5	AO ≤ 250	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-01	
Fluoride	< 0.10	MAC = 1.5	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-01	
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.242	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-10-31	
Sulfate	2.2	AO ≤ 500	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-01	
Biological Activity Reaction Tests						
Iron Related Bacteria	8820	N/A	2	CFU/mL	2018-10-30	HT1
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria	< 8	N/A	8	CFU/mL	2018-10-30	HT1
Calculated Parameters						
Hardness, Total (as CaCO ₃)	66.8	None Required	0.500	mg/L	N/A	
Langelier Index	-1.6	N/A	-5.0	-	2018-11-05	
Nitrogen, Total	0.242	N/A	0.0500	mg/L	N/A	
Nitrogen, Organic	< 0.0500	N/A	0.0500	mg/L	N/A	
Dissolved Metals						
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Arsenic, dissolved	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Boron, dissolved	0.0107	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Cadmium, dissolved	< 0.000010	N/A	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Calcium, dissolved	17.9	N/A	0.20	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Copper, dissolved	0.00288	N/A	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Iron, dissolved	0.013	N/A	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Lithium, dissolved	0.00108	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Magnesium, dissolved	5.37	N/A	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Manganese, dissolved	0.00076	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Mercury, dissolved	< 0.000010	N/A	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-01	
Molybdenum, dissolved	0.00037	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	N/A	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Phosphorus, dissolved	< 0.050	N/A	0.050	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Potassium, dissolved	1.55	N/A	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Silicon, dissolved	11.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	N/A	0.000050	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Sodium, dissolved	6.66	N/A	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Strontium, dissolved	0.0508	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-04	

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Dissolved Metals, Continued

Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	N/A	3.0	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	N/A	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Uranium, dissolved	0.000091	N/A	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Vanadium, dissolved	0.0012	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Zinc, dissolved	0.0205	N/A	0.0040	mg/L	2018-11-04	
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-04	

General Parameters

Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	52.2	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-10-31	
Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-10-31	
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	52.2	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-10-31	
Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-10-31	
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-10-31	
Ammonia, Total (as N)	0.021	None Required	0.020	mg/L	2018-11-01	
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	N/A	0.50	mg/L	2018-11-05	
Colour, True	< 5.0	AO ≤ 15	5.0	CU	2018-10-29	
Conductivity (EC)	181	N/A	2.0	µS/cm	2018-10-29	
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	< 0.050	N/A	0.050	mg/L	2018-11-01	
pH	7.01	7.0-10.5	0.10	pH units	2018-10-30	HT2
Solids, Total Dissolved	131	AO ≤ 500	15	mg/L	2018-11-02	
Sulfide, Total	< 0.020	AO ≤ 0.05	0.020	mg/L	2018-11-01	
Turbidity	< 0.10	OG < 1	0.10	NTU	2018-10-29	
UV Transmittance @ 254nm	99.6	N/A	0.10	% T	2018-10-30	HT1

Total Metals

Aluminum, total	0.0068	OG < 0.1	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	MAC = 0.006	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Arsenic, total	< 0.00050	MAC = 0.01	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Barium, total	< 0.0050	MAC = 1	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Bismuth, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Boron, total	0.0374	MAC = 5	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	MAC = 0.005	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Calcium, total	17.7	None Required	0.20	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Chromium, total	< 0.00050	MAC = 0.05	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Cobalt, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Copper, total	0.00308	AO ≤ 1	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Iron, total	0.011	AO ≤ 0.3	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-03	

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Total Metals, Continued

Lead, total	< 0.00020	MAC = 0.01	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Lithium, total	0.00079	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Magnesium, total	5.78	None Required	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Manganese, total	0.00074	AO ≤ 0.05	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Mercury, total	< 0.000010	MAC = 0.001	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-01	
Molybdenum, total	0.00050	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Nickel, total	< 0.00040	N/A	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Phosphorus, total	< 0.050	N/A	0.050	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Potassium, total	1.29	N/A	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	MAC = 0.05	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Silicon, total	9.7	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Silver, total	< 0.000050	None Required	0.000050	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Sodium, total	6.79	AO ≤ 200	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Strontium, total	0.0533	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	N/A	3.0	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	N/A	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Tin, total	< 0.00020	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Titanium, total	< 0.0050	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Uranium, total	0.000091	MAC = 0.02	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Vanadium, total	0.0015	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Zinc, total	0.0205	AO ≤ 5	0.0040	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Zirconium, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-03	

Microbiological Parameters

Coliforms, Total	<1	MAC = 0	1	CFU/100 mL	2018-10-27	
Heterotrophic Plate Count	<1	N/A	1	CFU/mL	2018-10-27	
E. coli (MF)	<1	N/A	1	CFU/100 mL	2018-10-27	

Sample Qualifiers:

HT1 The sample was prepared and/or analyzed past the recommended holding time.

HT2 The 15 minute recommended holding time (from sampling to analysis) has been exceeded - field analysis is recommended.

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Analysis Description	Method Ref.	Technique	Location
Alkalinity in Water	SM 2320 B* (2011)	Titration with H2SO4	Kelowna
Ammonia, Total in Water	SM 4500-NH3 G* (2011)	Automated Colorimetry (Phenate)	Kelowna
Anions in Water	SM 4110 B (2011)	Ion Chromatography	Kelowna
Carbon, Total Organic in Water	SM 5310 B (2011)	Combustion, Infrared CO2 Detection	Kelowna
Coliforms, Total in Water	SM 9222 (2006)	Membrane Filtration	Sublet
Colour, True in Water	SM 2120 C (2011)	Spectrophotometry (456 nm)	Kelowna
Conductivity in Water	SM 2510 B (2011)	Conductivity Meter	Richmond
Dissolved Metals in Water	EPA 200.8 / EPA 6020B	0.45 µm Filtration / Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectroscopy (ICP-MS)	Richmond
E. coli in Water	SM 9223 B (2004)	Enzyme Substrate Endo Agar	Sublet
Hardness in Water	SM 2340 B (2011)	Calculation: 2.497 [diss Ca] + 4.118 [diss Mg]	N/A
Heterotrophic Plate Count in Water	SM 9215 B (2004)	Pour Plate	Sublet
Iron Related Bacteria in Water	DBI DBISOP06	Biological Activity Reaction Test	Kelowna
Langelier Index in Water	SM 2330 B (2010)	Calculation	N/A
Mercury, dissolved in Water	EPA 245.7*	BrCl2 Oxidation / Cold Vapor Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometry (CVAFS)	Richmond
Mercury, total in Water	EPA 245.7*	BrCl2 Oxidation / Cold Vapor Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometry (CVAFS)	Richmond
Nitrate+Nitrite in Water	SM 4500-NO3- F (2011)	Automated Colorimetry (Cadmium Reduction)	Kelowna
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl in Water	SM 4500-Norg D* (2011)	Block Digestion and Flow Injection Analysis	Kelowna
pH in Water	SM 4500-H+ B (2011)	Electrometry	Richmond
Solids, Total Dissolved in Water	SM 2540 C* (2011)	Gravimetry (Dried at 103-105C)	Kelowna
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria in Water	DBI DBSLW05	Biological Activity Reaction Test	Kelowna
Sulfide, Total in Water	SM 4500-S2 D* (2011)	Colorimetry (Methylene Blue)	Edmonton
Total Metals in Water	EPA 200.2* / EPA 6020B	HNO3+HCl Hot Block Digestion / Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectroscopy (ICP-MS)	Richmond
Transmittance at 254 nm in Water	SM 5910 B* (2013)	Ultraviolet Absorption	Kelowna
Turbidity in Water	SM 2130 B (2011)	Nephelometry	Richmond

Note: An asterisk in the Method Reference indicates that the CARO method has been modified from the reference method

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Glossary of Terms:

RL	Reporting Limit (default)
% T	Percent Transmittance
<	Less than the specified Reporting Limit (RL) - the actual RL may be higher than the default RL due to various factors
<1	Less than the specified Reporting Limit (RL) - the actual RL may be higher than the default RL due to various factors
AO	Aesthetic Objective
CFU/100 mL	Colony Forming Units per 100 millilitres
CFU/mL	Colony Forming Units per millilitre
CU	Colour Units (referenced against a platinum cobalt standard)
MAC	Maximum Acceptable Concentration (health based)
mg/L	Milligrams per litre
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
OG	Operational Guideline (treated water)
pH units	pH < 7 = acidic, pH > 7 = basic
µS/cm	Microsiemens per centimetre
DBI	Drycon Bioconcepts Inc. Biological Activity Reaction Tests
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency Test Methods
SM	Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, American Public Health Association

General Comments:

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The following section displays the quality control (QC) data that is associated with your sample data. Groups of samples are prepared in "batches" and analyzed in conjunction with QC samples that ensure your data is of the highest quality. Common QC types include:

- **Method Blank (BLK):** A blank sample that undergoes sample processing identical to that carried out for the test samples. Method blank results are used to assess contamination from the laboratory environment and reagents.
- **Duplicate (Dup):** An additional or second portion of a randomly selected sample in the analytical run carried through the entire analytical process. Duplicates provide a measure of the analytical method's precision (reproducibility).
- **Blank Spike (BS):** A sample of known concentration which undergoes processing identical to that carried out for test samples, also referred to as a laboratory control sample (LCS). Blank spikes provide a measure of the analytical method's accuracy.
- **Matrix Spike (MS):** A second aliquot of sample is fortified with with a known concentration of target analytes and carried through the entire analytical process. Matrix spikes evaluate potential matrix effects that may affect the analyte recovery.
- **Reference Material (SRM):** A homogenous material of similar matrix to the samples, certified for the parameter(s) listed. Reference Materials ensure that the analytical process is adequate to achieve acceptable recoveries of the parameter(s) tested.

Each QC type is analyzed at a 5-10% frequency, i.e. one blank/duplicate/spike for every 10-20 samples. For all types of QC, the specified recovery (% Rec) and relative percent difference (RPD) limits are derived from long-term method performance averages and/or prescribed by the reference method.

Analyte	Result	RL Units	Spike Level	Source Result	% REC	REC Limit	% RPD	RPD Limit	Qualifier
Anions, Batch B8J2128									
Blank (B8J2128-BLK1)			Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-10-31						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	< 0.0100	0.0100 mg/L							
Blank (B8J2128-BLK2)			Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-10-31						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	< 0.0100	0.0100 mg/L							
LCS (B8J2128-BS1)			Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-10-31						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.483	0.0100 mg/L	0.500		97	91-108			
LCS (B8J2128-BS2)			Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-10-31						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.496	0.0100 mg/L	0.500		99	91-108			
Duplicate (B8J2128-DUP2)			Source: 8102454-01		Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-10-31				
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.242	0.0050 mg/L		0.242			< 1	10	
Matrix Spike (B8J2128-MS2)			Source: 8102454-01		Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-10-31				
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.373	0.0100 mg/L	0.125	0.242	105	80-120			
Anions, Batch B8J2373									
Blank (B8J2373-BLK1)			Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01						
Chloride	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Fluoride	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Sulfate	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Blank (B8J2373-BLK2)			Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01						
Chloride	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Fluoride	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Sulfate	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
LCS (B8J2373-BS1)			Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01						
Chloride	16.2	0.10 mg/L	16.0		101	90-110			
Fluoride	4.15	0.10 mg/L	4.00		104	88-108			
Sulfate	16.4	1.0 mg/L	16.0		103	91-109			
LCS (B8J2373-BS2)			Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01						
Chloride	16.1	0.10 mg/L	16.0		101	90-110			

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Anions, Batch B8J2373, Continued									
LCS (B8J2373-BS2), Continued				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Fluoride	4.08	0.10 mg/L	4.00		102	88-108			
Sulfate	16.5	1.0 mg/L	16.0		103	91-109			
Biological Activity Reaction Tests, Batch B8J2286									
Blank (B8J2286-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-10-30, Analyzed: 2018-10-30					
Iron Related Bacteria	< 2	2 CFU/mL							
Duplicate (B8J2286-DUP1)				Source: 8102454-01		Prepared: 2018-10-30, Analyzed: 2018-10-30			
Iron Related Bacteria	8820	2 CFU/mL		8820			< 1	171	
Biological Activity Reaction Tests, Batch B8J2288									
Blank (B8J2288-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-10-30, Analyzed: 2018-10-30					
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria	< 8	8 CFU/mL							
Duplicate (B8J2288-DUP1)				Source: 8102454-01		Prepared: 2018-10-30, Analyzed: 2018-10-30			
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria	< 8	8 CFU/mL		< 8				121	
Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0096									
Blank (B8K0096-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Mercury, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0096-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Mercury, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Reference (B8K0096-SRM1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Mercury, dissolved	0.00502	0.000010 mg/L	0.00489		103	80-120			
Reference (B8K0096-SRM2)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Mercury, dissolved	0.00468	0.000010 mg/L	0.00489		96	80-120			
Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0199									
Blank (B8K0199-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-04					
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, dissolved	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							

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Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0199, Continued									
Blank (B8K0199-BLK1), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-04				
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, dissolved	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, dissolved	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, dissolved	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0199-BLK2)					Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-04				
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, dissolved	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, dissolved	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, dissolved	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							

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Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0199, Continued									
Blank (B8K0199-BLK2), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-04				
Zinc, dissolved	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0199-BLK3)					Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-04				
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, dissolved	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, dissolved	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, dissolved	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, dissolved	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0199-BS1)					Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-04				
Aluminum, dissolved	0.0223	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		111	80-120			
Antimony, dissolved	0.0198	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		99	80-120			
Arsenic, dissolved	0.0204	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		102	80-120			
Barium, dissolved	0.0185	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		93	80-120			
Beryllium, dissolved	0.0200	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		100	80-120			
Bismuth, dissolved	0.0192	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		96	80-120			
Boron, dissolved	0.0194	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		97	80-120			
Cadmium, dissolved	0.0194	0.000010 mg/L	0.0200		97	80-120			
Calcium, dissolved	2.10	0.20 mg/L	2.00		105	80-120			
Chromium, dissolved	0.0198	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		99	80-120			
Cobalt, dissolved	0.0198	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		99	80-120			
Copper, dissolved	0.0188	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200		94	80-120			
Iron, dissolved	2.00	0.010 mg/L	2.00		100	80-120			

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Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0199, Continued									
LCS (B8K0199-BS1), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-04				
Lead, dissolved	0.0197	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		98	80-120			
Lithium, dissolved	0.0206	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		103	80-120			
Magnesium, dissolved	2.03	0.010 mg/L	2.00		102	80-120			
Manganese, dissolved	0.0184	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		92	80-120			
Molybdenum, dissolved	0.0191	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		95	80-120			
Nickel, dissolved	0.0205	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200		103	80-120			
Phosphorus, dissolved	2.06	0.050 mg/L	2.00		103	80-120			
Potassium, dissolved	1.97	0.10 mg/L	2.00		98	80-120			
Selenium, dissolved	0.0206	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		103	80-120			
Silicon, dissolved	2.3	1.0 mg/L	2.00		113	80-120			
Silver, dissolved	0.0183	0.000050 mg/L	0.0200		92	80-120			
Sodium, dissolved	1.97	0.10 mg/L	2.00		98	80-120			
Strontium, dissolved	0.0175	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		88	80-120			
Sulfur, dissolved	4.4	3.0 mg/L	5.00		88	80-120			
Tellurium, dissolved	0.0201	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		101	80-120			
Thallium, dissolved	0.0199	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		99	80-120			
Thorium, dissolved	0.0177	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		88	80-120			
Tin, dissolved	0.0204	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		102	80-120			
Titanium, dissolved	0.0222	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		111	80-120			
Tungsten, dissolved	0.0173	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		86	80-120			
Uranium, dissolved	0.0184	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		92	80-120			
Vanadium, dissolved	0.0198	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		99	80-120			
Zinc, dissolved	0.0181	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200		91	80-120			
Zirconium, dissolved	0.0222	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		111	80-120			
Reference (B8K0199-SRM1)					Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-04				
Aluminum, dissolved	0.237	0.0050 mg/L	0.233		102	79-114			
Antimony, dissolved	0.0458	0.00020 mg/L	0.0430		106	89-123			
Arsenic, dissolved	0.446	0.00050 mg/L	0.438		102	87-113			
Barium, dissolved	3.54	0.0050 mg/L	3.35		106	85-114			
Beryllium, dissolved	0.232	0.00010 mg/L	0.213		109	79-122			
Boron, dissolved	1.80	0.0050 mg/L	1.74		103	79-117			
Cadmium, dissolved	0.216	0.000010 mg/L	0.224		96	89-112			
Calcium, dissolved	7.57	0.20 mg/L	7.69		98	85-120			
Chromium, dissolved	0.460	0.00050 mg/L	0.437		105	87-113			
Cobalt, dissolved	0.124	0.00010 mg/L	0.128		97	90-117			
Copper, dissolved	0.876	0.00040 mg/L	0.844		104	90-115			
Iron, dissolved	1.30	0.010 mg/L	1.29		101	86-112			
Lead, dissolved	0.113	0.00020 mg/L	0.112		101	90-113			
Lithium, dissolved	0.106	0.00010 mg/L	0.104		102	77-127			
Magnesium, dissolved	6.65	0.010 mg/L	6.92		96	84-116			
Manganese, dissolved	0.307	0.00020 mg/L	0.345		89	85-113			
Molybdenum, dissolved	0.401	0.00010 mg/L	0.426		94	87-112			
Nickel, dissolved	0.936	0.00040 mg/L	0.840		111	90-114			
Phosphorus, dissolved	0.523	0.050 mg/L	0.495		106	74-119			
Potassium, dissolved	3.23	0.10 mg/L	3.19		101	78-119			
Selenium, dissolved	0.0360	0.00050 mg/L	0.0331		109	89-123			
Sodium, dissolved	19.3	0.10 mg/L	19.1		101	81-117			
Strontium, dissolved	0.866	0.0010 mg/L	0.916		95	82-111			
Thallium, dissolved	0.0383	0.000020 mg/L	0.0393		97	90-113			
Uranium, dissolved	0.254	0.000020 mg/L	0.266		95	87-113			
Vanadium, dissolved	0.932	0.0010 mg/L	0.869		107	85-110			
Zinc, dissolved	0.771	0.0040 mg/L	0.881		88	88-114			

General Parameters, Batch B8J2184

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General Parameters, Batch B8J2184, Continued									
Blank (B8J2184-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-10-29, Analyzed: 2018-10-29					
Colour, True	< 5.0	5.0 CU							
Blank (B8J2184-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-10-29, Analyzed: 2018-10-29					
Colour, True	< 5.0	5.0 CU							
LCS (B8J2184-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-10-29, Analyzed: 2018-10-29					
Colour, True	11	5.0 CU	10.0		109	85-115			
LCS (B8J2184-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-10-29, Analyzed: 2018-10-29					
Colour, True	11	5.0 CU	10.0		105	85-115			
General Parameters, Batch B8J2212									
Blank (B8J2212-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-10-29, Analyzed: 2018-10-29					
Conductivity (EC)	< 2.0	2.0 µS/cm							
LCS (B8J2212-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-10-29, Analyzed: 2018-10-29					
Conductivity (EC)	148	2.0 µS/cm	147		101	90-110			
Reference (B8J2212-SRM1)				Prepared: 2018-10-29, Analyzed: 2018-10-29					
Conductivity (EC)	1020	2.0 µS/cm	1000		102	95-105			
General Parameters, Batch B8J2221									
Blank (B8J2221-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	0.50 mg/L							
Blank (B8J2221-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	0.50 mg/L							
Blank (B8J2221-BLK3)				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	0.50 mg/L							
Blank (B8J2221-BLK4)				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	0.50 mg/L							
LCS (B8J2221-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Carbon, Total Organic	9.59	0.50 mg/L	10.0		96	78-116			
LCS (B8J2221-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Carbon, Total Organic	9.05	0.50 mg/L	10.0		90	78-116			
LCS (B8J2221-BS3)				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Carbon, Total Organic	9.07	0.50 mg/L	10.0		91	78-116			
LCS (B8J2221-BS4)				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Carbon, Total Organic	9.94	0.50 mg/L	10.0		99	78-116			
General Parameters, Batch B8J2269									
Blank (B8J2269-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-10-29, Analyzed: 2018-10-29					
Turbidity	< 0.10	0.10 NTU							
Duplicate (B8J2269-DUP1)				Source: 8102454-01		Prepared: 2018-10-29, Analyzed: 2018-10-29			
Turbidity	< 0.10	0.10 NTU		< 0.10				18	

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General Parameters, Batch B8J2295									
Reference (B8J2295-SRM1)				Prepared: 2018-10-30, Analyzed: 2018-10-30					
pH	6.18	0.10 pH units	6.20		100	97.5-102.5			
Reference (B8J2295-SRM2)				Prepared: 2018-10-30, Analyzed: 2018-10-30					
pH	6.23	0.10 pH units	6.20		100	97.5-102.5			
General Parameters, Batch B8J2304									
Blank (B8J2304-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
Blank (B8J2304-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
Blank (B8J2304-BLK3)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
LCS (B8J2304-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	1.02	0.020 mg/L	1.00		102	90-115			
LCS (B8J2304-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	1.02	0.020 mg/L	1.00		102	90-115			
LCS (B8J2304-BS3)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	0.992	0.020 mg/L	1.00		99	90-115			
Duplicate (B8J2304-DUP3)				Source: 8102454-01		Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01			
Ammonia, Total (as N)	0.022	0.020 mg/L		0.021					15
Matrix Spike (B8J2304-MS3)				Source: 8102454-01		Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01			
Ammonia, Total (as N)	0.264	0.020 mg/L	0.250	0.021	97	75-125			
General Parameters, Batch B8J2315									
Blank (B8J2315-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-10-30, Analyzed: 2018-10-30					
UV Transmittance @ 254nm	< 0.10	0.10 % T							
LCS (B8J2315-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-10-30, Analyzed: 2018-10-30					
UV Transmittance @ 254nm	46.7	0.10 % T	46.5		100	98-103			
General Parameters, Batch B8J2381									
Blank (B8J2381-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Blank (B8J2381-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
LCS (B8J2381-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	1.07	0.050 mg/L	1.00		107	84-121			
LCS (B8J2381-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	1.07	0.050 mg/L	1.00		107	84-121			

General Parameters, Batch B8J2383

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General Parameters, Batch B8J2383, Continued									
Blank (B8J2383-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-10-31					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Blank (B8J2383-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-10-31					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
LCS (B8J2383-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-10-31					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	103	1.0 mg/L	100		103	92-106			
LCS (B8J2383-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-10-31					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	105	1.0 mg/L	100		105	92-106			
Duplicate (B8J2383-DUP2)				Source: 8102454-01 Prepared: 2018-10-31, Analyzed: 2018-10-31					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	53.5	1.0 mg/L		52.2			2	10	
Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L		< 1.0				10	
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	53.5	1.0 mg/L		52.2			2	10	
Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L		< 1.0				10	
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L		< 1.0				10	
General Parameters, Batch B8K0090									
Blank (B8K0090-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Sulfide, Total	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0090-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Sulfide, Total	0.461	0.020 mg/L	0.500		92	82-116			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0138									
Blank (B8K0138-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02					
Solids, Total Dissolved	< 15	15 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0138-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02					
Solids, Total Dissolved	234	15 mg/L	240		98	85-115			
Total Metals, Batch B8K0005									
Blank (B8K0005-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Mercury, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0005-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Mercury, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Reference (B8K0005-SRM1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Mercury, total	0.00534	0.000010 mg/L	0.00489		109	80-120			
Reference (B8K0005-SRM2)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Mercury, total	0.00502	0.000010 mg/L	0.00489		103	80-120			

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Total Metals, Batch B8K0113									
Blank (B8K0113-BLK1)					Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-03				
Aluminum, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, total	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, total	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, total	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, total	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, total	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							

Blank (B8K0113-BLK2)					Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-03				
Aluminum, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, total	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							

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Analyte	Result	RL Units	Spike Level	Source Result	% REC	REC Limit	% RPD	RPD Limit	Qualifier
Total Metals, Batch B8K0113, Continued									
Blank (B8K0113-BLK2), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-03				
Manganese, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, total	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, total	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, total	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, total	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0113-BLK3)					Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-03				
Aluminum, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, total	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, total	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, total	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, total	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							

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Total Metals, Batch B8K0113, Continued									
Blank (B8K0113-BLK3), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-03				
Uranium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, total	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0113-BS1)					Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-03				
Aluminum, total	0.0230	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		115	80-120			
Antimony, total	0.0219	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		110	80-120			
Arsenic, total	0.0193	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		97	80-120			
Barium, total	0.0210	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		105	80-120			
Beryllium, total	0.0183	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		92	80-120			
Bismuth, total	0.0195	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		98	80-120			
Boron, total	0.0194	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		97	80-120			
Cadmium, total	0.0200	0.000010 mg/L	0.0200		100	80-120			
Calcium, total	2.06	0.20 mg/L	2.00		103	80-120			
Chromium, total	0.0189	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		95	80-120			
Cobalt, total	0.0187	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		94	80-120			
Copper, total	0.0196	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200		98	80-120			
Iron, total	1.80	0.010 mg/L	2.00		90	80-120			
Lead, total	0.0191	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		95	80-120			
Lithium, total	0.0193	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		97	80-120			
Magnesium, total	1.99	0.010 mg/L	2.00		99	80-120			
Manganese, total	0.0200	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		100	80-120			
Molybdenum, total	0.0192	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		96	80-120			
Nickel, total	0.0191	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200		96	80-120			
Phosphorus, total	1.84	0.050 mg/L	2.00		92	80-120			
Potassium, total	1.77	0.10 mg/L	2.00		88	80-120			
Selenium, total	0.0196	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		98	80-120			
Silicon, total	1.9	1.0 mg/L	2.00		95	80-120			
Silver, total	0.0179	0.000050 mg/L	0.0200		89	80-120			
Sodium, total	2.12	0.10 mg/L	2.00		106	80-120			
Strontium, total	0.0182	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		91	80-120			
Sulfur, total	4.6	3.0 mg/L	5.00		91	80-120			
Tellurium, total	0.0218	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		109	80-120			
Thallium, total	0.0189	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		95	80-120			
Thorium, total	0.0184	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		92	80-120			
Tin, total	0.0218	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		109	80-120			
Titanium, total	0.0196	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		98	80-120			
Tungsten, total	0.0211	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		105	80-120			
Uranium, total	0.0189	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		95	80-120			
Vanadium, total	0.0192	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		96	80-120			
Zinc, total	0.0238	0.0040 mg/L	0.0200		119	80-120			
Zirconium, total	0.0221	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		111	80-120			
Reference (B8K0113-SRM1)					Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-03				
Aluminum, total	0.298	0.0050 mg/L	0.303		98	82-114			
Antimony, total	0.0561	0.00020 mg/L	0.0511		110	88-115			
Arsenic, total	0.118	0.00050 mg/L	0.118		100	88-111			
Barium, total	0.839	0.0050 mg/L	0.823		102	83-110			
Beryllium, total	0.0465	0.00010 mg/L	0.0496		94	80-119			
Boron, total	3.38	0.0050 mg/L	3.45		98	80-118			
Cadmium, total	0.0500	0.000010 mg/L	0.0495		101	90-110			
Calcium, total	10.8	0.20 mg/L	11.6		93	85-113			
Chromium, total	0.247	0.00050 mg/L	0.250		99	88-111			
Cobalt, total	0.0369	0.00010 mg/L	0.0377		98	90-114			
Copper, total	0.539	0.00040 mg/L	0.486		111	90-117			

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Total Metals, Batch B8K0113, Continued									
Reference (B8K0113-SRM1), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-03				
Iron, total	0.483	0.010 mg/L	0.488		99	90-116			
Lead, total	0.205	0.00020 mg/L	0.204		101	90-110			
Lithium, total	0.403	0.00010 mg/L	0.403		100	79-118			
Magnesium, total	4.06	0.010 mg/L	3.79		107	88-116			
Manganese, total	0.109	0.00020 mg/L	0.109		100	88-108			
Molybdenum, total	0.197	0.00010 mg/L	0.198		100	88-110			
Nickel, total	0.243	0.00040 mg/L	0.249		98	90-112			
Phosphorus, total	0.216	0.050 mg/L	0.227		95	72-118			
Potassium, total	7.11	0.10 mg/L	7.21		99	87-116			
Selenium, total	0.125	0.00050 mg/L	0.121		104	90-122			
Sodium, total	7.83	0.10 mg/L	7.54		104	86-118			
Strontium, total	0.347	0.0010 mg/L	0.375		92	86-110			
Thallium, total	0.0789	0.000020 mg/L	0.0805		98	90-113			
Uranium, total	0.0288	0.000020 mg/L	0.0306		94	88-112			
Vanadium, total	0.382	0.0010 mg/L	0.386		99	87-110			
Zinc, total	2.53	0.0040 mg/L	2.49		102	90-113			

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CLIENT	Associated Environmental Consultants Inc. (Vernon)	QUOTATION ID	AE Master Bid (BC)
PO NUMBER		SUBMITTED BY	
PROJECT	2018-8152.000.003	COC NO.	
PROJECT INFO	SCRD GW Investigation		

Receipt Details:

RECEIVED	2018-10-31 12:30	LOGGED IN	2018-10-31 13:30
LOCATION	Richmond Lab	ACCOUNT MGR	Eilish St.Clair, B.Sc., C.I.T.

Sample Condition Summary:

Quantity of Transport Vessels Received: 1

Receipt Temperature = 2°C

Broken Container(s)	No	Sampling Date(s) Missing	No	Incorrect Cont./Pres.	No
Cooling Initiated	Yes	Sample(s) Frozen	No	Missing/Extra Samples	No

Note: Sample transport temperatures of less than 8°C for microbiological parameters and less than or equal to 10°C for environmental parameters is recommended. Samples that exceed these values will still be processed. However, please note that the analytical results may be affected, especially for samples collected prior to the day of receipt.

REPORT TO	Nicole Penner Associated Environmental Consultants Inc. (Vernon) #200 - 2800 29th Street Vernon, BC V1T 9P9 Tel: (250) 545-3672	INCLUDE QC	Yes
		INCLUDE COC	No
		EXTRAS	Guidelines
INVOICE TO	Nicole Penner Associated Environmental Consultants Inc. (Vernon) #200 - 2800 29th Street Vernon, BC V1T 9P9 Tel: (250) 545-3672	FREQUENCY	With Report
		GST EXEMPT	No
		PAYMENT TERMS	Upon Receipt
		MIN AMOUNT	N/A

Delivery Plan:

REPORT DUE Draft: 2018-11-07 15:30 (5 day TAT) | Final: 2018-11-19 15:30 (12 day TAT)

Contact Name	Email / Fax / Cellular	Login Notice	Report	Invoice	EDD	EDD Format	CC to	Fax	Text	Mail
Nicole Penner	pennern@ae.ca	✓	✓		✓	CARO Excel	support@wirelesswater.com			
Nicole Penner	pennern@ae.ca			✓			anzej@ae.ca			
Wireless H2O v2 EDD Uploaded by CARO on behalf of Client										

Analysis Schedule:

Analysis / Version	Due	Expires ¹	Status	Comments
WIN 54943 (8102785-01) Matrix: Water Sampled: 2018-10-30 10:30				
Container(s) Submitted:				
A = C13_500 mL Plastic (General)	B = C13_500 mL Plastic (General)	C = C13_500 mL Plastic (General)		
D = C07_300 mL Plastic (Micro-S)	E = C07_300 mL Plastic (Micro-S)	F = C10_125 mL Plastic (H2SO4)		
G = C10_125 mL Plastic (H2SO4)	H = C23_125 mL Plastic (Sulfide)	I = C05_125 mL Plastic (Metals)		
J = C06_40 mL Vial (Mercury)	K = S05_125 mL Plastic (Metals-F)	L = S06_40 mL Vial (Mercury-F)		
M = C14_40 mL Vial (TOC)	N = C14_40 mL Vial (TOC)	O = S14_40 mL Vial (DOC-F)		
P = S14_40 mL Vial (DOC-F)	Q = C04_40 mL Vial (VOC Water)	R = C04_40 mL Vial (VOC Water)		

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Analysis Schedule, Continued:

Analysis / Version	Due	Expires ¹	Status	Comments
WIN 54943 (8102785-01) Matrix: Water Sampled: 2018-10-30 10:30, Continued				
Alkalinity	2018-11-07	2018-11-13	Available	
Anions by IC (3) Pkg	2018-11-07	2018-11-27	Available	
Carbon, Total Organic	2018-11-07	2018-11-27	Available	
Coliforms, Total & E. coli (MF) Pkg	2018-11-07	2018-10-31	Subcontracted	
Colour, True	2018-11-07	2018-11-02	Available	
Conductivity	2018-11-07	2018-11-27	Available	
Heterotrophic Plate Count	2018-11-07	2018-10-31	Subcontracted	Subcontracted
Iron Related Bacteria (Count)	2018-11-19	2018-11-01	Available	
Langelier Index	2018-11-07	2018-11-27	Available	
Mercury, dissolved by CVAFS	2018-11-07	2018-11-27	Available	
Mercury, total by CVAFS	2018-11-07	2018-11-27	Available	
Metals, Dissolved by ICPMS (All) Pkg	2018-11-07	2019-04-28	Available	
Metals, Total by ICPMS (All) Pkg	2018-11-07	2019-04-28	Available	
Nitrogen, Organic (Calc TKN, NH3)	2018-11-07	2018-11-27	Available	
Nitrogen, Total (TKN, NO2+NO3 by colour)	2018-11-07	2018-11-02	Available	
pH	2018-11-07	2018-10-30	Available	
Solids, Total Dissolved	2018-11-07	2018-11-06	Available	
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (Count)	2018-11-19	2018-11-01	Available	
Sulfide, Total	2018-11-07	2018-11-06	Available	
Transmittance at 254 nm	2018-11-07	2018-11-02	Available	
Turbidity	2018-11-07	2018-11-02	Available	

¹ Red font indicates that the analysis has already or is about to expire. In order to guarantee that your samples will be analyzed within the recommended holding time, they must be received at least one day prior to the expiry date (3 hours for microbiological testing). Note that all pH in water / Chlorine / Temperature / Dissolved Oxygen results will be automatically be qualified as they should be analyzed in the field for greatest accuracy.

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Packages and their respective Analyses included in this Work Order:		
Anions by IC (3) Pkg		
Chloride by IC	Fluoride by IC	Sulfate by IC
Coliforms, Total & E. coli (MF) Pkg		
Coliforms, Total (MF)	E. coli (MF)	
Metals, Dissolved by ICPMS (All) Pkg		
Aluminum, dissolved by ICPMS	Antimony, dissolved by ICPMS	Arsenic, dissolved by ICPMS
Barium, dissolved by ICPMS	Beryllium, dissolved by ICPMS	Bismuth, dissolved by ICPMS
Boron, dissolved by ICPMS	Cadmium, dissolved by ICPMS	Calcium, dissolved by ICPMS
Chromium, dissolved by ICPMS	Cobalt, dissolved by ICPMS	Copper, dissolved by ICPMS
Hardness, Total (as CaCO ₃) (Calc)	Iron, dissolved by ICPMS	Lead, dissolved by ICPMS
Lithium, dissolved by ICPMS	Magnesium, dissolved by ICPMS	Manganese, dissolved by ICPMS
Molybdenum, dissolved by ICPMS	Nickel, dissolved by ICPMS	Phosphorus, dissolved by ICPMS
Potassium, dissolved by ICPMS	Selenium, dissolved by ICPMS	Silicon, dissolved by ICPMS
Silver, dissolved by ICPMS	Sodium, dissolved by ICPMS	Strontium, dissolved by ICPMS
Sulfur, dissolved by ICPMS	Tellurium, dissolved by ICPMS	Thallium, dissolved by ICPMS
Thorium, dissolved by ICPMS	Tin, dissolved by ICPMS	Titanium, dissolved by ICPMS
Tungsten, dissolved by ICPMS	Uranium, dissolved by ICPMS	Vanadium, dissolved by ICPMS
Zinc, dissolved by ICPMS	Zirconium, dissolved by ICPMS	
Metals, Total by ICPMS (All) Pkg		
Aluminum, total by ICPMS	Antimony, total by ICPMS	Arsenic, total by ICPMS
Barium, total by ICPMS	Beryllium, total by ICPMS	Bismuth, total by ICPMS
Boron, total by ICPMS	Cadmium, total by ICPMS	Calcium, total by ICPMS
Chromium, total by ICPMS	Cobalt, total by ICPMS	Copper, total by ICPMS
Hardness, Total (as CaCO ₃) (Calc)	Iron, total by ICPMS	Lead, total by ICPMS
Lithium, total by ICPMS	Magnesium, total by ICPMS	Manganese, total by ICPMS
Molybdenum, total by ICPMS	Nickel, total by ICPMS	Phosphorus, total by ICPMS
Potassium, total by ICPMS	Selenium, total by ICPMS	Silicon, total by ICPMS
Silver, total by ICPMS	Sodium, total by ICPMS	Strontium, total by ICPMS
Sulfur, total by ICPMS	Tellurium, total by ICPMS	Thallium, total by ICPMS
Thorium, total by ICPMS	Tin, total by ICPMS	Titanium, total by ICPMS
Tungsten, total by ICPMS	Uranium, total by ICPMS	Vanadium, total by ICPMS
Zinc, total by ICPMS	Zirconium, total by ICPMS	
Nitrogen, Organic (Calc TKN, NH₃)		
Ammonia, Total	Nitrogen, Organic (Calc)	
Nitrogen, Total (TKN, NO₂+NO₃ by colour)		
Nitrate+Nitrite by Colorimetry	Nitrogen, Total (Calc)	Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl

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Each Analysis includes the following Analytes and their respective Reporting Limits [RLs]:			
Alkalinity in Water		Reference Method: SM 2320 B* (2011)	Units: mg/L
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃) [1]	Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃) [1]	Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃) [1]	Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃) [1]
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃) [1]			
Ammonia, Total in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-NH ₃ G* (2011)	Units: mg/L
Ammonia, Total (as N) [0.02]			
Anions by IC in Water		Reference Method: SM 4110 B (2011)	Units: mg/L
Chloride [0.1]	Fluoride [0.1]	Sulfate [1]	
Carbon, Total Organic in Water		Reference Method: SM 5310 B (2011)	Units: mg/L
Carbon, Total Organic [0.5]			
Coliforms, Total (MF) in Water		Reference Method: SM 9222 (2006)	Units: CFU/100 mL
Coliforms, Total [1]			
Colour, True in Water		Reference Method: SM 2120 C (2011)	Units: CU
Colour, True [5]			
Conductivity in Water		Reference Method: SM 2510 B (2011)	Units: uS/cm
Conductivity (EC) [2]			
Dissolved Metals by ICPMS in Water		Reference Method: EPA 200.8 / EPA 6020B	Units: mg/L
Aluminum, dissolved [0.005]	Antimony, dissolved [0.0002]	Arsenic, dissolved [0.0005]	Barium, dissolved [0.005]
Beryllium, dissolved [0.0001]	Bismuth, dissolved [0.0001]	Boron, dissolved [0.005]	Cadmium, dissolved [1e-005]
Calcium, dissolved [0.2]	Chromium, dissolved [0.0005]	Cobalt, dissolved [0.0001]	Copper, dissolved [0.0004]
Iron, dissolved [0.01]	Lead, dissolved [0.0002]	Lithium, dissolved [0.0001]	Magnesium, dissolved [0.01]
Manganese, dissolved [0.0002]	Molybdenum, dissolved [0.0001]	Nickel, dissolved [0.0004]	Phosphorus, dissolved [0.05]
Potassium, dissolved [0.1]	Selenium, dissolved [0.0005]	Silicon, dissolved [1]	Silver, dissolved [5e-005]
Sodium, dissolved [0.1]	Strontium, dissolved [0.001]	Sulfur, dissolved [3]	Tellurium, dissolved [0.0005]
Thallium, dissolved [2e-005]	Thorium, dissolved [0.0001]	Tin, dissolved [0.0002]	Titanium, dissolved [0.005]
Tungsten, dissolved [0.001]	Uranium, dissolved [2e-005]	Vanadium, dissolved [0.001]	Zinc, dissolved [0.004]
Zirconium, dissolved [0.0001]			
E. coli (MF) in Water		Reference Method: SM 9223 B (2004)	Units: CFU/100 mL
E. coli [1]			
Heterotrophic Plate Count in Water		Reference Method: SM 9215 B (2004)	Units: CFU/mL
Heterotrophic Plate Count [1]			
Iron Related Bacteria (Count) in Water		Reference Method: DBI DBISOP06	Units: CFU/mL
Iron Related Bacteria [2]			

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Langelier Index in Water		Reference Method: SM 2330 B (2010)		Units: -
Langelier Index [-5]				
Mercury by CVAFS in Water		Reference Method: EPA 245.7*		Units: mg/L
Mercury, dissolved [1e-005]		Mercury, total [1e-005]		
Nitrate+Nitrite by Colorimetry in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-NO3- F (2011)		Units: mg/L
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N) [0.005]				
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-Norg D* (2011)		Units: mg/L
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl [0.05]				
pH in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-H+ B (2011)		Units: pH units
pH [0.1]				
Solids, Total Dissolved in Water		Reference Method: SM 2540 C* (2011)		Units: mg/L
Solids, Total Dissolved [15]				
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (Count) in Water		Reference Method: DBI DBSLW05		Units: CFU/mL
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria [8]				
Sulfide, Total in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-S2 D* (2011)		Units: mg/L
Sulfide, Total [0.02]				
Total Metals by ICPMS in Water		Reference Method: EPA 200.2* / EPA 6020B		Units: mg/L
Aluminum, total [0.005]	Antimony, total [0.0002]	Arsenic, total [0.0005]	Barium, total [0.005]	
Beryllium, total [0.0001]	Bismuth, total [0.0001]	Boron, total [0.005]	Cadmium, total [1e-005]	
Calcium, total [0.2]	Chromium, total [0.0005]	Cobalt, total [0.0001]	Copper, total [0.0004]	
Iron, total [0.01]	Lead, total [0.0002]	Lithium, total [0.0001]	Magnesium, total [0.01]	
Manganese, total [0.0002]	Molybdenum, total [0.0001]	Nickel, total [0.0004]	Phosphorus, total [0.05]	
Potassium, total [0.1]	Selenium, total [0.0005]	Silicon, total [1]	Silver, total [5e-005]	
Sodium, total [0.1]	Strontium, total [0.001]	Sulfur, total [3]	Tellurium, total [0.0005]	
Thallium, total [2e-005]	Thorium, total [0.0001]	Tin, total [0.0002]	Titanium, total [0.005]	
Tungsten, total [0.001]	Uranium, total [2e-005]	Vanadium, total [0.001]	Zinc, total [0.004]	
Zirconium, total [0.0001]				
Transmittance at 254 nm in Water		Reference Method: SM 5910 B* (2013)		Units: % T
UV Transmittance @ 254nm [0.1]				
Turbidity in Water		Reference Method: SM 2130 B (2011)		Units: NTU
Turbidity [0.1]				
Note: RLs on Final Report may be higher than expected due to: 1) limited sample volume, 2) high moisture, 3) analytical interferences				

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Analyte	Result	Guideline	RL	Units	Analyzed	Qualifier
WIN 54943 (8102785-01) Matrix: Water Sampled: 2018-10-30 10:30						
Anions						
Chloride	26.8	AO ≤ 250	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Fluoride	< 0.10	MAC = 1.5	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.796	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-02	
Sulfate	4.6	AO ≤ 500	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-03	
Biological Activity Reaction Tests						
Iron Related Bacteria	8820	N/A	2	CFU/mL	2018-11-01	
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria	226	N/A	8	CFU/mL	2018-11-01	
Calculated Parameters						
Hardness, Total (as CaCO ₃)	77.6	None Required	0.500	mg/L	N/A	
Langelier Index	1.2	N/A	-5.0	-	2018-11-07	
Nitrogen, Total	0.796	N/A	0.0500	mg/L	N/A	
Nitrogen, Organic	< 0.0500	N/A	0.0500	mg/L	N/A	
Dissolved Metals						
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Arsenic, dissolved	0.00277	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Boron, dissolved	0.0053	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Cadmium, dissolved	< 0.000010	N/A	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Calcium, dissolved	16.1	N/A	0.20	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Copper, dissolved	0.00073	N/A	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Iron, dissolved	< 0.010	N/A	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Lithium, dissolved	0.00067	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Magnesium, dissolved	9.10	N/A	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Manganese, dissolved	0.00035	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Mercury, dissolved	< 0.000010	N/A	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Molybdenum, dissolved	0.00094	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	N/A	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Phosphorus, dissolved	0.077	N/A	0.050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Potassium, dissolved	3.32	N/A	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Silicon, dissolved	20.3	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	N/A	0.000050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Sodium, dissolved	9.45	N/A	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Strontium, dissolved	0.0614	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-06	

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Dissolved Metals, Continued

Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	N/A	3.0	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	N/A	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Uranium, dissolved	0.000208	N/A	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Vanadium, dissolved	0.0093	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Zinc, dissolved	0.0182	N/A	0.0040	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	

General Parameters

Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	52.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-02	
Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-02	
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	52.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-02	
Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-02	
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-02	
Ammonia, Total (as N)	< 0.020	None Required	0.020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	N/A	0.50	mg/L	2018-11-07	
Colour, True	< 5.0	AO ≤ 15	5.0	CU	2018-11-02	
Conductivity (EC)	192	N/A	2.0	µS/cm	2018-11-07	
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	< 0.050	N/A	0.050	mg/L	2018-11-05	
pH	7.71	7.0-10.5	0.10	pH units	2018-11-06	HT2
Solids, Total Dissolved	174	AO ≤ 500	15	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Sulfide, Total	< 0.020	AO ≤ 0.05	0.020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Turbidity	0.95	OG < 1	0.10	NTU	2018-11-01	
UV Transmittance @ 254nm	98.3	N/A	0.10	% T	2018-11-01	

Total Metals

Aluminum, total	< 0.0050	OG < 0.1	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	MAC = 0.006	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Arsenic, total	0.00256	MAC = 0.01	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Barium, total	< 0.0050	MAC = 1	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Bismuth, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Boron, total	0.0059	MAC = 5	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	MAC = 0.005	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Calcium, total	16.5	None Required	0.20	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Chromium, total	< 0.00050	MAC = 0.05	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Cobalt, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Copper, total	0.00112	AO ≤ 1	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Iron, total	< 0.010	AO ≤ 0.3	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-06	

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Total Metals, Continued

Lead, total	< 0.00020	MAC = 0.01	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Lithium, total	0.00078	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Magnesium, total	9.28	None Required	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Manganese, total	0.00033	AO ≤ 0.05	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Mercury, total	< 0.000010	MAC = 0.001	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-07	
Molybdenum, total	0.00093	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Nickel, total	< 0.00040	N/A	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Phosphorus, total	0.080	N/A	0.050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Potassium, total	3.30	N/A	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	MAC = 0.05	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Silicon, total	20.5	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Silver, total	< 0.000050	None Required	0.000050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Sodium, total	9.83	AO ≤ 200	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Strontium, total	0.0628	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	N/A	3.0	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	N/A	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Tin, total	< 0.00020	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Titanium, total	< 0.0050	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Uranium, total	0.000215	MAC = 0.02	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Vanadium, total	0.0098	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Zinc, total	0.0328	AO ≤ 5	0.0040	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Zirconium, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-06	

Microbiological Parameters

Coliforms, Total	<1	MAC = 0	1	CFU/100 mL	2018-10-31	
E. coli	<1	MAC = 0	1	CFU/100 mL	2018-10-31	
Heterotrophic Plate Count	<1	N/A	1	CFU/mL	2018-10-31	

Sample Qualifiers:

HT2 The 15 minute recommended holding time (from sampling to analysis) has been exceeded - field analysis is recommended.

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Analysis Description	Method Ref.	Technique	Location
Alkalinity in Water	SM 2320 B* (2011)	Titration with H2SO4	Kelowna
Ammonia, Total in Water	SM 4500-NH3 G* (2011)	Automated Colorimetry (Phenate)	Kelowna
Anions in Water	SM 4110 B (2011)	Ion Chromatography	Kelowna
Carbon, Total Organic in Water	SM 5310 B (2011)	Combustion, Infrared CO2 Detection	Kelowna
Coliforms, Total in Water	SM 9222 (2006)	Membrane Filtration	Sublet
Colour, True in Water	SM 2120 C (2011)	Spectrophotometry (456 nm)	Kelowna
Conductivity in Water	SM 2510 B (2011)	Conductivity Meter	Kelowna
Dissolved Metals in Water	EPA 200.8 / EPA 6020B	0.45 µm Filtration / Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectroscopy (ICP-MS)	Richmond
E. coli in Water	SM 9223 B (2004)	Enzyme Substrate Endo Agar	Sublet
Hardness in Water	SM 2340 B (2011)	Calculation: 2.497 [diss Ca] + 4.118 [diss Mg]	N/A
Heterotrophic Plate Count in Water	SM 9215 B (2004)	Pour Plate	Sublet
Iron Related Bacteria in Water	DBI DBISOP06	Biological Activity Reaction Test	Kelowna
Langelier Index in Water	SM 2330 B (2010)	Calculation	N/A
Mercury, dissolved in Water	EPA 245.7*	BrCl2 Oxidation / Cold Vapor Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometry (CVAFS)	Richmond
Mercury, total in Water	EPA 245.7*	BrCl2 Oxidation / Cold Vapor Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometry (CVAFS)	Richmond
Nitrate+Nitrite in Water	SM 4500-NO3- F (2011)	Automated Colorimetry (Cadmium Reduction)	Kelowna
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl in Water	SM 4500-Norg D* (2011)	Block Digestion and Flow Injection Analysis	Kelowna
pH in Water	SM 4500-H+ B (2011)	Electrometry	Kelowna
Solids, Total Dissolved in Water	SM 2540 C* (2011)	Gravimetry (Dried at 103-105C)	Kelowna
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria in Water	DBI DBSLW05	Biological Activity Reaction Test	Kelowna
Sulfide, Total in Water	SM 4500-S2 D* (2011)	Colorimetry (Methylene Blue)	Edmonton
Total Metals in Water	EPA 200.2* / EPA 6020B	HNO3+HCl Hot Block Digestion / Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectroscopy (ICP-MS)	Richmond
Transmittance at 254 nm in Water	SM 5910 B* (2013)	Ultraviolet Absorption	Kelowna
Turbidity in Water	SM 2130 B (2011)	Nephelometry	Richmond

Note: An asterisk in the Method Reference indicates that the CARO method has been modified from the reference method

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Glossary of Terms:

RL	Reporting Limit (default)
% T	Percent Transmittance
<	Less than the specified Reporting Limit (RL) - the actual RL may be higher than the default RL due to various factors
<1	Less than the specified Reporting Limit (RL) - the actual RL may be higher than the default RL due to various factors
AO	Aesthetic Objective
CFU/100 mL	Colony Forming Units per 100 millilitres
CFU/mL	Colony Forming Units per millilitre
CU	Colour Units (referenced against a platinum cobalt standard)
MAC	Maximum Acceptable Concentration (health based)
mg/L	Milligrams per litre
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
OG	Operational Guideline (treated water)
pH units	pH < 7 = acidic, pH > 7 = basic
µS/cm	Microsiemens per centimetre
DBI	Drycon Bioconcepts Inc. Biological Activity Reaction Tests
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency Test Methods
SM	Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, American Public Health Association

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The following section displays the quality control (QC) data that is associated with your sample data. Groups of samples are prepared in "batches" and analyzed in conjunction with QC samples that ensure your data is of the highest quality. Common QC types include:

- **Method Blank (Blk):** A blank sample that undergoes sample processing identical to that carried out for the test samples. Method blank results are used to assess contamination from the laboratory environment and reagents.
- **Duplicate (Dup):** An additional or second portion of a randomly selected sample in the analytical run carried through the entire analytical process. Duplicates provide a measure of the analytical method's precision (reproducibility).
- **Blank Spike (BS):** A sample of known concentration which undergoes processing identical to that carried out for test samples, also referred to as a laboratory control sample (LCS). Blank spikes provide a measure of the analytical method's accuracy.
- **Matrix Spike (MS):** A second aliquot of sample is fortified with with a known concentration of target analytes and carried through the entire analytical process. Matrix spikes evaluate potential matrix effects that may affect the analyte recovery.
- **Reference Material (SRM):** A homogenous material of similar matrix to the samples, certified for the parameter(s) listed. Reference Materials ensure that the analytical process is adequate to achieve acceptable recoveries of the parameter(s) tested.

Each QC type is analyzed at a 5-10% frequency, i.e. one blank/duplicate/spike for every 10-20 samples. For all types of QC, the specified recovery (% Rec) and relative percent difference (RPD) limits are derived from long-term method performance averages and/or prescribed by the reference method.

Analyte	Result	RL Units	Spike Level	Source Result	% REC	REC Limit	% RPD	RPD Limit	Qualifier
Anions, Batch B8K0036									
Blank (B8K0036-BLK1)			Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	< 0.0100	0.0100 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0036-BLK2)			Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	< 0.0100	0.0100 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0036-BLK3)			Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	< 0.0100	0.0100 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0036-BS1)			Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.493	0.0100 mg/L	0.500		99	91-108			
LCS (B8K0036-BS2)			Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.521	0.0100 mg/L	0.500		104	91-108			
LCS (B8K0036-BS3)			Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.511	0.0100 mg/L	0.500		102	91-108			
Duplicate (B8K0036-DUP1)			Source: 8102785-01 Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.812	0.0050 mg/L		0.796			2	10	
Matrix Spike (B8K0036-MS1)			Source: 8102785-01 Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02						
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.914	0.0100 mg/L	0.125	0.796	94	80-120			
Anions, Batch B8K0205									
Blank (B8K0205-BLK1)			Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03						
Chloride	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Fluoride	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Sulfate	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0205-BLK2)			Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03						
Chloride	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Fluoride	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Sulfate	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							

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Anions, Batch B8K0205, Continued									
LCS (B8K0205-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03					
Chloride	16.0	0.10 mg/L	16.0		100	90-110			
Fluoride	4.07	0.10 mg/L	4.00		102	88-108			
Sulfate	15.7	1.0 mg/L	16.0		98	91-109			
LCS (B8K0205-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03					
Chloride	15.9	0.10 mg/L	16.0		99	90-110			
Fluoride	4.12	0.10 mg/L	4.00		103	88-108			
Sulfate	16.1	1.0 mg/L	16.0		100	91-109			

Biological Activity Reaction Tests, Batch B8K0044

Blank (B8K0044-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Iron Related Bacteria	< 2	2 CFU/mL							
Duplicate (B8K0044-DUP1)				Source: 8102785-01 Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Iron Related Bacteria	8820	2 CFU/mL		8820			< 1	171	

Biological Activity Reaction Tests, Batch B8K0046

Blank (B8K0046-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria	< 8	8 CFU/mL							
Duplicate (B8K0046-DUP1)				Source: 8102785-01 Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria	< 8	8 CFU/mL		226			200	121	MIC29

Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0330

Blank (B8K0330-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, dissolved	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, dissolved	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, dissolved	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							

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Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0330, Continued									
Blank (B8K0330-BLK1), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, dissolved	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0330-BLK2)					Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, dissolved	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, dissolved	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, dissolved	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, dissolved	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0330-BLK3)					Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							

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Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0330, Continued

Blank (B8K0330-BLK3), Continued

Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06

Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, dissolved	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, dissolved	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, dissolved	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, dissolved	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							

LCS (B8K0330-BS1)

Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06

Aluminum, dissolved	0.0208	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		104	80-120
Antimony, dissolved	0.0180	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		90	80-120
Arsenic, dissolved	0.0197	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		99	80-120
Barium, dissolved	0.0200	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		100	80-120
Beryllium, dissolved	0.0185	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		93	80-120
Bismuth, dissolved	0.0204	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		102	80-120
Boron, dissolved	0.0167	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		84	80-120
Cadmium, dissolved	0.0197	0.000010 mg/L	0.0200		98	80-120
Calcium, dissolved	1.90	0.20 mg/L	2.00		95	80-120
Chromium, dissolved	0.0210	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		105	80-120
Cobalt, dissolved	0.0205	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		103	80-120
Copper, dissolved	0.0194	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200		97	80-120
Iron, dissolved	1.89	0.010 mg/L	2.00		95	80-120
Lead, dissolved	0.0195	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		97	80-120
Lithium, dissolved	0.0188	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		94	80-120
Magnesium, dissolved	1.97	0.010 mg/L	2.00		98	80-120
Manganese, dissolved	0.0189	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		95	80-120
Molybdenum, dissolved	0.0194	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		97	80-120
Nickel, dissolved	0.0199	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200		100	80-120
Phosphorus, dissolved	1.87	0.050 mg/L	2.00		93	80-120
Potassium, dissolved	1.79	0.10 mg/L	2.00		90	80-120

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LCS (B8K0330-BS1), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Selenium, dissolved	0.0197	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		99	80-120			
Silicon, dissolved	1.9	1.0 mg/L	2.00		97	80-120			
Silver, dissolved	0.0184	0.000050 mg/L	0.0200		92	80-120			
Sodium, dissolved	2.12	0.10 mg/L	2.00		106	80-120			
Strontium, dissolved	0.0191	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		95	80-120			
Sulfur, dissolved	4.6	3.0 mg/L	5.00		93	80-120			
Tellurium, dissolved	0.0206	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		103	80-120			
Thallium, dissolved	0.0198	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		99	80-120			
Thorium, dissolved	0.0168	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		84	80-120			
Tin, dissolved	0.0209	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		105	80-120			
Titanium, dissolved	0.0201	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		100	80-120			
Tungsten, dissolved	0.0186	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		93	80-120			
Uranium, dissolved	0.0179	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		90	80-120			
Vanadium, dissolved	0.0207	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		103	80-120			
Zinc, dissolved	0.0204	0.0040 mg/L	0.0200		102	80-120			
Zirconium, dissolved	0.0224	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		112	80-120			

Reference (B8K0330-SRM1)					Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Aluminum, dissolved	0.226	0.0050 mg/L	0.233		97	79-114			
Antimony, dissolved	0.0476	0.00020 mg/L	0.0430		111	89-123			
Arsenic, dissolved	0.444	0.00050 mg/L	0.438		101	87-113			
Barium, dissolved	3.19	0.0050 mg/L	3.35		95	85-114			
Beryllium, dissolved	0.213	0.00010 mg/L	0.213		100	79-122			
Boron, dissolved	1.60	0.0050 mg/L	1.74		92	79-117			
Cadmium, dissolved	0.223	0.000010 mg/L	0.224		100	89-112			
Calcium, dissolved	7.95	0.20 mg/L	7.69		103	85-120			
Chromium, dissolved	0.494	0.00050 mg/L	0.437		113	87-113			
Cobalt, dissolved	0.130	0.00010 mg/L	0.128		101	90-117			
Copper, dissolved	0.855	0.00040 mg/L	0.844		101	90-115			
Iron, dissolved	1.29	0.010 mg/L	1.29		100	86-112			
Lead, dissolved	0.110	0.00020 mg/L	0.112		98	90-113			
Lithium, dissolved	0.102	0.00010 mg/L	0.104		98	77-127			
Magnesium, dissolved	6.97	0.010 mg/L	6.92		101	84-116			
Manganese, dissolved	0.317	0.00020 mg/L	0.345		92	85-113			
Molybdenum, dissolved	0.430	0.00010 mg/L	0.426		101	87-112			
Nickel, dissolved	0.830	0.00040 mg/L	0.840		99	90-114			
Phosphorus, dissolved	0.472	0.050 mg/L	0.495		95	74-119			
Potassium, dissolved	2.77	0.10 mg/L	3.19		87	78-119			
Selenium, dissolved	0.0347	0.00050 mg/L	0.0331		105	89-123			
Sodium, dissolved	18.6	0.10 mg/L	19.1		98	81-117			
Strontium, dissolved	0.885	0.0010 mg/L	0.916		97	82-111			
Thallium, dissolved	0.0383	0.000020 mg/L	0.0393		97	90-113			
Uranium, dissolved	0.255	0.000020 mg/L	0.266		96	87-113			
Vanadium, dissolved	0.860	0.0010 mg/L	0.869		99	85-110			
Zinc, dissolved	0.859	0.0040 mg/L	0.881		98	88-114			

Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0395

Blank (B8K0395-BLK1)					Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Mercury, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0395-BLK2)					Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Mercury, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							

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Reference (B8K0395-SRM1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Mercury, dissolved	0.00523	0.000010 mg/L	0.00489		107	80-120			
Reference (B8K0395-SRM2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Mercury, dissolved	0.00496	0.000010 mg/L	0.00489		101	80-120			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0081									
Blank (B8K0081-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
Turbidity	< 0.10	0.10 NTU							
General Parameters, Batch B8K0093									
Blank (B8K0093-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02					
Colour, True	< 5.0	5.0 CU							
Blank (B8K0093-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02					
Colour, True	< 5.0	5.0 CU							
LCS (B8K0093-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02					
Colour, True	11	5.0 CU	10.0		105	85-115			
LCS (B8K0093-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02					
Colour, True	11	5.0 CU	10.0		109	85-115			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0097									
Blank (B8K0097-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
UV Transmittance @ 254nm	< 0.10	0.10 % T							
LCS (B8K0097-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-01, Analyzed: 2018-11-01					
UV Transmittance @ 254nm	46.8	0.10 % T	46.5		101	98-103			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0141									
Blank (B8K0141-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0141-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0141-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	103	1.0 mg/L	100		103	92-106			
LCS (B8K0141-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	104	1.0 mg/L	100		104	92-106			

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General Parameters, Batch B8K0275									
Blank (B8K0275-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0275-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0275-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	1.09	0.050 mg/L	1.00		109	84-121			
LCS (B8K0275-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-04, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	1.06	0.050 mg/L	1.00		106	84-121			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0314									
Blank (B8K0314-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	0.50 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0314-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	0.50 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0314-BLK3)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	0.50 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0314-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Carbon, Total Organic	9.23	0.50 mg/L	10.0		92	78-116			
LCS (B8K0314-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Carbon, Total Organic	9.49	0.50 mg/L	10.0		95	78-116			
LCS (B8K0314-BS3)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Carbon, Total Organic	9.16	0.50 mg/L	10.0		92	78-116			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0373									
Blank (B8K0373-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0373-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0373-BLK3)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0373-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	0.989	0.020 mg/L	1.00		99	90-115			
LCS (B8K0373-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	0.989	0.020 mg/L	1.00		99	90-115			
LCS (B8K0373-BS3)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	1.00	0.020 mg/L	1.00		100	90-115			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0398									
Blank (B8K0398-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Solids, Total Dissolved	< 15	15 mg/L							

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General Parameters, Batch B8K0398, Continued									
Blank (B8K0398-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Solids, Total Dissolved	< 15	15 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0398-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Solids, Total Dissolved	239	15 mg/L	240		100	85-115			
LCS (B8K0398-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Solids, Total Dissolved	232	15 mg/L	240		97	85-115			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0450									
Blank (B8K0450-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Sulfide, Total	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0450-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Sulfide, Total	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0450-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Sulfide, Total	0.478	0.020 mg/L	0.500		96	82-116			
LCS (B8K0450-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Sulfide, Total	0.463	0.020 mg/L	0.500		93	82-116			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0496									
Reference (B8K0496-SRM1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
pH	7.02	0.10 pH units	7.01		100	98-102			HT2
General Parameters, Batch B8K0601									
Blank (B8K0601-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Conductivity (EC)	< 2.0	2.0 µS/cm							
Blank (B8K0601-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Conductivity (EC)	< 2.0	2.0 µS/cm							
LCS (B8K0601-BS3)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Conductivity (EC)	1390	2.0 µS/cm	1410		98	95-104			
LCS (B8K0601-BS4)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Conductivity (EC)	1400	2.0 µS/cm	1410		99	95-104			
Total Metals, Batch B8K0321									
Blank (B8K0321-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Aluminum, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, total	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							

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Total Metals, Batch B8K0321, Continued									
Blank (B8K0321-BLK1), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Copper, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, total	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, total	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, total	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, total	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0321-BLK2)					Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Aluminum, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, total	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, total	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, total	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, total	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							

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Total Metals, Batch B8K0321, Continued									
Blank (B8K0321-BLK2), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, total	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0321-BLK3)					Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Aluminum, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, total	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, total	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, total	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, total	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, total	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0321-BS1)					Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Aluminum, total	0.0239	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		119	80-120			
Antimony, total	0.0201	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		100	80-120			
Arsenic, total	0.0201	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		100	80-120			
Barium, total	0.0208	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		104	80-120			
Beryllium, total	0.0197	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		98	80-120			
Bismuth, total	0.0206	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		103	80-120			

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Total Metals, Batch B8K0321, Continued									
LCS (B8K0321-BS1), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Boron, total	0.0181	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		91	80-120			
Cadmium, total	0.0202	0.000010 mg/L	0.0200		101	80-120			
Calcium, total	2.00	0.20 mg/L	2.00		100	80-120			
Chromium, total	0.0218	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		109	80-120			
Cobalt, total	0.0207	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		104	80-120			
Copper, total	0.0218	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200		109	80-120			
Iron, total	1.94	0.010 mg/L	2.00		97	80-120			
Lead, total	0.0199	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		99	80-120			
Lithium, total	0.0200	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		100	80-120			
Magnesium, total	2.09	0.010 mg/L	2.00		104	80-120			
Manganese, total	0.0201	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		101	80-120			
Molybdenum, total	0.0196	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		98	80-120			
Nickel, total	0.0214	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200		107	80-120			
Phosphorus, total	2.03	0.050 mg/L	2.00		102	80-120			
Potassium, total	1.91	0.10 mg/L	2.00		95	80-120			
Selenium, total	0.0209	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		105	80-120			
Silicon, total	2.1	1.0 mg/L	2.00		103	80-120			
Silver, total	0.0180	0.000050 mg/L	0.0200		90	80-120			
Sodium, total	2.28	0.10 mg/L	2.00		114	80-120			
Strontium, total	0.0221	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		111	80-120			
Sulfur, total	4.0	3.0 mg/L	5.00		81	80-120			
Tellurium, total	0.0220	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		110	80-120			
Thallium, total	0.0202	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		101	80-120			
Thorium, total	0.0172	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		86	80-120			
Tin, total	0.0209	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		105	80-120			
Titanium, total	0.0196	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		98	80-120			
Tungsten, total	0.0210	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		105	80-120			
Uranium, total	0.0204	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		102	80-120			
Vanadium, total	0.0217	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		109	80-120			
Zinc, total	0.0211	0.0040 mg/L	0.0200		106	80-120			
Zirconium, total	0.0223	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		111	80-120			

Reference (B8K0321-SRM1)					Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-06				
Aluminum, total	0.309	0.0050 mg/L	0.303		102	82-114			
Antimony, total	0.0527	0.00020 mg/L	0.0511		103	88-115			
Arsenic, total	0.117	0.00050 mg/L	0.118		100	88-111			
Barium, total	0.797	0.0050 mg/L	0.823		97	83-110			
Beryllium, total	0.0478	0.00010 mg/L	0.0496		96	80-119			
Boron, total	3.41	0.0050 mg/L	3.45		99	80-118			
Cadmium, total	0.0496	0.000010 mg/L	0.0495		100	90-110			
Calcium, total	11.9	0.20 mg/L	11.6		103	85-113			
Chromium, total	0.268	0.00050 mg/L	0.250		107	88-111			
Cobalt, total	0.0393	0.00010 mg/L	0.0377		104	90-114			
Copper, total	0.540	0.00040 mg/L	0.486		111	90-117			
Iron, total	0.525	0.010 mg/L	0.488		108	90-116			
Lead, total	0.199	0.00020 mg/L	0.204		98	90-110			
Lithium, total	0.425	0.00010 mg/L	0.403		105	79-118			
Magnesium, total	4.22	0.010 mg/L	3.79		111	88-116			
Manganese, total	0.105	0.00020 mg/L	0.109		96	88-108			
Molybdenum, total	0.203	0.00010 mg/L	0.198		102	88-110			
Nickel, total	0.259	0.00040 mg/L	0.249		104	90-112			
Phosphorus, total	0.213	0.050 mg/L	0.227		94	72-118			
Potassium, total	7.88	0.10 mg/L	7.21		109	87-116			
Selenium, total	0.120	0.00050 mg/L	0.121		99	90-122			
Sodium, total	8.28	0.10 mg/L	7.54		110	86-118			
Strontium, total	0.380	0.0010 mg/L	0.375		101	86-110			

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Total Metals, Batch B8K0321, Continued									
Reference (B8K0321-SRM1), Continued				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Thallium, total	0.0872	0.000020 mg/L	0.0805		108	90-113			
Uranium, total	0.0305	0.000020 mg/L	0.0306		100	88-112			
Vanadium, total	0.407	0.0010 mg/L	0.386		105	87-110			
Zinc, total	2.54	0.0040 mg/L	2.49		102	90-113			

Total Metals, Batch B8K0397

Blank (B8K0397-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Mercury, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0397-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Mercury, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Reference (B8K0397-SRM1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Mercury, total	0.00516	0.000010 mg/L	0.00489		106	80-120			
Reference (B8K0397-SRM2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Mercury, total	0.00454	0.000010 mg/L	0.00489		93	80-120			

QC Qualifiers:

HT2 The 15 minute recommended holding time (from sampling to analysis) has been exceeded - field analysis is recommended.

MIC29 The difference in logs is less than the R value.

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CLIENT	Associated Environmental Consultants Inc. (Vernon)	QUOTATION ID	AE Master Bid (BC)
PO NUMBER		SUBMITTED BY	
PROJECT	2018-8152.000.003	COC NO.	
PROJECT INFO	SCRD GW Investigation		

Receipt Details:

RECEIVED	2018-11-02 08:30	LOGGED IN	2018-11-02 09:56
LOCATION	Richmond Lab	ACCOUNT MGR	Eilish St.Clair, B.Sc., C.I.T.

Sample Condition Summary:

Quantity of Transport Vessels Received: 1

Receipt Temperature = 5°C

Broken Container(s)	No	Sampling Date(s) Missing	No	Incorrect Cont./Pres.	No
Cooling Initiated	Yes	Sample(s) Frozen	No	Missing/Extra Samples	No

Note: Sample transport temperatures of less than 8°C for microbiological parameters and less than or equal to 10°C for environmental parameters is recommended. Samples that exceed these values will still be processed. However, please note that the analytical results may be affected, especially for samples collected prior to the day of receipt.

REPORT TO	Nicole Penner Associated Environmental Consultants Inc. (Vernon) #200 - 2800 29th Street Vernon, BC V1T 9P9 Tel: (250) 545-3672	INCLUDE QC	Yes
		INCLUDE COC	No
		EXTRAS	Guidelines
INVOICE TO	Nicole Penner Associated Environmental Consultants Inc. (Vernon) #200 - 2800 29th Street Vernon, BC V1T 9P9 Tel: (250) 545-3672	FREQUENCY	With Report
		GST EXEMPT	No
		PAYMENT TERMS	Upon Receipt
		MIN AMOUNT	N/A

Delivery Plan:

REPORT DUE Draft: 2018-11-09 15:30 (5 day TAT) | Final: 2018-11-21 15:30 (12 day TAT)

Contact Name	Email / Fax / Cellular	Login Notice	Report	Invoice	EDD	EDD Format	CC to	Fax	Text	Mail
Nicole Penner	pennern@ae.ca	✓	✓		✓	CARO Excel	support@wirelesswater.com			
Nicole Penner	pennern@ae.ca			✓			anzej@ae.ca			
Wireless H2O v2 EDD Uploaded by CARO on behalf of Client										

Analysis Schedule:

Analysis / Version	Due	Expires ¹	Status	Comments
WIN 54928 (8110123-01) Matrix: Water Sampled: 2018-11-01 11:30				

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Analysis Schedule, Continued:

Analysis / Version	Due	Expires ¹	Status	Comments
WIN 54928 (8110123-01) Matrix: Water Sampled: 2018-11-01 11:30, Continued				
Container(s) Submitted: <div> <div> <i>A = C13_500 mL Plastic (General)</i> <i>D = C07_300 mL Plastic (Micro-S)</i> <i>G = C10_125 mL Plastic (H2SO4)</i> <i>J = C06_40 mL Vial (Mercury)</i> <i>M = C14_40 mL Vial (TOC)</i> <i>P = S14_40 mL Vial (DOC-F)</i> <i>S = C22_125 mL Plastic (General)</i> </div> <div> <i>B = C13_500 mL Plastic (General)</i> <i>E = C07_300 mL Plastic (Micro-S)</i> <i>H = C23_125 mL Plastic (Sulfide)</i> <i>K = S05_125 mL Plastic (Metals-F)</i> <i>N = C14_40 mL Vial (TOC)</i> <i>Q = C04_40 mL Vial (VOC Water)</i> </div> <div> <i>C = C13_500 mL Plastic (General)</i> <i>F = C10_125 mL Plastic (H2SO4)</i> <i>I = C05_125 mL Plastic (Metals)</i> <i>L = S06_40 mL Vial (Mercury-F)</i> <i>O = S14_40 mL Vial (DOC-F)</i> <i>R = C04_40 mL Vial (VOC Water)</i> </div> </div>				
Alkalinity	2018-11-09	2018-11-15	Available	
Anions by IC (3) Pkg	2018-11-09	2018-11-29	Batched	
Carbon, Total Organic	2018-11-09	2018-11-29	Available	
Coliforms, Total & E. coli (MF) Pkg	2018-11-09	2018-11-02	Subcontracted	
Colour, True	2018-11-09	2018-11-04	Analyzed	
Conductivity	2018-11-09	2018-11-29	Available	
Heterotrophic Plate Count	2018-11-09	2018-11-02	Subcontracted	Subcontracted
Iron Related Bacteria (Count)	2018-11-21	2018-11-03	Batched	
Langelier Index	2018-11-09	2018-11-29	Available	
Mercury, dissolved by CVAFS	2018-11-09	2018-11-29	Available	
Mercury, total by CVAFS	2018-11-09	2018-11-29	Available	
Metals, Dissolved by ICPMS (All) Pkg	2018-11-09	2019-04-30	Available	
Metals, Total by ICPMS (All) Pkg	2018-11-09	2019-04-30	Available	
Nitrogen, Organic (Calc TKN, NH3)	2018-11-09	2018-11-29	Available	
Nitrogen, Total (TKN, NO2+NO3 by colour)	2018-11-09	2018-11-04	Available	
pH	2018-11-09	2018-11-01	Available	
Solids, Total Dissolved	2018-11-09	2018-11-08	Available	
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (Count)	2018-11-21	2018-11-03	Batched	
Sulfide, Total	2018-11-09	2018-11-08	Available	
Transmittance at 254 nm	2018-11-09	2018-11-04	Analyzed	
Turbidity	2018-11-09	2018-11-04	Analyzed	

¹ Red font indicates that the analysis has already or is about to expire. In order to guarantee that your samples will be analyzed within the recommended holding time, they must be received at least one day prior to the expiry date (3 hours for microbiological testing). Note that all pH in water / Chlorine / Temperature / Dissolved Oxygen results will be automatically be qualified as they should be analyzed in the field for greatest accuracy.

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Packages and their respective Analyses included in this Work Order:		
Anions by IC (3) Pkg		
Chloride by IC	Fluoride by IC	Sulfate by IC
Coliforms, Total & E. coli (MF) Pkg		
Coliforms, Total (MF)	E. coli (MF)	
Metals, Dissolved by ICPMS (All) Pkg		
Aluminum, dissolved by ICPMS	Antimony, dissolved by ICPMS	Arsenic, dissolved by ICPMS
Barium, dissolved by ICPMS	Beryllium, dissolved by ICPMS	Bismuth, dissolved by ICPMS
Boron, dissolved by ICPMS	Cadmium, dissolved by ICPMS	Calcium, dissolved by ICPMS
Chromium, dissolved by ICPMS	Cobalt, dissolved by ICPMS	Copper, dissolved by ICPMS
Hardness, Total (as CaCO ₃) (Calc)	Iron, dissolved by ICPMS	Lead, dissolved by ICPMS
Lithium, dissolved by ICPMS	Magnesium, dissolved by ICPMS	Manganese, dissolved by ICPMS
Molybdenum, dissolved by ICPMS	Nickel, dissolved by ICPMS	Phosphorus, dissolved by ICPMS
Potassium, dissolved by ICPMS	Selenium, dissolved by ICPMS	Silicon, dissolved by ICPMS
Silver, dissolved by ICPMS	Sodium, dissolved by ICPMS	Strontium, dissolved by ICPMS
Sulfur, dissolved by ICPMS	Tellurium, dissolved by ICPMS	Thallium, dissolved by ICPMS
Thorium, dissolved by ICPMS	Tin, dissolved by ICPMS	Titanium, dissolved by ICPMS
Tungsten, dissolved by ICPMS	Uranium, dissolved by ICPMS	Vanadium, dissolved by ICPMS
Zinc, dissolved by ICPMS	Zirconium, dissolved by ICPMS	
Metals, Total by ICPMS (All) Pkg		
Aluminum, total by ICPMS	Antimony, total by ICPMS	Arsenic, total by ICPMS
Barium, total by ICPMS	Beryllium, total by ICPMS	Bismuth, total by ICPMS
Boron, total by ICPMS	Cadmium, total by ICPMS	Calcium, total by ICPMS
Chromium, total by ICPMS	Cobalt, total by ICPMS	Copper, total by ICPMS
Hardness, Total (as CaCO ₃) (Calc)	Iron, total by ICPMS	Lead, total by ICPMS
Lithium, total by ICPMS	Magnesium, total by ICPMS	Manganese, total by ICPMS
Molybdenum, total by ICPMS	Nickel, total by ICPMS	Phosphorus, total by ICPMS
Potassium, total by ICPMS	Selenium, total by ICPMS	Silicon, total by ICPMS
Silver, total by ICPMS	Sodium, total by ICPMS	Strontium, total by ICPMS
Sulfur, total by ICPMS	Tellurium, total by ICPMS	Thallium, total by ICPMS
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Tungsten, total by ICPMS	Uranium, total by ICPMS	Vanadium, total by ICPMS
Zinc, total by ICPMS	Zirconium, total by ICPMS	
Nitrogen, Organic (Calc TKN, NH₃)		
Ammonia, Total	Nitrogen, Organic (Calc)	
Nitrogen, Total (TKN, NO₂+NO₃ by colour)		
Nitrate+Nitrite by Colorimetry	Nitrogen, Total (Calc)	Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl

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Each Analysis includes the following Analytes and their respective Reporting Limits [RLs]:			
Alkalinity in Water		Reference Method: SM 2320 B* (2011)	Units: mg/L
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃) [1] Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃) [1]	Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃) [1]	Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃) [1]	Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃) [1]
Ammonia, Total in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-NH ₃ G* (2011)	Units: mg/L
Ammonia, Total (as N) [0.02]			
Anions by IC in Water		Reference Method: SM 4110 B (2011)	Units: mg/L
Chloride [0.1]	Fluoride [0.1]	Sulfate [1]	
Carbon, Total Organic in Water		Reference Method: SM 5310 B (2011)	Units: mg/L
Carbon, Total Organic [0.5]			
Coliforms, Total (MF) in Water		Reference Method: SM 9222 (2006)	Units: CFU/100 mL
Coliforms, Total [1]			
Colour, True in Water		Reference Method: SM 2120 C (2011)	Units: CU
Colour, True [5]			
Conductivity in Water		Reference Method: SM 2510 B (2011)	Units: uS/cm
Conductivity (EC) [2]			
Dissolved Metals by ICPMS in Water		Reference Method: EPA 200.8 / EPA 6020B	Units: mg/L
Aluminum, dissolved [0.005] Beryllium, dissolved [0.0001] Calcium, dissolved [0.2] Iron, dissolved [0.01] Manganese, dissolved [0.0002] Potassium, dissolved [0.1] Sodium, dissolved [0.1] Thallium, dissolved [2e-005] Tungsten, dissolved [0.001] Zirconium, dissolved [0.0001]	Antimony, dissolved [0.0002] Bismuth, dissolved [0.0001] Chromium, dissolved [0.0005] Lead, dissolved [0.0002] Molybdenum, dissolved [0.0001] Selenium, dissolved [0.0005] Strontium, dissolved [0.001] Thorium, dissolved [0.0001] Uranium, dissolved [2e-005]	Arsenic, dissolved [0.0005] Boron, dissolved [0.005] Cobalt, dissolved [0.0001] Lithium, dissolved [0.0001] Nickel, dissolved [0.0004] Silicon, dissolved [1] Sulfur, dissolved [3] Tin, dissolved [0.0002] Vanadium, dissolved [0.001]	Barium, dissolved [0.005] Cadmium, dissolved [1e-005] Copper, dissolved [0.0004] Magnesium, dissolved [0.01] Phosphorus, dissolved [0.05] Silver, dissolved [5e-005] Tellurium, dissolved [0.0005] Titanium, dissolved [0.005] Zinc, dissolved [0.004]
E. coli (MF) in Water		Reference Method: SM 9223 B (2004)	Units: CFU/100 mL
E. coli [1]			
Heterotrophic Plate Count in Water		Reference Method: SM 9215 B (2004)	Units: CFU/mL
Heterotrophic Plate Count [1]			
Iron Related Bacteria (Count) in Water		Reference Method: DBI DBISOP06	Units: CFU/mL
Iron Related Bacteria [2]			

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Langelier Index in Water		Reference Method: SM 2330 B (2010)		Units: -
Langelier Index [-5]				
Mercury by CVAFS in Water		Reference Method: EPA 245.7*		Units: mg/L
Mercury, dissolved [1e-005]		Mercury, total [1e-005]		
Nitrate+Nitrite by Colorimetry in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-NO3- F (2011)		Units: mg/L
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N) [0.005]				
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-Norg D* (2011)		Units: mg/L
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl [0.05]				
pH in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-H+ B (2011)		Units: pH units
pH [0.1]				
Solids, Total Dissolved in Water		Reference Method: SM 2540 C* (2011)		Units: mg/L
Solids, Total Dissolved [15]				
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (Count) in Water		Reference Method: DBI DBSLW05		Units: CFU/mL
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria [8]				
Sulfide, Total in Water		Reference Method: SM 4500-S2 D* (2011)		Units: mg/L
Sulfide, Total [0.02]				
Total Metals by ICPMS in Water		Reference Method: EPA 200.2* / EPA 6020B		Units: mg/L
Aluminum, total [0.005]	Antimony, total [0.0002]	Arsenic, total [0.0005]	Barium, total [0.005]	
Beryllium, total [0.0001]	Bismuth, total [0.0001]	Boron, total [0.005]	Cadmium, total [1e-005]	
Calcium, total [0.2]	Chromium, total [0.0005]	Cobalt, total [0.0001]	Copper, total [0.0004]	
Iron, total [0.01]	Lead, total [0.0002]	Lithium, total [0.0001]	Magnesium, total [0.01]	
Manganese, total [0.0002]	Molybdenum, total [0.0001]	Nickel, total [0.0004]	Phosphorus, total [0.05]	
Potassium, total [0.1]	Selenium, total [0.0005]	Silicon, total [1]	Silver, total [5e-005]	
Sodium, total [0.1]	Strontium, total [0.001]	Sulfur, total [3]	Tellurium, total [0.0005]	
Thallium, total [2e-005]	Thorium, total [0.0001]	Tin, total [0.0002]	Titanium, total [0.005]	
Tungsten, total [0.001]	Uranium, total [2e-005]	Vanadium, total [0.001]	Zinc, total [0.004]	
Zirconium, total [0.0001]				
Transmittance at 254 nm in Water		Reference Method: SM 5910 B* (2013)		Units: % T
UV Transmittance @ 254nm [0.1]				
Turbidity in Water		Reference Method: SM 2130 B (2011)		Units: NTU
Turbidity [0.1]				
Note: RLs on Final Report may be higher than expected due to: 1) limited sample volume, 2) high moisture, 3) analytical interferences				

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RELINQUISHED BY: [Signature] DATE: 11/11/18 RECEIVED BY: P. [Signature] DATE: 11/02/18
TIME: 1:00 TIME: 8:30

PROJECT: SCRD GW Investigation PROJECT INFO: 2018-8152.000.003

TURNAROUND TIME REQUESTED: Routine: (5-7 Days) ☒ Rush: 1 Day* ☐ 2 Day* ☐ 3 Day* ☐ Other* ☐
REGULATORY APPLICATION: Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines ☒ CCME ☐
BC Drinking Water Protection Act / Reg. ☐ ALBERTA TIER 1 ☐
BC CSR ☐ AL ☐ RL ☐ CL ☐ IL ☐ AW ☐
*Contact Lab To Confirm. Surcharge May Apply OTHER: ☐

ANALYSES REQUESTED:

BTEX	<input type="checkbox"/>	MPH	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHC F1	<input type="checkbox"/>
VOC	<input type="checkbox"/>	VPH	<input type="checkbox"/>		
EPH	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHC F2/F3	<input type="checkbox"/>		
PAH	<input type="checkbox"/>	L-NEPH	<input type="checkbox"/>		
PHENOLS Chlorinated	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Chlor.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
PCB	<input type="checkbox"/>	GLYCOLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
PESTICIDES	<input type="checkbox"/>	ACID HERBICIDES	<input type="checkbox"/>		
METALS - WATER TOTAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
METALS - WATER DISSOLVED	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
METALS - SOIL (SALM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	inc. pH	<input type="checkbox"/>		
pH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ALK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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BOD	<input type="checkbox"/>	COD	<input type="checkbox"/>		
TOG	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOG	<input type="checkbox"/>		
FECAL COLIFORMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	HPC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
TOTAL COLIFORMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E. coli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
ASBESTOS					
Iron & sulphate reducing bacteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Total and organic nitrogen package	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Chloride, fluoride, sulphate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Corrosivity (Langelier index)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Sulphide	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Total organic carbon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Colour, turbidity, UV transmittance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
HOLD					

REPORT TO:

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CLIENT SAMPLE ID:	MATRIX:				# CONTAINERS	SAMPLING:		COMMENTS:			
	DRINKING WATER	OTHER WATER	SOIL	OTHER		DATE DD-MMM-YY	TIME HH:MM	CHLORINATED	FILTERED	PRESERVED	(i.e. flow/volume media ID (note))
WIN 54928 54928	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		20-10-18	09:30				300 USgpm
WIN 54928	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		1/11/18	10:30				

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS: Return Containers ☐
Supplies Needed:

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS: Low-level DL for metals. Upload to Wireless Water. Ensure E. coli & total coliform DL of < 1 CFU/100 mL.

SAMPLE RETENTION INSTRUCTIONS (Discarded 30 days after Report unless otherwise specified):
60 Days ☐ 90 Days ☐ Longer Date (Surcharges will Apply):

PAYMENT: CHEQUE ☐ CREDIT ☐ DEBIT ☐ CASH ☐ INVOICE ☐

SAMPLE RECEIPT TEMP (°C): 5.0

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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TEST RESULTS

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Analyte	Result	Guideline	RL	Units	Analyzed	Qualifier
WIN 54928 (8110123-01) Matrix: Water Sampled: 2018-11-01 11:30						
Anions						
Chloride	2.24	AO ≤ 250	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Fluoride	< 0.10	MAC = 1.5	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.502	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-07	
Sulfate	7.8	AO ≤ 500	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Biological Activity Reaction Tests						
Iron Related Bacteria	35300	N/A	2	CFU/mL	2018-11-03	
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria	< 8	N/A	8	CFU/mL	2018-11-03	
Calculated Parameters						
Hardness, Total (as CaCO ₃)	38.3	None Required	0.500	mg/L	N/A	
Langelier Index	0.6	N/A	-5.0	-	2018-11-14	
Nitrogen, Total	0.502	N/A	0.0500	mg/L	N/A	
Nitrogen, Organic	< 0.0500	N/A	0.0500	mg/L	N/A	
Dissolved Metals						
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Arsenic, dissolved	0.00176	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Boron, dissolved	0.0063	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Cadmium, dissolved	0.000014	N/A	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Calcium, dissolved	8.22	N/A	0.20	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Chromium, dissolved	0.00052	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Copper, dissolved	0.00153	N/A	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Iron, dissolved	0.016	N/A	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Lithium, dissolved	0.00059	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Magnesium, dissolved	4.32	N/A	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Manganese, dissolved	0.00109	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Mercury, dissolved	< 0.000010	N/A	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-07	
Molybdenum, dissolved	0.00252	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Nickel, dissolved	0.00061	N/A	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Phosphorus, dissolved	0.072	N/A	0.050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Potassium, dissolved	2.32	N/A	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Silicon, dissolved	18.1	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	N/A	0.000050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Sodium, dissolved	5.64	N/A	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Strontium, dissolved	0.0228	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-09	

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Dissolved Metals, Continued

Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	N/A	3.0	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	N/A	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Uranium, dissolved	0.000094	N/A	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Vanadium, dissolved	0.0069	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Zinc, dissolved	0.0186	N/A	0.0040	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	

General Parameters

Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	40.6	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-05	
Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-05	
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	40.6	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-05	
Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-05	
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-05	
Ammonia, Total (as N)	< 0.020	None Required	0.020	mg/L	2018-11-06	
Carbon, Total Organic	0.91	N/A	0.50	mg/L	2018-11-08	
Colour, True	< 5.0	AO ≤ 15	5.0	CU	2018-11-03	
Conductivity (EC)	105	N/A	2.0	µS/cm	2018-11-06	
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	< 0.050	N/A	0.050	mg/L	2018-11-07	
pH	7.51	7.0-10.5	0.10	pH units	2018-11-06	HT2
Solids, Total Dissolved	103	AO ≤ 500	15	mg/L	2018-11-08	
Sulfide, Total	< 0.020	AO ≤ 0.05	0.020	mg/L	2018-11-07	
Turbidity	10.2	OG < 1	0.10	NTU	2018-11-02	
UV Transmittance @ 254nm	98.7	N/A	0.10	% T	2018-11-03	

Total Metals

Aluminum, total	0.575	OG < 0.1	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	MAC = 0.006	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Arsenic, total	0.00188	MAC = 0.01	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Barium, total	0.0084	MAC = 1	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Bismuth, total	0.00093	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Boron, total	0.0115	MAC = 5	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	MAC = 0.005	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Calcium, total	8.53	None Required	0.20	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Chromium, total	0.00148	MAC = 0.05	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Cobalt, total	0.00039	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Copper, total	0.0432	AO ≤ 1	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Iron, total	0.441	AO ≤ 0.3	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-09	

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Total Metals, Continued

Lead, total	0.00089	MAC = 0.01	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Lithium, total	0.00085	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Magnesium, total	4.43	None Required	0.010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Manganese, total	0.00811	AO ≤ 0.05	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Mercury, total	< 0.000010	MAC = 0.001	0.000010	mg/L	2018-11-08	
Molybdenum, total	0.00120	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Nickel, total	0.00113	N/A	0.00040	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Phosphorus, total	0.105	N/A	0.050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Potassium, total	2.32	N/A	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	MAC = 0.05	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Silicon, total	19.8	N/A	1.0	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Silver, total	< 0.000050	None Required	0.000050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Sodium, total	5.96	AO ≤ 200	0.10	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Strontium, total	0.0244	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	N/A	3.0	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	N/A	0.00050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	N/A	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Tin, total	0.00207	N/A	0.00020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Titanium, total	0.0224	N/A	0.0050	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Uranium, total	0.000133	MAC = 0.02	0.000020	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Vanadium, total	0.0079	N/A	0.0010	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Zinc, total	0.0284	AO ≤ 5	0.0040	mg/L	2018-11-09	
Zirconium, total	0.00072	N/A	0.00010	mg/L	2018-11-09	

Microbiological Parameters

Coliforms, Total	<1	MAC = 0	1	CFU/100 mL	2018-11-02	
E. coli	<1	MAC = 0	1	CFU/100 mL	2018-11-02	
Heterotrophic Plate Count	<1	N/A	1	CFU/mL	2018-11-02	

Sample Qualifiers:

HT2 The 15 minute recommended holding time (from sampling to analysis) has been exceeded - field analysis is recommended.

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Analysis Description	Method Ref.	Technique	Location
Alkalinity in Water	SM 2320 B* (2011)	Titration with H2SO4	Kelowna
Ammonia, Total in Water	SM 4500-NH3 G* (2011)	Automated Colorimetry (Phenate)	Kelowna
Anions in Water	SM 4110 B (2011)	Ion Chromatography	Kelowna
Carbon, Total Organic in Water	SM 5310 B (2011)	Combustion, Infrared CO2 Detection	Kelowna
Coliforms, Total in Water	SM 9222 (2006)	Membrane Filtration	Sublet
Colour, True in Water	SM 2120 C (2011)	Spectrophotometry (456 nm)	Kelowna
Conductivity in Water	SM 2510 B (2011)	Conductivity Meter	Richmond
Dissolved Metals in Water	EPA 200.8 / EPA 6020B	0.45 µm Filtration / Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectroscopy (ICP-MS)	Richmond
E. coli in Water	SM 9223 B (2004)	Enzyme Substrate Endo Agar	Sublet
Hardness in Water	SM 2340 B (2011)	Calculation: 2.497 [diss Ca] + 4.118 [diss Mg]	N/A
Heterotrophic Plate Count in Water	SM 9215 B (2004)	Pour Plate	Sublet
Iron Related Bacteria in Water	DBI DBISOP06	Biological Activity Reaction Test	Kelowna
Langelier Index in Water	SM 2330 B (2010)	Calculation	N/A
Mercury, dissolved in Water	EPA 245.7*	BrCl2 Oxidation / Cold Vapor Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometry (CVAFS)	Richmond
Mercury, total in Water	EPA 245.7*	BrCl2 Oxidation / Cold Vapor Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometry (CVAFS)	Richmond
Nitrate+Nitrite in Water	SM 4500-NO3- F (2011)	Automated Colorimetry (Cadmium Reduction)	Kelowna
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl in Water	SM 4500-Norg D* (2011)	Block Digestion and Flow Injection Analysis	Kelowna
pH in Water	SM 4500-H+ B (2011)	Electrometry	Richmond
Solids, Total Dissolved in Water	SM 2540 C* (2011)	Gravimetry (Dried at 103-105C)	Kelowna
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria in Water	DBI DBSLW05	Biological Activity Reaction Test	Kelowna
Sulfide, Total in Water	SM 4500-S2 D* (2011)	Colorimetry (Methylene Blue)	Edmonton
Total Metals in Water	EPA 200.2* / EPA 6020B	HNO3+HCl Hot Block Digestion / Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectroscopy (ICP-MS)	Richmond
Transmittance at 254 nm in Water	SM 5910 B* (2013)	Ultraviolet Absorption	Kelowna
Turbidity in Water	SM 2130 B (2011)	Nephelometry	Richmond

Note: An asterisk in the Method Reference indicates that the CARO method has been modified from the reference method

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Glossary of Terms:

RL	Reporting Limit (default)
% T	Percent Transmittance
<	Less than the specified Reporting Limit (RL) - the actual RL may be higher than the default RL due to various factors
<1	Less than the specified Reporting Limit (RL) - the actual RL may be higher than the default RL due to various factors
AO	Aesthetic Objective
CFU/100 mL	Colony Forming Units per 100 millilitres
CFU/mL	Colony Forming Units per millilitre
CU	Colour Units (referenced against a platinum cobalt standard)
MAC	Maximum Acceptable Concentration (health based)
mg/L	Milligrams per litre
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
OG	Operational Guideline (treated water)
pH units	pH < 7 = acidic, pH > 7 = basic
µS/cm	Microsiemens per centimetre
DBI	Drycon Bioconcepts Inc. Biological Activity Reaction Tests
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency Test Methods
SM	Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, American Public Health Association

General Comments:

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The following section displays the quality control (QC) data that is associated with your sample data. Groups of samples are prepared in "batches" and analyzed in conjunction with QC samples that ensure your data is of the highest quality. Common QC types include:

- **Method Blank (Blk):** A blank sample that undergoes sample processing identical to that carried out for the test samples. Method blank results are used to assess contamination from the laboratory environment and reagents.
- **Duplicate (Dup):** An additional or second portion of a randomly selected sample in the analytical run carried through the entire analytical process. Duplicates provide a measure of the analytical method's precision (reproducibility).
- **Blank Spike (BS):** A sample of known concentration which undergoes processing identical to that carried out for test samples, also referred to as a laboratory control sample (LCS). Blank spikes provide a measure of the analytical method's accuracy.
- **Matrix Spike (MS):** A second aliquot of sample is fortified with with a known concentration of target analytes and carried through the entire analytical process. Matrix spikes evaluate potential matrix effects that may affect the analyte recovery.
- **Reference Material (SRM):** A homogenous material of similar matrix to the samples, certified for the parameter(s) listed. Reference Materials ensure that the analytical process is adequate to achieve acceptable recoveries of the parameter(s) tested.

Each QC type is analyzed at a 5-10% frequency, i.e. one blank/duplicate/spike for every 10-20 samples. For all types of QC, the specified recovery (% Rec) and relative percent difference (RPD) limits are derived from long-term method performance averages and/or prescribed by the reference method.

Analyte	Result	RL Units	Spike Level	Source Result	% REC	REC Limit	% RPD	RPD Limit	Qualifier
Anions, Batch B8K0263									
Blank (B8K0263-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	< 0.0100	0.0100 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0263-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	< 0.0100	0.0100 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0263-BLK3)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	< 0.0100	0.0100 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0263-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.505	0.0100 mg/L	0.500		101	91-108			
LCS (B8K0263-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.501	0.0100 mg/L	0.500		100	91-108			
LCS (B8K0263-BS3)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Nitrate+Nitrite (as N)	0.505	0.0100 mg/L	0.500		101	91-108			

Anions, Batch B8K0271

Blank (B8K0271-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Chloride	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Fluoride	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Sulfate	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0271-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Chloride	16.0	0.10 mg/L	16.0		100	90-110			
Fluoride	4.09	0.10 mg/L	4.00		102	88-108			
Sulfate	16.1	1.0 mg/L	16.0		100	91-109			

Biological Activity Reaction Tests, Batch B8K0243

Blank (B8K0243-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03					
Iron Related Bacteria	< 2	2 CFU/mL							

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Biological Activity Reaction Tests, Batch B8K0243, Continued

Duplicate (B8K0243-DUP1)		Source: 8110123-01		Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03					
Iron Related Bacteria	35300	2 CFU/mL		35300			< 1	171	

Biological Activity Reaction Tests, Batch B8K0244

Blank (B8K0244-BLK1)		Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03							
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria	< 8	8 CFU/mL							
Duplicate (B8K0244-DUP1)		Source: 8110123-01		Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03					
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria	< 8	8 CFU/mL		< 8				121	

Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0507

Blank (B8K0507-BLK1)		Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07							
Mercury, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0507-BLK2)		Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07							
Mercury, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Reference (B8K0507-SRM1)		Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07							
Mercury, dissolved	0.00526	0.000010 mg/L		0.00489	108	80-120			
Reference (B8K0507-SRM2)		Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07							
Mercury, dissolved	0.00475	0.000010 mg/L		0.00489	97	80-120			

Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0583

Blank (B8K0583-BLK1)		Prepared: 2018-11-09, Analyzed: 2018-11-09							
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, dissolved	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, dissolved	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, dissolved	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							

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Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0583, Continued									
Blank (B8K0583-BLK1), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-09, Analyzed: 2018-11-09				
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, dissolved	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0583-BLK2)					Prepared: 2018-11-09, Analyzed: 2018-11-09				
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, dissolved	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, dissolved	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, dissolved	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, dissolved	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0583-BLK3)					Prepared: 2018-11-09, Analyzed: 2018-11-09				
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							

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Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0583, Continued

Blank (B8K0583-BLK3), Continued

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Boron, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, dissolved	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, dissolved	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, dissolved	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, dissolved	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, dissolved	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, dissolved	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, dissolved	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							

LCS (B8K0583-BS1)

Prepared: 2018-11-09, Analyzed: 2018-11-09

Aluminum, dissolved	0.0182	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200	91	80-120
Antimony, dissolved	0.0180	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200	90	80-120
Arsenic, dissolved	0.0197	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200	99	80-120
Barium, dissolved	0.0201	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200	101	80-120
Beryllium, dissolved	0.0199	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200	99	80-120
Bismuth, dissolved	0.0195	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200	98	80-120
Boron, dissolved	0.0188	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200	94	80-120
Cadmium, dissolved	0.0202	0.000010 mg/L	0.0200	101	80-120
Calcium, dissolved	1.91	0.20 mg/L	2.00	96	80-120
Chromium, dissolved	0.0180	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200	90	80-120
Cobalt, dissolved	0.0191	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200	96	80-120
Copper, dissolved	0.0194	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200	97	80-120
Iron, dissolved	1.84	0.010 mg/L	2.00	92	80-120
Lead, dissolved	0.0199	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200	99	80-120
Lithium, dissolved	0.0203	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200	101	80-120
Magnesium, dissolved	1.93	0.010 mg/L	2.00	97	80-120
Manganese, dissolved	0.0193	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200	96	80-120
Molybdenum, dissolved	0.0179	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200	89	80-120
Nickel, dissolved	0.0188	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200	94	80-120
Phosphorus, dissolved	1.93	0.050 mg/L	2.00	97	80-120
Potassium, dissolved	1.75	0.10 mg/L	2.00	88	80-120
Selenium, dissolved	0.0205	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200	103	80-120
Silicon, dissolved	1.8	1.0 mg/L	2.00	90	80-120

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Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0583, Continued									
LCS (B8K0583-BS1), Continued				Prepared: 2018-11-09, Analyzed: 2018-11-09					
Silver, dissolved	0.0190	0.000050 mg/L	0.0200		95	80-120			
Sodium, dissolved	2.13	0.10 mg/L	2.00		107	80-120			
Strontium, dissolved	0.0179	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		90	80-120			
Sulfur, dissolved	4.2	3.0 mg/L	5.00		84	80-120			
Tellurium, dissolved	0.0203	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		102	80-120			
Thallium, dissolved	0.0201	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		101	80-120			
Thorium, dissolved	0.0173	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		86	80-120			
Tin, dissolved	0.0192	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		96	80-120			
Titanium, dissolved	0.0197	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		98	80-120			
Tungsten, dissolved	0.0180	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		90	80-120			
Uranium, dissolved	0.0184	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		92	80-120			
Vanadium, dissolved	0.0170	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		85	80-120			
Zinc, dissolved	0.0221	0.0040 mg/L	0.0200		110	80-120			
Zirconium, dissolved	0.0192	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		96	80-120			
Duplicate (B8K0583-DUP1)				Source: 8110123-01	Prepared: 2018-11-09, Analyzed: 2018-11-09				
Aluminum, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L		< 0.0050					11
Antimony, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L		< 0.00020					20
Arsenic, dissolved	0.00171	0.00050 mg/L		0.00176					8
Barium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L		< 0.0050					7
Beryllium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L		< 0.00010					14
Bismuth, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L		< 0.00010					20
Boron, dissolved	0.0063	0.0050 mg/L		0.0063					13
Cadmium, dissolved	0.000013	0.000010 mg/L		0.000014					20
Calcium, dissolved	8.18	0.20 mg/L		8.22			< 1		8
Chromium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L		0.00052					14
Cobalt, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L		< 0.00010					10
Copper, dissolved	0.00141	0.00040 mg/L		0.00153					20
Iron, dissolved	0.014	0.010 mg/L		0.016					14
Lead, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L		< 0.00020					20
Lithium, dissolved	0.00058	0.00010 mg/L		0.00059			2		14
Magnesium, dissolved	4.17	0.010 mg/L		4.32			3		6
Manganese, dissolved	0.00104	0.00020 mg/L		0.00109			5		9
Molybdenum, dissolved	0.00239	0.00010 mg/L		0.00252			5		19
Nickel, dissolved	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L		0.00061					20
Phosphorus, dissolved	0.075	0.050 mg/L		0.072					14
Potassium, dissolved	2.29	0.10 mg/L		2.32			1		8
Selenium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L		< 0.00050					20
Silicon, dissolved	17.8	1.0 mg/L		18.1			1		12
Silver, dissolved	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L		< 0.000050					20
Sodium, dissolved	5.59	0.10 mg/L		5.64			< 1		6
Strontium, dissolved	0.0225	0.0010 mg/L		0.0228			1		6
Sulfur, dissolved	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L		< 3.0					20
Tellurium, dissolved	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L		< 0.00050					20
Thallium, dissolved	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L		< 0.000020					13
Thorium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L		< 0.00010					20
Tin, dissolved	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L		< 0.00020					20
Titanium, dissolved	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L		< 0.0050					20
Tungsten, dissolved	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L		< 0.0010					20
Uranium, dissolved	0.000094	0.000020 mg/L		0.000094					14
Vanadium, dissolved	0.0068	0.0010 mg/L		0.0069			1		20
Zinc, dissolved	0.0197	0.0040 mg/L		0.0186					11
Zirconium, dissolved	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L		< 0.00010					20
Reference (B8K0583-SRM1)				Prepared: 2018-11-09, Analyzed: 2018-11-09					
Aluminum, dissolved	0.196	0.0050 mg/L	0.233		84	79-114			

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Dissolved Metals, Batch B8K0583, Continued									
Reference (B8K0583-SRM1), Continued				Prepared: 2018-11-09, Analyzed: 2018-11-09					
Antimony, dissolved	0.0470	0.00020 mg/L	0.0430		109	89-123			
Arsenic, dissolved	0.443	0.00050 mg/L	0.438		101	87-113			
Barium, dissolved	3.20	0.0050 mg/L	3.35		96	85-114			
Beryllium, dissolved	0.225	0.00010 mg/L	0.213		106	79-122			
Boron, dissolved	1.74	0.0050 mg/L	1.74		100	79-117			
Cadmium, dissolved	0.224	0.000010 mg/L	0.224		100	89-112			
Calcium, dissolved	7.98	0.20 mg/L	7.69		104	85-120			
Chromium, dissolved	0.440	0.00050 mg/L	0.437		101	87-113			
Cobalt, dissolved	0.121	0.00010 mg/L	0.128		94	90-117			
Copper, dissolved	0.868	0.00040 mg/L	0.844		103	90-115			
Iron, dissolved	1.26	0.010 mg/L	1.29		98	86-112			
Lead, dissolved	0.114	0.00020 mg/L	0.112		102	90-113			
Lithium, dissolved	0.105	0.00010 mg/L	0.104		101	77-127			
Magnesium, dissolved	6.99	0.010 mg/L	6.92		101	84-116			
Manganese, dissolved	0.326	0.00020 mg/L	0.345		95	85-113			
Molybdenum, dissolved	0.396	0.00010 mg/L	0.426		93	87-112			
Nickel, dissolved	0.801	0.00040 mg/L	0.840		95	90-114			
Phosphorus, dissolved	0.507	0.050 mg/L	0.495		102	74-119			
Potassium, dissolved	2.75	0.10 mg/L	3.19		86	78-119			
Selenium, dissolved	0.0349	0.00050 mg/L	0.0331		105	89-123			
Sodium, dissolved	19.2	0.10 mg/L	19.1		100	81-117			
Strontium, dissolved	0.841	0.0010 mg/L	0.916		92	82-111			
Thallium, dissolved	0.0384	0.000020 mg/L	0.0393		98	90-113			
Uranium, dissolved	0.261	0.000020 mg/L	0.266		98	87-113			
Vanadium, dissolved	0.858	0.0010 mg/L	0.869		99	85-110			
Zinc, dissolved	0.888	0.0040 mg/L	0.881		102	88-114			

General Parameters, Batch B8K0215

Blank (B8K0215-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02					
Turbidity	< 0.10	0.10 NTU							
Duplicate (B8K0215-DUP1)				Source: 8110123-01		Prepared: 2018-11-02, Analyzed: 2018-11-02			
Turbidity	10.8	0.10 NTU		10.2		5	18		

General Parameters, Batch B8K0239

Blank (B8K0239-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03					
Colour, True	< 5.0	5.0 CU							
Blank (B8K0239-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03					
Colour, True	< 5.0	5.0 CU							
LCS (B8K0239-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03					
Colour, True	10	5.0 CU	10.0		100	85-115			
LCS (B8K0239-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03					
Colour, True	11	5.0 CU	10.0		105	85-115			

General Parameters, Batch B8K0240

Blank (B8K0240-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03					
UV Transmittance @ 254nm	< 0.10	0.10 % T							

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General Parameters, Batch B8K0240, Continued									
LCS (B8K0240-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03					
UV Transmittance @ 254nm	46.6	0.10 % T	46.5		100	98-103			
Duplicate (B8K0240-DUP1)				Source: 8110123-01		Prepared: 2018-11-03, Analyzed: 2018-11-03			
UV Transmittance @ 254nm	98.9	0.10 % T	98.7				< 1	6	
General Parameters, Batch B8K0373									
Blank (B8K0373-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0373-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0373-BLK3)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0373-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	0.989	0.020 mg/L	1.00		99	90-115			
LCS (B8K0373-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	0.989	0.020 mg/L	1.00		99	90-115			
LCS (B8K0373-BS3)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Ammonia, Total (as N)	1.00	0.020 mg/L	1.00		100	90-115			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0387									
Blank (B8K0387-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0387-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0387-BLK3)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Alkalinity, Hydroxide (as CaCO ₃)	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0387-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-05, Analyzed: 2018-11-05					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	104	1.0 mg/L	100		104	92-106			
LCS (B8K0387-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	106	1.0 mg/L	100		106	92-106			
LCS (B8K0387-BS3)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO ₃)	105	1.0 mg/L	100		105	92-106			

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General Parameters, Batch B8K0451									
General Parameters, Batch B8K0460									
Blank (B8K0460-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0460-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0460-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	1.10	0.050 mg/L	1.00		110	84-121			
LCS (B8K0460-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	1.06	0.050 mg/L	1.00		106	84-121			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0464									
Blank (B8K0464-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Conductivity (EC)	< 2.0	2.0 µS/cm							
LCS (B8K0464-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-06, Analyzed: 2018-11-06					
Conductivity (EC)	148	2.0 µS/cm	147		101	90-110			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0576									
Blank (B8K0576-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Sulfide, Total	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0576-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Sulfide, Total	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0576-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Sulfide, Total	0.469	0.020 mg/L	0.500		94	82-116			
LCS (B8K0576-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07					
Sulfide, Total	0.459	0.020 mg/L	0.500		92	82-116			
Duplicate (B8K0576-DUP2)				Source: 8110123-01		Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-07			
Sulfide, Total	< 0.020	0.020 mg/L		< 0.020				15	
General Parameters, Batch B8K0629									
Blank (B8K0629-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08					
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	0.50 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0629-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08					
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	0.50 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0629-BLK3)				Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08					
Carbon, Total Organic	< 0.50	0.50 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0629-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08					
Carbon, Total Organic	9.75	0.50 mg/L	10.0		98	78-116			
LCS (B8K0629-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08					
Carbon, Total Organic	9.45	0.50 mg/L	10.0		94	78-116			

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General Parameters, Batch B8K0629, Continued									
LCS (B8K0629-BS3)				Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08					
Carbon, Total Organic	9.45	0.50 mg/L	10.0		94	78-116			
General Parameters, Batch B8K0665									
Blank (B8K0665-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08					
Solids, Total Dissolved	< 15	15 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0665-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08					
Solids, Total Dissolved	< 15	15 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0665-BS1)				Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08					
Solids, Total Dissolved	232	15 mg/L	240		97	85-115			
LCS (B8K0665-BS2)				Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08					
Solids, Total Dissolved	231	15 mg/L	240		96	85-115			
Total Metals, Batch B8K0590									
Blank (B8K0590-BLK1)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-09					
Aluminum, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, total	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, total	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, total	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, total	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, total	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							

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Total Metals, Batch B8K0590, Continued									
Blank (B8K0590-BLK1), Continued				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-09					
Zirconium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0590-BLK2)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-09					
Aluminum, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, total	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Lithium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, total	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, total	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, total	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, total	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0590-BLK3)				Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-09					
Aluminum, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Antimony, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Arsenic, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Barium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Beryllium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Bismuth, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Boron, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Cadmium, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Calcium, total	< 0.20	0.20 mg/L							
Chromium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Cobalt, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Copper, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Iron, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Lead, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							

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Total Metals, Batch B8K0590, Continued									
Blank (B8K0590-BLK3), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-09				
Lithium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Magnesium, total	< 0.010	0.010 mg/L							
Manganese, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Molybdenum, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Nickel, total	< 0.00040	0.00040 mg/L							
Phosphorus, total	< 0.050	0.050 mg/L							
Potassium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Selenium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Silicon, total	< 1.0	1.0 mg/L							
Silver, total	< 0.000050	0.000050 mg/L							
Sodium, total	< 0.10	0.10 mg/L							
Strontium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Sulfur, total	< 3.0	3.0 mg/L							
Tellurium, total	< 0.00050	0.00050 mg/L							
Thallium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Thorium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
Tin, total	< 0.00020	0.00020 mg/L							
Titanium, total	< 0.0050	0.0050 mg/L							
Tungsten, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Uranium, total	< 0.000020	0.000020 mg/L							
Vanadium, total	< 0.0010	0.0010 mg/L							
Zinc, total	< 0.0040	0.0040 mg/L							
Zirconium, total	< 0.00010	0.00010 mg/L							
LCS (B8K0590-BS1)					Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-09				
Aluminum, total	0.0223	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		111	80-120			
Antimony, total	0.0219	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		109	80-120			
Arsenic, total	0.0207	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		104	80-120			
Barium, total	0.0222	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		111	80-120			
Beryllium, total	0.0213	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		106	80-120			
Bismuth, total	0.0241	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		120	80-120			
Boron, total	0.0233	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		117	80-120			
Cadmium, total	0.0227	0.000010 mg/L	0.0200		113	80-120			
Calcium, total	2.12	0.20 mg/L	2.00		106	80-120			
Chromium, total	0.0185	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		93	80-120			
Cobalt, total	0.0202	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		101	80-120			
Copper, total	0.0207	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200		104	80-120			
Iron, total	1.75	0.010 mg/L	2.00		87	80-120			
Lead, total	0.0205	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		102	80-120			
Lithium, total	0.0217	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		108	80-120			
Magnesium, total	1.99	0.010 mg/L	2.00		100	80-120			
Manganese, total	0.0206	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		103	80-120			
Molybdenum, total	0.0200	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		100	80-120			
Nickel, total	0.0203	0.00040 mg/L	0.0200		101	80-120			
Phosphorus, total	1.89	0.050 mg/L	2.00		95	80-120			
Potassium, total	1.72	0.10 mg/L	2.00		86	80-120			
Selenium, total	0.0228	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		114	80-120			
Silicon, total	1.6	1.0 mg/L	2.00		82	80-120			
Silver, total	0.0234	0.000050 mg/L	0.0200		117	80-120			
Sodium, total	2.00	0.10 mg/L	2.00		100	80-120			
Strontium, total	0.0184	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		92	80-120			
Sulfur, total	4.0	3.0 mg/L	5.00		80	80-120			
Tellurium, total	0.0214	0.00050 mg/L	0.0200		107	80-120			
Thallium, total	0.0203	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		101	80-120			
Thorium, total	0.0234	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		117	80-120			
Tin, total	0.0218	0.00020 mg/L	0.0200		109	80-120			

APPENDIX 2: QUALITY CONTROL RESULTS

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Analyte	Result	RL Units	Spike Level	Source Result	% REC	REC Limit	% RPD	RPD Limit	Qualifier
Total Metals, Batch B8K0590, Continued									
LCS (B8K0590-BS1), Continued					Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-09				
Titanium, total	0.0166	0.0050 mg/L	0.0200		83	80-120			
Tungsten, total	0.0207	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		103	80-120			
Uranium, total	0.0206	0.000020 mg/L	0.0200		103	80-120			
Vanadium, total	0.0182	0.0010 mg/L	0.0200		91	80-120			
Zinc, total	0.0200	0.0040 mg/L	0.0200		100	80-120			
Zirconium, total	0.0213	0.00010 mg/L	0.0200		106	80-120			
Reference (B8K0590-SRM1)					Prepared: 2018-11-07, Analyzed: 2018-11-09				
Aluminum, total	0.340	0.0050 mg/L	0.303		112	82-114			
Antimony, total	0.0549	0.00020 mg/L	0.0511		107	88-115			
Arsenic, total	0.120	0.00050 mg/L	0.118		102	88-111			
Barium, total	0.853	0.0050 mg/L	0.823		104	83-110			
Beryllium, total	0.0510	0.00010 mg/L	0.0496		103	80-119			
Boron, total	3.94	0.0050 mg/L	3.45		114	80-118			
Cadmium, total	0.0538	0.000010 mg/L	0.0495		109	90-110			
Calcium, total	11.8	0.20 mg/L	11.6		102	85-113			
Chromium, total	0.225	0.00050 mg/L	0.250		90	88-111			
Cobalt, total	0.0376	0.00010 mg/L	0.0377		100	90-114			
Copper, total	0.514	0.00040 mg/L	0.486		106	90-117			
Iron, total	0.439	0.010 mg/L	0.488		90	90-116			
Lead, total	0.197	0.00020 mg/L	0.204		97	90-110			
Lithium, total	0.418	0.00010 mg/L	0.403		104	79-118			
Magnesium, total	4.04	0.010 mg/L	3.79		107	88-116			
Manganese, total	0.108	0.00020 mg/L	0.109		99	88-108			
Molybdenum, total	0.200	0.00010 mg/L	0.198		101	88-110			
Nickel, total	0.246	0.00040 mg/L	0.249		99	90-112			
Phosphorus, total	0.211	0.050 mg/L	0.227		93	72-118			
Potassium, total	6.61	0.10 mg/L	7.21		92	87-116			
Selenium, total	0.135	0.00050 mg/L	0.121		111	90-122			
Sodium, total	7.64	0.10 mg/L	7.54		101	86-118			
Strontium, total	0.338	0.0010 mg/L	0.375		90	86-110			
Thallium, total	0.0806	0.000020 mg/L	0.0805		100	90-113			
Uranium, total	0.0300	0.000020 mg/L	0.0306		98	88-112			
Vanadium, total	0.355	0.0010 mg/L	0.386		92	87-110			
Zinc, total	2.38	0.0040 mg/L	2.49		96	90-113			
Total Metals, Batch B8K0642									
Blank (B8K0642-BLK1)					Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08				
Mercury, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Blank (B8K0642-BLK2)					Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08				
Mercury, total	< 0.000010	0.000010 mg/L							
Reference (B8K0642-SRM1)					Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08				
Mercury, total	0.00501	0.000010 mg/L	0.00489		102	80-120			
Reference (B8K0642-SRM2)					Prepared: 2018-11-08, Analyzed: 2018-11-08				
Mercury, total	0.00477	0.000010 mg/L	0.00489		98	80-120			

**Appendix G - GARP screening and assessment
checklists**

Background Information - Previous Staff Report

HAZARDS	SCREENING		ASSESSMENT		NOTES
Water Supply System Well	NOT PRESENT	PRESENT (complete Assessment)	AT RISK (Water source potentially GARP)	AT LOW RISK	
A. Water Quality Results					
A1: Exhibits recurring presence of total coliform bacteria, fecal coliform bacteria, or <i>Escherichia coli</i> (<i>E. coli</i>).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There have been no detections of total coliforms, fecal coliforms, or <i>E. coli</i> ; however the dataset (1 samples) is too small to provide much confidence. We recommend collecting weekly raw samples for first year of operation.
A2: Has reported intermittent turbidity or has a history of consistent turbidity greater than 1 NTU.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The dataset is small (1 sample) to provide much confidence. Recommend installing a turbidity meter and regularly (every 4 hours at a minimum) monitor turbidity for first year of operation.
B. Well Location					
B1: Situated inside setback distances from possible sources of contamination as per section 8 of the HHR ¹	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No dumping grounds or cemeteries within 120m of the well, no private dwellings within 6m (closest is 120 m away), no sources of contamination identified within 30m although the well is on the edge of Sechelt Public Works Yard so potential contamination sources cannot be ruled out in the future
B2: Has an intake depth <15 m below ground surface that is located within a natural boundary of surface water or a flood prone area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Top of the well intake is 79.5 mbgl
B3: Has an intake depth between the high-water mark and surface water bottom (or <15 m below the normal water level if surface water depth is unknown), and located within, or less than 150 m from the natural boundary of any surface water.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intake level is significantly below the level of the closest surface water feature (Irgens Creek) which is 160m away at it's closest point.

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B4: Located within 300 m of a source of probable enteric viral contamination without a barrier to viral transport.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irgens Creek is located approximately 160m away. Homes within 300m of the site that will have septic tanks or connected to mains sewer. Additional assessment would be needed to further assess this risk.
C. Well Construction					
C1: Does not meet GWPR ² (Part 3 Div 3) for surface sealing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Surface seal to a depth of 5 mbgl meets the requirements of GWPR.
C2: Does not meet GWPR (Part 4) and WSA (Section 54) for well caps and covers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Well cap is tamper and vermin proof.
C3: Does not meet GWPR (Section 63) and DWPA (Section 16) for floodproofing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The well is not located in a flood risk area. Well stick-up of 0.85m above ground level.
C4: Does not meet GWPR (Part 3 and Part 7) for wellhead protection.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	See C1 for surface sealing and C3 for casing stick-up.
D. Aquifer Type and Setting					
D1: Has an intake depth <15 m below ground surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The top of the intake of the well is 79.5 mbgl.
D2: Is situated in an [unconfined, unconsolidated, or fractured bedrock aquifer that is highly vulnerable]. ³	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The sand and gravel aquifer that the well is completed in is likely to be vulnerable to pathogens as there are no low permeability layers to provide protection. However the depth to groundwater may allow sub-surface filtration to remove or inactivate any pathogens prior to them reaching groundwater - would need to be assessed to confirm.
D3: Is completed in a karst bedrock aquifer, regardless of depth.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The well is completed in an unconsolidated sand and gravel aquifer; therefore, no karst bedrock aquifer is present.

Stage 2: GARP Determination

☐ At Risk (GARP)
 ☒ At Risk (GARP-viruses only)
 ☐ At Low Risk

Stage 3: Risk Mitigation

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Recommended Options:

- ☐ Treatment to meet provincial drinking water objectives
- ☒ Treatment to meet only the provincial drinking water objectives for viruses
- ☐ Provide alternate source of water
- ☐ Well Alteration / correct significant deficiencies in well construction
- ☐ Relocate the well
- ☐ Eliminate source(s) of contamination
- ☐ Level 2 or 3 investigation (additional investigation)
- ☒ Move to Stage 4: Long-term Monitoring
- ☐ Other:

Comments: Exploratory test well at this time. Treatment would require 4-log removal for viruses, or further assessment of aquifer filtration capacity for viruses. Also recommend as part of long term (stage 4) monitoring: raw coliforms and regular turbidity readings (see notes for Hazard A1 and A2)

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HAZARDS	SCREENING		ASSESSMENT		NOTES
Water Supply System Well	NOT PRESENT	PRESENT (complete Assessment)	AT RISK (Water source potentially GARP)	AT LOW RISK	
A. Water Quality Results					
A1: Exhibits recurring presence of total coliform bacteria, fecal coliform bacteria, or <i>Escherichia coli</i> (<i>E. coli</i>).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There have been no detections of total coliforms, fecal coliforms, or <i>E. coli</i> ; however the dataset (1 samples) is too small to provide confidence.
A2: Has reported intermittent turbidity or has a history of consistent turbidity greater than 1 NTU.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not enough data available to determine.
B. Well Location					
B1: Situated inside setback distances from possible sources of contamination as per section 8 of the HHR ¹	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No dumping grounds or cemeteries identified within 120m of the well, no private dwellings within 6m (closest is 35m away), no sources of contamination identified within 30m of the well.
B2: Has an intake depth <15 m below ground surface that is located within a natural boundary of surface water or a flood prone area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Top of the well intake is 114.9 mbgl
B3: Has an intake depth between the high-water mark and surface water bottom (or <15 m below the normal water level if surface water depth is unknown), and located within, or less than 150 m from the natural boundary of any surface water.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intake level is significantly below the level of the closest surface water feature (Charmans Creek) which is 225m away at it's closest point.
B4: Located within 300 m of a source of probable enteric viral contamination without a barrier to viral transport.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charmans Creek is located approximately 225m away. There are a number of properties within 300m of the site which will have septic tanks or other sewage disposal methods.
C. Well Construction					
C1: Does not meet GWPR ² (Part 3 Div 3) for surface sealing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Surrface seal to a depth of 5 mbgl meets the requirements of GWPR.
C2: Does not meet GWPR (Part 4) and WSA (Section 54) for well caps and covers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Well cap is tamper and vermin proof.

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C3: Does not meet GWPR (Section 63) and DWPA (Section 16) for floodproofing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The well is not located in a flood risk area. A surface seal to meet GWPR requirements was installed. The well casing extends above ground level by 0.66m
C4: Does not meet GWPR (Part 3 and Part 7) for wellhead protection.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	See C1 for surface sealing.
D. Aquifer Type and Setting					
D1: Has an intake depth <15 m below ground surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The top of the intake of the well is 114.9 mbgl.
D2: Is situated in an [unconfined, unconsolidated, or fractured bedrock aquifer that is highly vulnerable]. ³	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The sand and gravel aquifer that the well is completed is protected by the overlying low permeability clay and till layer.
D3: Is completed in a karst bedrock aquifer, regardless of depth.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The well is completed in an unconsolidated sand and gravel aquifer with overlying low permeability strata. No karst bedrock aquifer is present.

Stage 2: GARP Determination

☐ At Risk (GARP)
 ☒ At Risk (GARP-viruses only)
 ☐ At Low Risk

Stage 3: Risk Mitigation

Recommended Options:

- ☐ Treatment to meet provincial drinking water objectives
- ☐ Treatment to meet only the provincial drinking water objectives for viruses
- ☐ Provide alternate source of water
- ☐ Well Alteration / correct significant deficiencies in well construction
- ☐ Relocate the well
- ☐ Eliminate source(s) of contamination
- ☐ Level 2 or 3 investigation (additional investigation)
- ☐ Move to Stage 4: Long-term Monitoring
- ☐ Other:

Comments: This is an exploratory test well and is not intended to be used as a production well at this stage. Treatment would require 4-log removal for viruses

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A2: Has reported intermittent turbidity or has a history of consistent turbidity greater than 1 NTU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High turbidity from silt and sand being drawn into well during pumping. Likely at low risk, but recommend long term monitoring of turbidity (every 4 hours for at least first year of operation)
B. Well Location					
B1: Situated inside setback distances from possible sources of contamination as per section 8 of the HHR ¹	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No dumping grounds or cemeteries were identified within 120m of the well, no private dwellings within 6m (closest is 35 m away), no sources of contamination identified within 30m although there could be septic tanks for nearby properties.
B2: Has an intake depth <15 m below ground surface that is located within a natural boundary of surface water or a flood prone area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Top of the well intake is 41.9 mbgl
B3: Has an intake depth between the high-water mark and surface water bottom (or <15 m below the normal water level if surface water depth is unknown), and located within or less than 150 m from the natural boundary of any surface water.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intake level is c.20m below the level of the bed-level of the closest surface water feature (Soames Creek) which is <50m away.

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B4: Located within 300 m of a source of probable enteric viral contamination without a barrier to viral transport.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soames Creek is located <50 away. Viruses can be present even where a confining layer is present. There will be nearby septic sewage disposal/sewer pipeline given the proximity of the well to a residential area. Either treat to 4-log inactivation of viruses or complete additional assessment of a barrier to viral transport.
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C. Well Construction

C1: Does not meet GWPR ² (Part 3 Div 3) for surface sealing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Surface seal to a depth of 5 mbgl meets the requirements of GWPR.
C2: Does not meet GWPR (Part 4) and WSA (Section 54) for well caps and covers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Well cap is tamper and vermin proof.
C3: Does not meet GWPR (Section 63) and DWPA (Section 16) for floodproofing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The well is not located in a flood risk area. Casing stick-up of 0.61m above ground level
C4: Does not meet GWPR (Part 3 and Part 7) for wellhead protection.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	See C1.

D. Aquifer Type and Setting

D1: Has an intake depth <15 m below ground surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The top of the intake of the well is 41.9 mbgl.
D2: Is situated in an [unconfined, unconsolidated, or fractured bedrock aquifer that is highly vulnerable]. ³	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The aquifer that the well is completed in is a confined sand and gravel aquifer protected by a low permeability till layer.
D3: Is completed in a karst bedrock aquifer, regardless of depth.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The well is completed in an unconsolidated sand and gravel aquifer; therefore, no karst bedrock aquifer is present.

Stage 2: GARP Determination

☐ At Risk (GARP)
 ☒ At Risk (GARP-viruses only)
 ☐ At Low Risk

Stage 3: Risk Mitigation**Recommended Options:**

- ☐ Treatment to meet provincial drinking water objectives
☒ Treatment to meet only the provincial drinking water objectives for viruses
☐ Provide alternate source of water

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- ☐ Well Alteration / correct significant deficiencies in well construction
- ☐ Relocate the well
- ☐ Eliminate source(s) of contamination
- ☐ Level 2 or 3 investigation (additional investigation)
- ☒ Move to Stage 4: Long-term Monitoring
- ☐ Other:

Comments: This is an exploratory test well and is not intended to be used as a production well at this stage. However, to support designing of the production well, treatment would require 4-log removal for viruses, and long term monitoring would include regular (every four hours) monitoring of turbidity and weekly sampling of raw water during first year of operation for E.coli and total coliforms. Additional assessment could be completed to further explore barriers to viral transport, and a non-GARP determination may be possible.

Background Information - Previous Staff Report

Appendix H - Preliminary production well design

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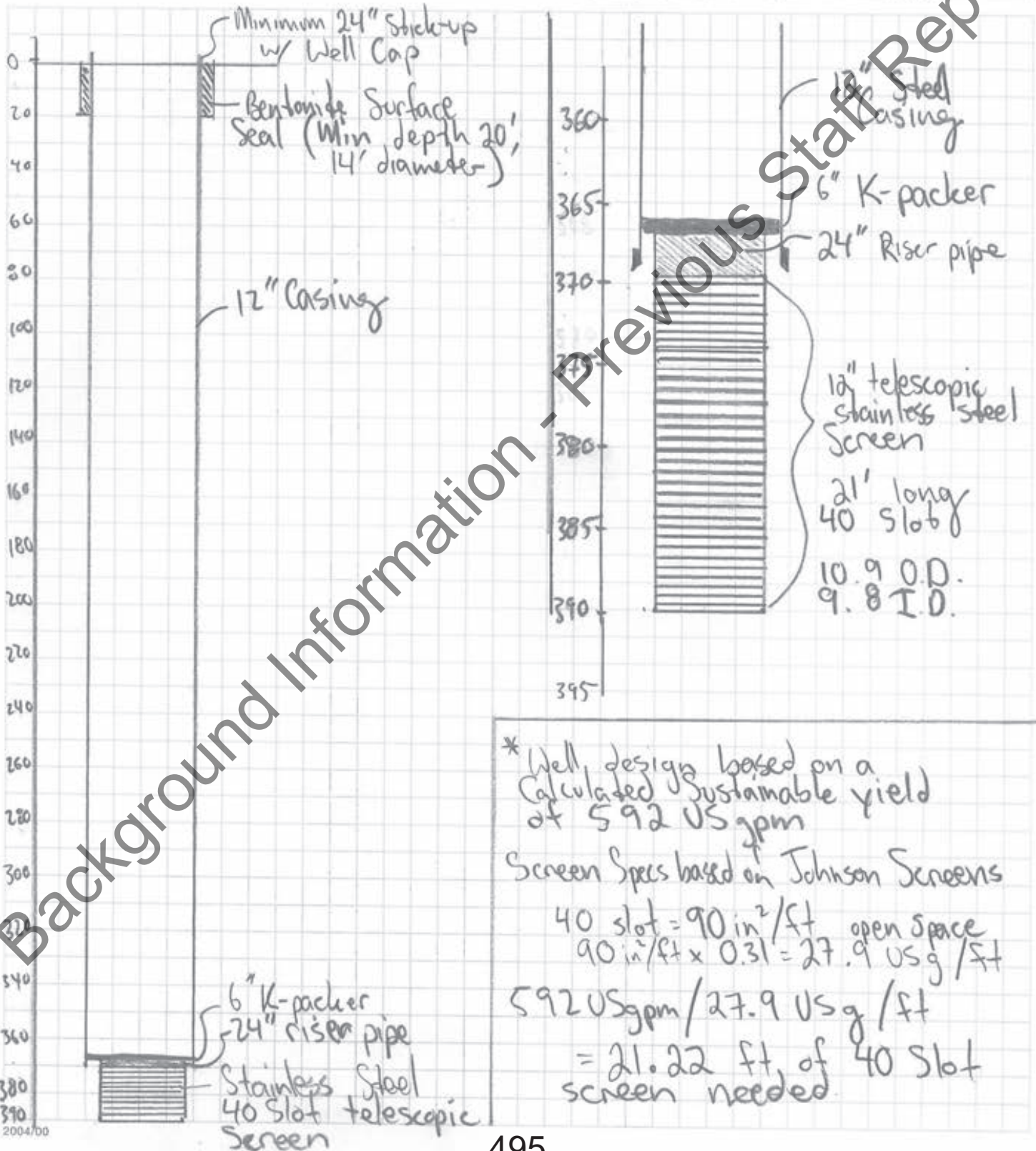
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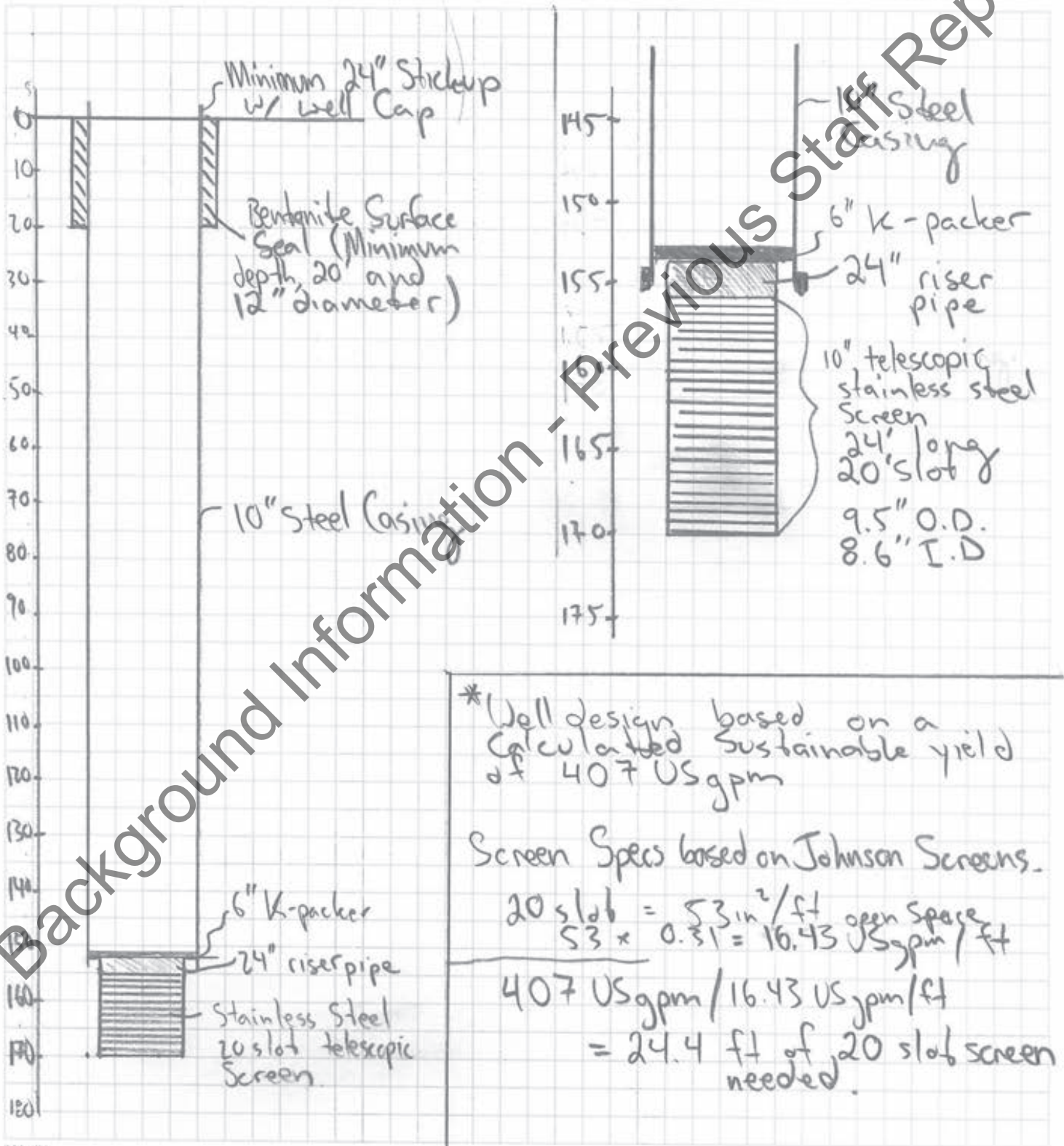
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* Well design based on a
Calculated Sustainable yield
of 407 US gpm

Screen Specs based on Johnson Screens.

$$20 \text{ slot} = 53 \text{ in}^2/\text{ft}$$

$$53 \times 0.31 = 16.43 \text{ US gpm/ft open space}$$

$$407 \text{ US gpm} / 16.43 \text{ US gpm/ft} = 24.4 \text{ ft of 20 slot screen needed}$$



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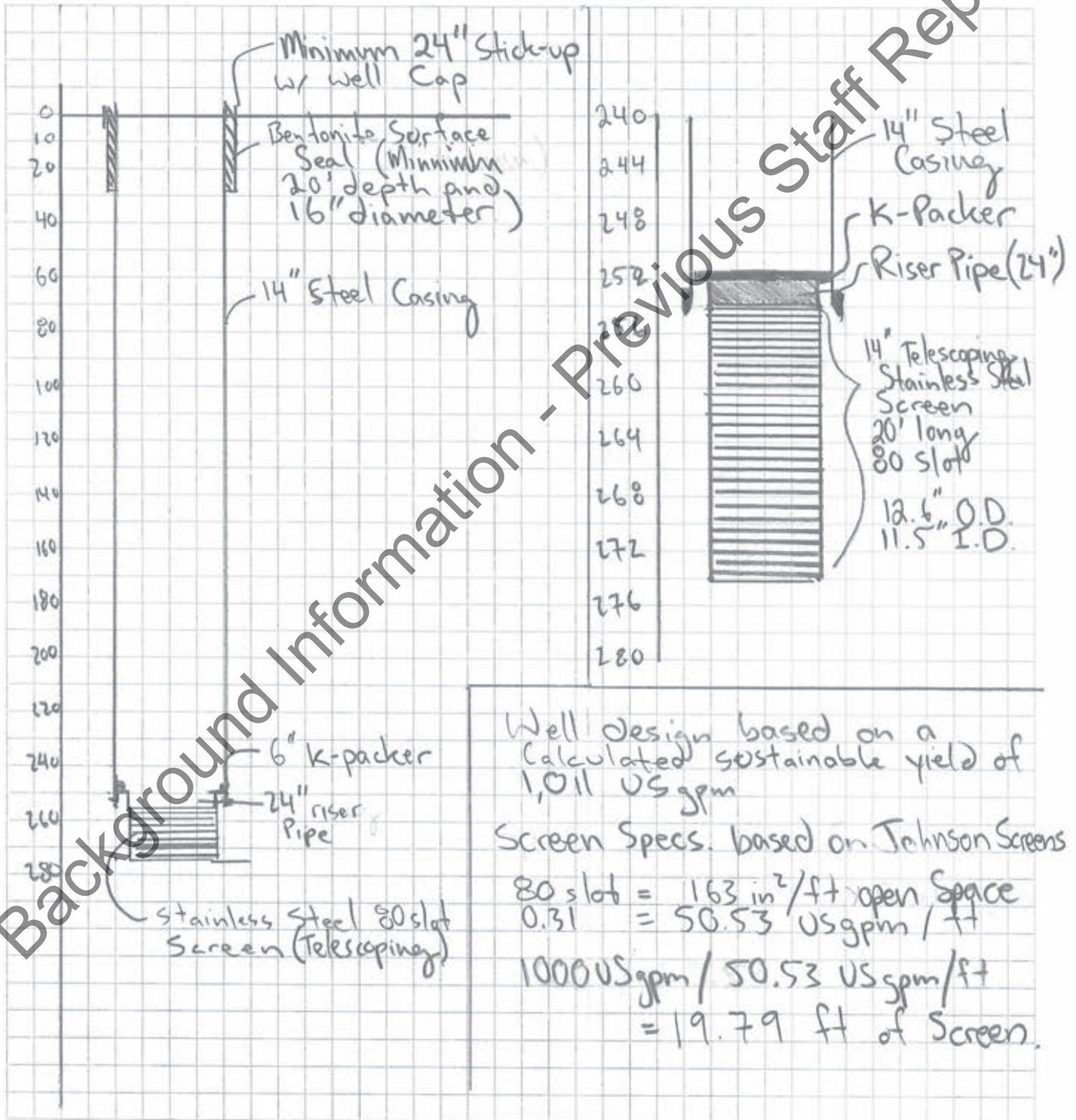
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**Appendix I - Well evaluation methodology and
minutes of well evaluation meeting**

Background Information - Previous Staff Report

Date: November 26, 2018 **File:** 2018-8152.000 Task 6

To: Remko Rosenboom, SCRD

From: Marta Green, P.Geo.

Project: Phase 2 Groundwater Investigation

Subject: Draft well site grading criteria

MEMO

1 INTRODUCTION

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has a water supply shortage of 2.3 million m³ from May to October. This is equivalent to 175 L/s (2775 USgpm) for 153 days. One of the projects to look into making up this shortage is the Phase 2 Groundwater Investigation Project, and Associated Environmental (AE) has been retained to support this project. A total of four boreholes were drilled, and three were completed as exploratory water supply wells. Pumping tests were completed, and sustainable well capacities were estimated. At the same time, treatment and storage requirements to bring the wells into the SCRD water supply system was assessed and a desktop assessment of potential environmental concerns and impacts on nearby users and environmental flow needs (important for understanding level of effort needed for a new groundwater use license application) was also completed.

The next step is to evaluate the three well sites based on multiple criteria and assess the feasibility of developing a production well at each site. This will be completed by setting up the multiple criteria, and then discussing and agreeing on the criteria during a meeting facilitated by AE, and finally by ranking the wells as a project team.

This memorandum proposes well evaluation criteria to be used by the project team to identify and recommend the most appropriate wells to move forward with into production wells. The draft evaluation criteria presented herein are to be reviewed, and then discussed and used during the evaluation meeting to be held on November 28, 2018.

2 WELL SITE EVALUATION CRITERIA

Table 1 summarizes the draft evaluation criteria and importance weighting to be used to identify and recommend the most appropriate well site. Examples of poor and excellent scores of the grading is provided and definitions will be further discussed during the meeting.

3 EVALUATION USING THE CRITERIA

During the meeting, we will fill in Table 2. Background information to help with the evaluation is found in the interim report and the engineering memo submitted to SCRD separately. This table will be filled out in excel during the meeting.

Memo To: Remko Rosenboom, General Manager Infrastructure Services

November 26, 2018

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Table 1: Draft well site evaluation criteria

General Category	Grading Criterion	Importance Weighting	Poor Score (1) Definition	Excellent Score (5) Definition
Well Supply	Long term sustainable well yield	0.1	<i>Low yielding</i>	<i>Meets or exceeds nearby SCRD pipe infrastructure capacity</i>
	Well interference (drawdown) with other wells	0.1	<i>Moderate to high risk that the subject well may impact other wells (existing or future) (e.g.: Town of Gibsons, Gravel Pit Owners). This may cause additional operational challenges</i>	<i>Low risk that the subject well may impact other wells (existing or future) (e.g.: Town of Gibsons, Gravel Pit Owners). This may cause additional operational challenges in future.</i>
Engineering	Pipe Size	0.1	<i>Small diameter (low flow) pipes in area only.</i>	<i>Large diameter (high flow) pipes exist nearby.</i>
	Production Well Costs, Treatment and Storage (Capital)	0.1	<i>High cost capital investment (e.g.: advanced treatment needed)</i>	<i>Low cost capital investment (e.g.: chlorine and minimal storage needed)</i>
	O&M and Energy Costs	0.1	<i>High cost O&M. Difficult to operate.</i>	<i>Low cost O&M. Easy to operate.</i>
Access Issues	Room for Production Well and Storage	0.1	<i>No room for production well and storage. Would need to purchase land.</i>	<i>Lots of room for production well and storage, and land owned by SCRD.</i>
	Land Use Fit	0.1	<i>Doesn't fit in well with surrounding land use. May result in complaints during construction and operation.</i>	<i>Fits in well with surrounding land use.</i>
Environmental	Source Protection	0.1	<i>The well is in a vulnerable aquifer with significant hazards nearby. This well will require a high level of management and the well will always be exposed to a certain amount of risk of loss of well due to contamination.</i>	<i>The well is in a protected aquifer with low risk hazards nearby. This well should be able to last a long time with low level of management and is at low risk of being lost due to contamination</i>
	Hydraulic Connection and Impacts to Environmental Flow Needs	0.1	<i>The aquifer is hydraulically connected, which will require the Province to consider impacts to Environmental Flow Needs when considering licensing decisions. Possible mitigation to augment EFNs in streams may be needed.</i>	<i>The aquifer is definitely not hydraulically connected, and the Province won't need to consider impacts to Environmental Flow Needs when considering licensing decisions. Mitigation will not be needed.</i>
	Environmental Assessment Act	0.1	<i>The "Project" would trigger an environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act (75 L/s).</i>	<i>The "Project" would not trigger an environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act (75 L/s).</i>

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Table 2: Evaluation of the well sites using the selected evaluation criteria

General Category	Grading Criterion	Score			Importance Weighting	Notes
		Dusty Road Well	Mahan Road Well	Elphinstone Road Well		
Well Supply	Long term sustainable well yield					
	Well interference (drawdown) with other wells					
Engineering	Pipe Size					
	Production Well Development, Treatment and Storage (Capital)					
	O&M and Energy Costs					
Access Issues	Room for Production Well and Storage					
	Geotech					
Environmental	Source Protection					
	Hydraulic Connection and Impacts to Environmental Flow Needs					
	Environmental Assessment Act					Trigger is 75 L/s but yield for each is less.
Total score with importance weighting		0	0	0		

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Time:	10:00 – 12:00	Page:	1 of 5
Project:	GW Investigation Phase 2		
Subject:	Well Site Evaluation Meeting		
Client:	Sunshine Coast Regional District		
Location:	SCRD offices, Sechelt		
Present:	SCRD: Remko Rosenboom – RR Andrew Kraus – AR Shane Walkey – SW Codie Abbott – CA Associated Engineering/Environmental: Marta Green – MG Matt Lozie – ML (via Skype) Matt Henney – MH (via Skype) Steve Colebrook – SC		
Distribution:	Those Present		

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Discussion:

1 INTRODUCTIONS AND AGENDA

Brief round table and phone introductions plus a run through of the proposed agenda, essentially following the grading criterion of the evaluation matrix (see appended matrix table).

2 WELL SUPPLY

SC gave a brief overview of the site hydrogeology, geology, any difficulties encountered during drilling, pumped well yields, estimated sustainable well yields and well interference observed. Key details below:

2.1 GRAY CREEK

- Well not completed due to relatively shallow depth of aquifer at apex of alluvial fan.
- Discussed possibility for a well to be located further west in land owned by the fish farm, given the good well yields that the farm yields from their wells.
- SCRD currently have a surface water licence on Gray Creek which allows 3 ML/d to be abstracted.
- Potential to transfer this surface water licence to a groundwater licence.

2.2 DUSTY ROAD

- Unconfined sand and gravel aquifer.

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Discussion:

- Good sustainable yield of 1011 USgpm.
- No well interference observed at two monitoring wells, one located near Sechelt Inlet Rd, the other at Lehigh Quarry. However, insufficient data to assess impact on quarry well water levels due to access issues during pumping test.

2.3 MAHAN ROAD

- Unconfined sand and gravel aquifer with a low permeability layer above which provides some protection from contaminants. Deep aquifer with water levels approx. 85 mbgl.
- Sustainable yield of 572 USgpm calculated.
- Tidal influence observed on water levels.
- Impact of pumping observed at the monitoring wells located approx. 250 and 400m away, with measured drawdowns of 0.7 and 0.5 m respectively.
- RR noted that we will need to assess what the impact might be on the Town of Gibsons wells.
- Will also need to conduct a survey to find all private groundwater users in the area that could be affected by abstraction from a production well here – SW noted that a number of properties in the area are not connected to mains water supply so likely to have their own well. Any negative impact on these wells would need to be mitigated against, e.g. lowering pumps, drill new wells, put on mains supply.
- MG suggested undertaking an independent aquifer mapping study, particularly given the existing users of this aquifer (Town of Gibsons, private supplies). Study could partner with BC FLNR Surrey office and Town of Gibsons.

2.4 ELPHINSTONE AVENUE (CHURCH ROAD)

- Confined sand and gravel aquifer.
- Difficult installation of screen due to drilling technique not providing a true reflection of ground conditions.
- Sustainable yield of 407 USgpm from pumping test results, however noted that pumping test was impacted by silts and sands being pulled into well.
- Would need to drill using cable tool technique to get true representative samples of the aquifer material to allow suitable screen design.
- Impact of pumping observed at Granthams Well but not observed at Sentinel Rd or Soames Well (although very limited data collected to assess Soames Well – access difficulties).

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3 ENGINEERING

ML ran through the proposed engineering requirements (pipe sizes, tie-ins, treatment) at each site together with a look at capital costs. Assumed that all sites will require treatment for 4-log inactivation (all wells assessed as GARP for viruses only). Key details below:

3.1 DUSTY ROAD

- A 300 mm pipe would be run from the well to tie in with existing mains at Sechelt Inlet Rd. This pipe would allow sufficient chlorine contact time for 4-log virus inactivation.
- Need to confirm water flow direction in main along Sechelt Inlet Rd. Gray Creek surface water source not used apart from during the summer when flow in mains is to the south. Otherwise flow typically to north. Assume system is fed south to north.
- System has a closed head until pumps are on at Sandy North pumping station.

3.2 MAHAN ROAD

- Propose dedicated 250 mm main along Kearton Rd to Pratt Rd.
- Reed Road Reservoir will control pumping – Mahan Rd would only be 'on' when Reed Road Reservoir falls to a certain level.
- The pipe capacity of 94 L/s is based on capacity of pipe along Pratt Rd.
- Due to the depth to aquifer and significant lift of water, 3-phase power is required – this would require a new 600m power line to be brought in to the site from the north – expensive.

3.3 ELPHINSTONE AVENUE (CHURCH ROAD)

- 300mm pipe to existing reservoir at the west end of Elphinstone Ave. (Granthams Landing Reservoir).
- 4-log virus inactivation with chlorine. Pipe to reservoir plus residence time in reservoir will provide sufficient contact time..
- Power requirements are just at the limit of single phase which is available in this area. A booster may be sufficient to generate power requirements.
- Filtration added to costs of treatment system due to high total Fe in water sample. However, thought that this is due to the well screen being oversized and sand and silt pulled into well and water sample. Will remove these costs for final report.

All three sites need the production well drilling and testing costs added to the capital costs. Mahan most expensive to drill due to depth to aquifer.

Envisage a two-room building at each site (electrical room and chlorination dosing room). Example at Roberts Creek.

All likely to have similar O&M costs, unless filtration is required at Elphinstone. O&M pumping costs might be seasonal, dependent on use of groundwater source.

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Discussion:

Elphinstone and Mahan considered better locations for supply purposes than Dusty. Both could feed into Reed Road Reservoir

4 ACCESS ISSUES

- No major access issues at Dusty Road, although it was noted that the quarry is likely to expand in the area and would likely surround production well(s).
- MOTI own land at Mahan and along Kearton Rd; historically they have been ok with development on their land, but SCRD want security of land ownership.
- SCRD own small park next to the Elphinstone test well. Potential to develop wellfield at Shirley Macey Park to the north west? Although would require further investigation. SCRD own land here as well.
- Any future well(s) at Gray Creek would require land agreement with fish farm.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

MG ran through some of the environmental issues at each of the sites, including source protection, hydraulic connection and impact to environmental flow needs (EFN). Key details below:

5.1 DUSTY ROAD

- Dusty at very high risk from source protection perspective.
- Located next to one of the largest sand and gravel quarries in North America with plans for extensive quarry expansion around the well.
- It is an unconfined aquifer so any spills or leaks from oil and gas for quarry machinery could make its way to the aquifer and drawdown cone of the well. This could result in the aquifer and well becoming contaminated and unusable in the future.
- Aquifer likely to be hydraulically connected to Irgens Creek so may require mitigation to augment EFN.

5.2 MAHAN ROAD

- Low permeability clay and till layer overlying the aquifer provides protection from contamination migrating down to the aquifer.
- Aquifer much less likely to be hydraulically connected to local creeks due to geological setting and previous creek flow observations. Further work currently being undertaken by Associated to help determine the likelihood of connection.
- Aquatic values of the creeks are very important to community.

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Discussion:

5.3 ELPHINSTONE AVENUE (CHURCH ROAD)

- Low permeability till layer overlying the confined aquifer provides protection from contamination migrating down to aquifer.
- Extent of low permeability cover being further examined to help assess whether the aquifer is hydraulically connected to Soames Creek.
- To comply with Groundwater Protection Regulations (GWPR) a well at this location would allow Granthams to be closed (currently an uncontrolled flowing artesian well not in compliance with GWPR).

All wells are below 75 L/s so as long as each well is considered a separate 'project' they are below the flow rate threshold of 75 L/s that automatically require an Environmental Assessment as required by the Environmental Assessment Act.

• EVALUATION OF SITES USING WEIGHTED EVALUATION CRITERIA

The completed evaluation matrix is appended to these minutes.

- All agreed that source protection should have highest importance weighting.
- Long term sustainable yield, CAPEX and hydraulic connection also considered of more importance.
- All agreed to remove Land Use Fit criteria from matrix (give it 0% weighting in matrix). There will be minimal disturbance and sufficient room at each site. Community is used to seeing wells in parks and residential areas.

Scores were assigned for each well based on findings and discussions during the meeting. Elphinstone Avenue has highest score with Dusty Road the lowest.

6 FINAL COMMENTS

- More work required for Elphinstone and Mahan with Elphinstone identified as the best option to move forward with.
- Need to consider where development would occur at Elphinstone and also explore potential for wellfield at Shirley Macey Park.
- Mahan has potential but first do mapping/aquifer study
- Dusty Road not considered an option at this stage due to the high source protection risk given its location next to Lehigh Quarry which is expected to expand around the area of the well.
- Gray Creek is still an option – need to maintain communications with the fish farm. There may be potential to transfer the current Gray Creek surface licence (3 ML/d) to a groundwater licence in the future.
- Change name of Elphinstone Avenue well to Church Rd well.

Table 2: Evaluation of the well sites using the selected evaluation criteria

General Category	Grading Criterion	Score			Importance Weighting	Notes
		Dusty Road Well	Mahan Road Well	Elphinstone Road Well		
Well Supply	Long term sustainable well yield	5	4	3	15%	Dusty Road: unconfined aquifer. Sand and Gravel: 64 L/s. Mahan Road: deep well, 400 ft deep well. Also unconfined although there is a local confining unit which provides protection. Yields: pumped 300 USgpm; rated at 570 USgpm. Elphinstone: Confined aquifer (confining layer: till) and sand and gravel below that. Issues with drilling. DR didn't give clear picture of what's down there. Screen got lost first time. Put another screen in and then pumping test started pulling in sands and silts at 240 USgpm. Dialed back to 170 USgpm. Rated at 407 USgpm.
	Well interference (drawdown) with other wells	3	3	5	5%	Dusty: inconclusive due to lack of data. Mahan: monitored two wells: 300m to North (private well): 70 cm drawdown. MOE's observation well: 400 m away 50 cm drawdown (difficult to interpret with tidal influence). Gibsons wells farther away so negligible interference is expected but could use 50 cm as worst case scenario. Also will need a detailed (door to door) survey to confirm water users (every house near the border but in the Town of Gibsons can be assumed to have a well). Everyone ok with ongoing monitoring and discussion with other well owners. An independent aquifer mapping study across entire study may be useful. See if can partner with BC FLNR Surrey office and Town of Gibsons. Soames: monitored pressure changes in Granthams, and Soames well minimal interference observed but data was limited. Also private well: no interference.
Engineering	Interconnecting Pipe Size	3	5	4	10%	Limiting factor in bold: Dusty: well 64 L/s and pipe 47. Mahan: well 37, pipe 94 (pipe along Pratt Road, and could flow in other direction). Elphinstone: well 26, pipe 59. Lots of pipe room in Mahan.
	Production Wells, Treatment, Storage, Tie-In and Energy Costs (Capital)	5	3	4	15%	All sites designed with 4-log treatment (chlorination). Expensive to connect Mahan to 3-phase power as will come from Gibsons Way, approx 600m to north. Elphinstone may be able to use single phase with booster.
	O&M and Long term Energy Costs	5	4	3	5%	Generally the same per well except for energy costs (Mahan has highest drilling costs due to depth). O&M for pumps may be seasonal.
Access Issues	Room for Production Well, Treatment Plant, and Storage, Land ownership/agreement	4	3	5	10%	SCRD staff will look into this further. Board may wish to have ownership vs right of way only from MOTI, so Mahan scores lower. Elphinstone is also on right of way but there is room owned by SCRD.
	Land Use Fit	5	5	5	0%	Everyone agreed there will be minimal disturbance and sufficient room at each site. Community is used to wells in parks and in residential areas.
Environmental	Source Protection	1	4	5	20%	Dusty has a very high risk: one of largest gravel extraction mines in North America. Plans for expansion all around this well. Unconfined aquifer so any spills or leaks from oil or gas for machines could make it's way to aquifer and drawdown cone of well.
	Hydraulic Connection and Impacts to Environmental Flow Needs (needed to support new Groundwater Use Licence Application)	2	5	5	15%	Aquifer at Dusty Road site is likely connected to Irgins Creek so could require mitigation to augment EFNs. Mahan and Elphinstone not likely connected to Charrman and Soames Creek, respectively. Will know more by final report because AE is doing more hydrology work. Aquatic values are very important for community.
	Other regulations (e.g.: Environmental Assessment Act and Ground Water Protection Regulation)	3	3	5	5%	EAA: All wells below 75 L/s as long as each well considered a different "project". If in separate watersheds should be ok. For GWPR, Elphinstone would allow Granthams to be closed (uncontrolled flowing artesian well) to be in compliance with GWPR.
Total score with importance weighting		3.25	3.9	4.35	100%	

Appendix J - Preliminary Class D capital cost estimates and proposed infrastructure for each well site

Background Information - Previous Staff Report

Sunshine Coast Regional District
Groundwater Investigation Phase 2
Interim Cost Estimate

Date: 11/26/2018

Proposed Well Site - Dusty Road

ID	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
0.0	General				
0.1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
0.2	Survey	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
1.0	Civil				
1.1	300mm Diameter Water Main	m	300	\$ 500.00	\$ 150,000.00
1.2	Pavement R&R	m	300	\$ 240.00	\$ 72,000.00
2.0	Structural				
2.1	WTP Building	LS	1	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00
3.0	Process Mechanical				
3.1	WTP Process Piping and Equipment	LS	1	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
3.2	Well drilling and test pumping	LS	1	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00
3.3	Well Completion	LS	1	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
4.0	Building Mechanical				
4.1	WTP HVAC	LS	1	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
4.2	WTP Floor Drains and Plumbing	LS	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
5.0	EI&C				
5.1	WTP Electrical Works	LS	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
5.2	WTP Instrumentation and SCADA	LS	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
5.3	Service Connection (3 Phase)	LS	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
				Sub-Total	\$ 982,000.00
				Contingency (40%)	\$ 392,800.00
				Total	\$ 1,374,800.00

Does Not Include any Property Acquisition Costs



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LEGEND

- 3.5 m Offset (Service)
- 3.5 m Offset (Pipe/Structure)
- @PIN Connection at Property Pin
- Yoke
- Fire Hydrant
- Standpipe
- Pump Station
- Power Pole
- Man Hole
- Air Relief Valve
- Blow Off Valve
- Check Valve
- Gate Valve
- Pressure Reducing Valve
- Cap
- Cross
- Elbow
- Tee
- Reducer
- Connection
- Meter
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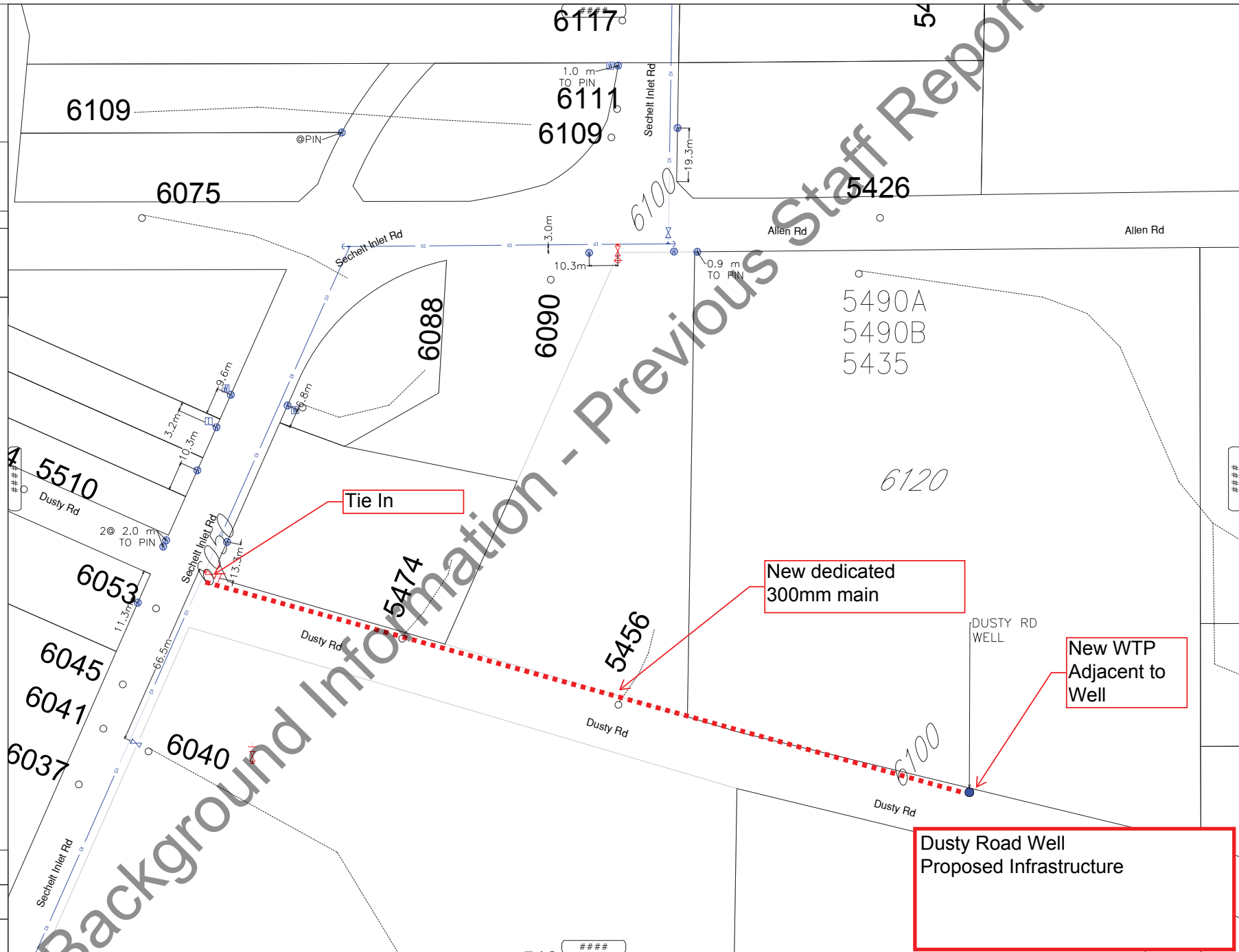
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Abandoned Water Main

Dusty Rd Well Site

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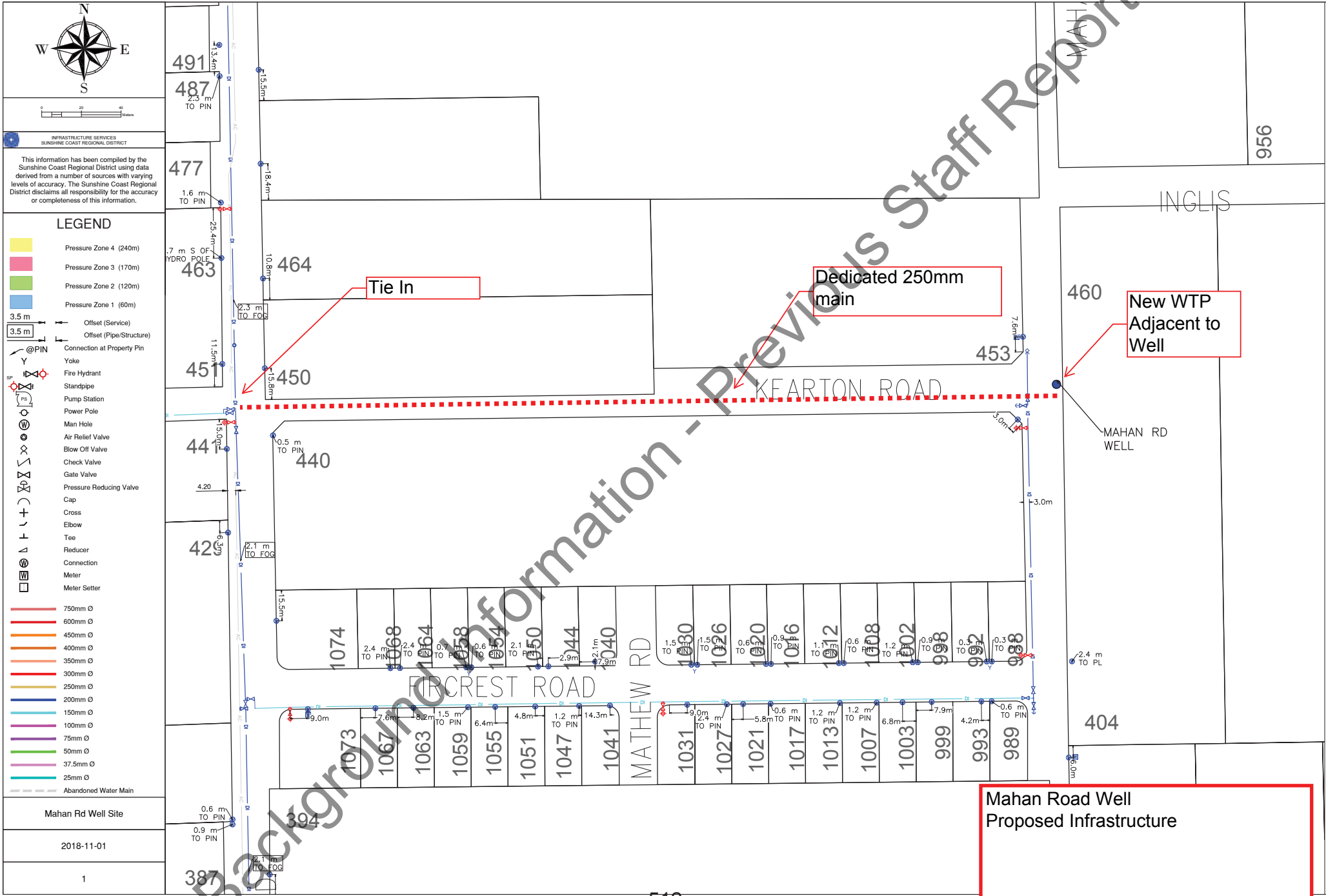
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Groundwater Investigation Phase 2
Interim Cost Estimate

Date: 11/26/2018

Proposed Well Site - Mahan Road

ID	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
0.0	General				
0.1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
0.2	Survey	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
1.0	Civil				
1.1	250mm Diameter Water Main	m	410	\$ 440.00	\$ 180,400.00
2.0	Structural				
2.1	WTP Building	LS	1	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00
3.0	Process Mechanical				
3.1	WTP Process Piping and Equipment	LS	1	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
3.2	Well drilling and test pumping	LS	1	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
3.3	Well Completion	LS	1	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
4.0	Building Mechanical				
4.1	WTP HVAC	LS	1	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
4.2	WTP Floor Drains and Plumbing	LS	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
5.0	EI&C				
5.1	WTP Electrical Works	LS	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
5.2	WTP Instrumentation and SCADA	LS	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
5.3	Service Connection (3 Phase from Gibsons Way)	LS	1	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
				Sub-Total	\$ 1,250,400.00
				Contingency (40%)	\$ 500,160.00
				Total	\$ 1,750,560.00

Does Not Include any Property Acquisition Costs



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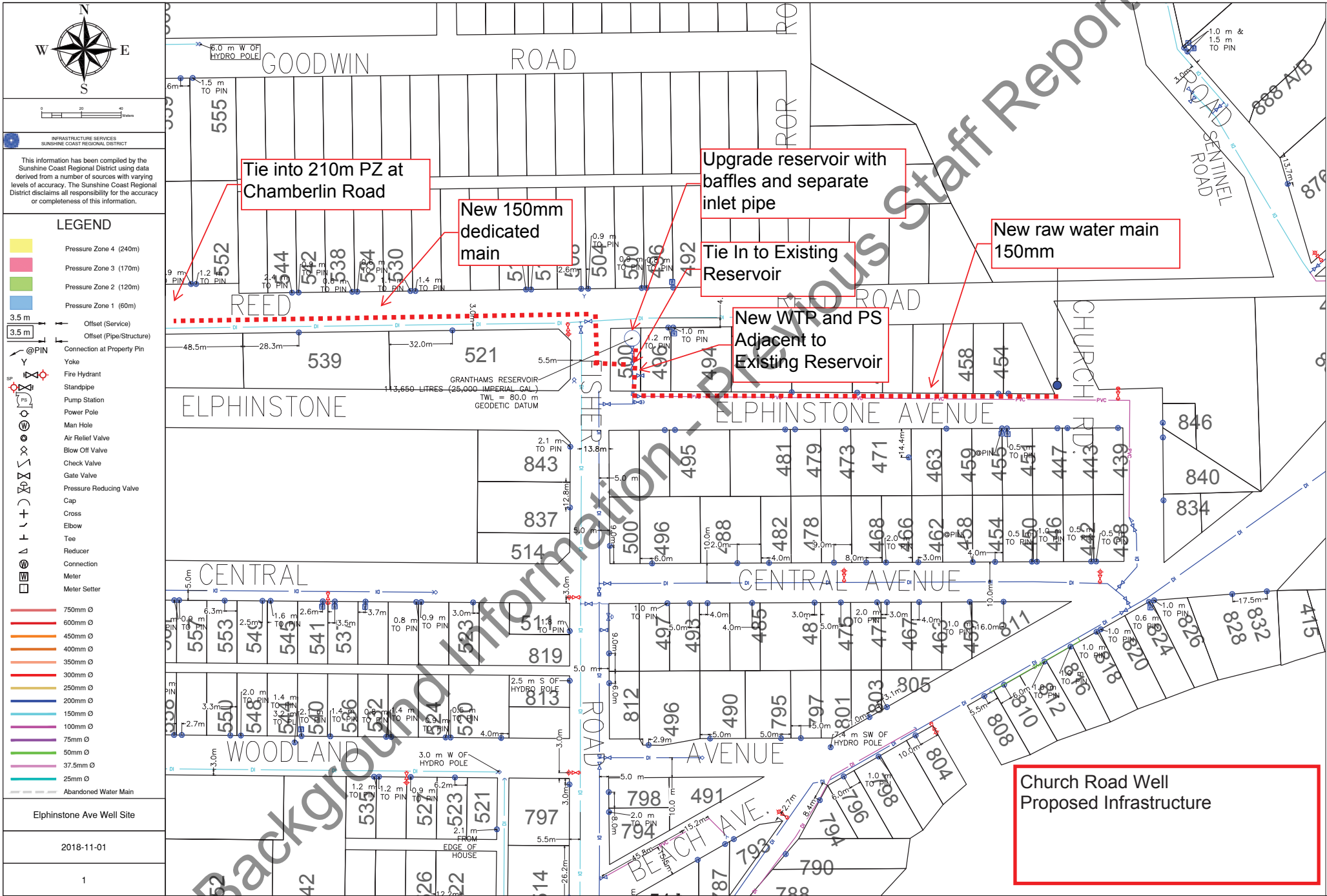
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Proposed Well Site - Church Road

ID	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
0.0	General				
0.1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
0.2	Survey	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
1.0	Civil				
1.1	150mm Diameter Water Main	m	600	\$ 340.00	\$ 204,000.00
1.2	Pavement R&R	m	600	\$ 240.00	\$ 144,000.00
1.3	Site Works	LS	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
2.0	Structural				
2.1	WTP Building	LS	1	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 215,000.00
2.2	Grantham Reservoir Tie In and Baffles	LS	1	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
3.0	Process Mechanical				
3.1	WTP Process Piping and Equipment	LS	1	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
3.2	WTP Distribution Pumping	LS	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
3.3	Well drilling and test pumping	LS	1	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 145,000.00
3.4	Well Completion	LS	1	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
4.0	Building Mechanical				
4.1	WTP HVAC	LS	1	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
4.2	WTP Floor Drains and Plumbing	LS	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
5.0	EI&C				
5.1	WTP Electrical Works	LS	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
5.2	WTP Instrumentation and SCADA	LS	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
5.3	Service Connection and 3 Phase Power (350m)	LS	1	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
6.3	Power and Control Cable from WTP to Well (220m)	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
				Sub-Total	\$ 1,438,000.00
				Contingency (40%)	\$ 575,200.00
				Total	\$ 2,013,200.00

Does Not Include any Property Acquisition Costs

Does not include back up generator





PRESSURE ZONES	RESERVOIRS	TOTAL VOLUME (CU.M)
Zone 1	Selma Park 1, Geddes	3,487
Zone 2	Trout Lake, Selma Zone 2, Reed Road, Welcome Woods	22,979
Zone 3	Henry Road	1,137
Zone 4	Cemetery Road	227
Sandy Hook	Mount Richardson, Gray Creek	857
Zone 1 West	Secret Cove	2,281
Zone 2 Granthams	-	-

Associated Engineering comments in red boxes, marked up on Opus DaytonKnight (2013) drawing

Reed Road pump station has a transmission line to the Henry Road reservoir. So we can connect to this transmission line (it has capacity for more flow)

closed valve to isolate pressure zones at Chamberlain Rd

Reed Rd - HGL of 210m

location of Church Rd Well

PZ 210m

162m HGL

Cemetery Road Reservoir

210m HGL

Henry Road Reservoir

Reed Road Reservoirs (2)

TRANSMISSION SUPPLY

Geddes Reservoir

PZ 162m

CONTINUED ON FIGURE 3-2A

OPUS DAYTONKNIGHT

PROJ NO: D-02820.00
DRAWN BY: CL
DATE: APR 2013



0 500 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 Meters

SCALE 1:50,000



CHAPMAN WATER SYSTEM TRANSMISSION MAINS AND PRESSURE ZONES

FIGURE 3-2B

SCRD WELL OPERATIONAL COSTS

ANNUAL ELECTRICITY COSTS

Dusty (one well)

1	Electricity Demands	Est Monthly Demand (kWh)	Est Annual Demand (kWh)	
1.1	Well Pump	25200	100800	
1.2	Distribution Pumps			
1.3	Building Lighting, Heating	1500	18000	

2	Annual power Costs	Annual kWh Usage	Rate (\$/kWh)	Annual Cost
2.1	Base Cost	0	n/a	\$45
2.2	Blended Tier Rate kWh/month	118800	\$0.160	\$19,008
2.6	Max Demand Charge	35	\$9.090	\$318

Annual Electricity Costs

\$19,372

Mahan (one well)

1	Electricity Demands	Est Monthly Demand (kWh)	Est Annual Demand (kWh)	
1.1	Well Pump	39600	158400	
1.2	Distribution Pumps			
1.3	Building Lighting, Heating	1500	18000	

2	Annual power Costs	Annual kWh Usage	Rate (\$/kWh)	Annual Cost
2.1	Base Cost	0	n/a	\$45
2.2	Blended Tier Rate kWh/month	176400	\$0.160	\$28,224
2.6	Max Demand Charge	55	\$9.090	\$500

Annual Electricity Costs

\$28,769

Church Road (one well)

1	Electricity Demands	Est Monthly Demand (kWh)	Est Annual Demand (kWh)	
1.1	Well Pump	14400	57600	
1.2	Distribution Pumps	36000	144000	
1.3	Building Lighting, Heating	2000	24000	

2	Annual power Costs	Annual kWh Usage	Rate (\$/kWh)	Annual Cost
2.1	Base Cost	0	n/a	\$45
2.2	Blended Tier Rate kWh/month	225600	\$0.160	\$36,096
2.6	Max Demand Charge	100	\$9.090	\$909

Annual Electricity Costs

\$37,050

Assumptions:

These costs are for comparison purposes and based on approximate motor sizes for each well

Replacement costs not included

Miscellaneous costs like SCADA network, water sampling, insurance, operator wages, engineering support, tech support not included since this is for comparison purposes

Wells operate for 4 months a year

ANNUAL HYPOCHLORITE COSTS

Well site	Pumping Rate L/s	L/d	m3/d	Daily cost (\$)	Annual cost (\$)
Dusty Road	64	5529600	5530	\$111	\$13,271
Mahan Road	37	3196800	3197	\$64	\$7,672
Church Road	26	2246400	2246	\$45	\$5,391

Assumptions:

Wells operate for 4 months a year

Hypochlorite costs are \$0.02 per m3 water for each well, based on current SCRD chlorine costs for existing wells

Appendix K - Class D capital cost estimates for Church Road Options

Background Information - Previous Staff Report

Sunshine Coast Regional District
Groundwater Investigation Phase 2
Final Cost Estimate

Date: 1/7/2018

Proposed Well Site - Church Road (Option A)

ID	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
2019-2020 Water Licence and Fisher Road Pilot Hole and MW					
0.0	General				
0.1	Technical Assessment and Water Licence Application	LS	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
	Sub-Total				\$ 80,000.00
	Contingency (40%)				\$ 112,000.00
2021-2022 Detailed Design and Construction (assumes water licence received March 2021)					
0.0	General				
0.1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
0.2	Survey	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
1.0	Civil				
1.1	Water Supply Mains (150 mm)	m	600	\$ 340.00	\$ 204,000.00
1.2	Pavement R&R	m	600	\$ 240.00	\$ 144,000.00
1.3	Site Works	LS	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
2.0	Structural				
2.1	WTP Building	LS	1	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 215,000.00
2.2	Grantham Reservoir Tie In and Baffles	LS	1	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
3.0	Process Mechanical				
3.1	WTP Process Piping and Equipment	LS	1	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
3.2	WTP Distribution Pumping	LS	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
3.3	Church Road Production Well drilling and test pumping	LS	1	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 145,000.00
3.5	Hydrogeology for well drilling and test pumping	LS	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
3.6	Well Completion	LS	1	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
4.0	Building Mechanical				
4.1	WTP HVAC	LS	1	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
4.2	WTP Floor Drains and Plumbing	LS	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
5.0	El&C				
5.1	WTP Electrical Works	LS	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
5.2	WTP Instrumentation and SCADA	LS	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
5.3	Service Connection and 3 Phase Power (350m)	LS	1	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
5.4	Power and Control Cable from WTP to Well (220m)	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Sub-Total				\$ 1,478,000.00
	Engineering for design (8%)				\$ 118,240.00
	Engineering for construction (7%)				\$ 103,460.00
	Contingency for construction (40%)				\$ 591,200.00
	Total 2021 -2022				\$ 2,290,900.00
	Total (2019-2022)				\$ 2,402,900.00

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Proposed Well Site - Church Road & Fisher Road (Option B)

ID	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
2019-2020 Water Licence and Fisher Road Pilot Hole and MW					
0.0	General				
0.1	Technical Assessment and Water Licence Application	LS	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
0.2	Drilling Fisher Road pilot well	LS	1	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 44,000.00
0.3	Testing Fisher Road pilot well	LS	1	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
0.4	Hydrogeology	LS	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
				Sub-Total	\$ 175,000.00
				Contingency (40%)	\$ 245,000.00
2021-2022 Detailed Design and Construction (assumes water licence received March 2021)					
0.0	General				
0.1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
0.2	Survey	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
1.0	Civil				
1.1	Water Supply Mains (assume 150 mm)	m	300	\$ 340.00	\$ 102,000.00
1.2	Water Supply Mains (assume 200 mm)	m	300	\$ 370.00	\$ 111,000.00
1.3	Pavement R&R	m	600	\$ 240.00	\$ 144,000.00
1.4	Site Works	LS	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
2.0	Structural				
2.1	WTP Building	LS	1	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 215,000.00
2.2	Grantham Reservoir Tie In and Baffles	LS	1	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
3.0	Process Mechanical				
3.1	WTP Process Piping and Equipment	LS	1	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
3.2	WTP Distribution Pumping	LS	1	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
3.3	Church Road Production Well drilling and test pumping	LS	1	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 145,000.00
3.4	Fisher Road Production Well drilling and test pumping	LS	1	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00
3.5	Hydrogeology for well drilling and test pumping	LS	1	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
3.6	Well Completion	LS	2	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
4.0	Building Mechanical				
4.1	WTP HVAC	LS	1	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
4.2	WTP Floor Drains and Plumbing	LS	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
5.0	EI&C				
5.1	WTP Electrical Works	LS	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
5.2	WTP Instrumentation and SCADA	LS	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
5.3	Service Connection and 3 Phase Power (350m)	LS	1	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
5.4	Power and Control Cable from WTP to Well (220m)	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
				Sub-Total	\$ 1,812,000.00
				Engineering for design (8%)	\$ 144,960.00
				Engineering for construction (7%)	\$ 126,840.00
				Contingency for construction (40%)	\$ 724,800.00
				Total 2021 - 2022	\$ 2,808,600.00
				Total (2019-2022)	\$ 3,053,600.00

Reduction in Water Supply Deficit by well development Church Road

Table 1 and 2 presents the percentage by which the Water Supply Deficit would be reduced with the development of a single well or well field in the Church Road area.

Table 1: Reduction in Water Supply Deficit by developing single well in Church Road Area

Effectiveness of water conservation initiatives (per capita, compared to 2010)	2025	2035	2050
Service Area Population	26,000	32,000	43,000
10% reduction	20%	14%	9%
20% reduction	25%	17%	11%
33% reduction	33%	22	14%

Table 2: Reduction in Water Supply Deficit by development of well field in Church Road Area

Effectiveness of water conservation initiatives (per capita, compared to 2010)	2025	2035	2050
Service Area Population	26,000	32,000	43,000
10% reduction	41%	29%	19%
20% reduction	50%	35%	22%
33% reduction	68%	45%	28%