



Project Update - Fall 2014

# South Courtenay Boundary Extension

*In December 2013, the Province of British Columbia approved the City of Courtenay's application for a boundary extension in the South Courtenay area. (See map on reverse) The City has been working on the following areas to transition your property from the Comox Valley Regional District to the City of Courtenay.*

## Sewer Service

The City of Courtenay is moving forward in engaging a consultant to support the Local Service Area (LSA) Bylaw process for sewer service this fall. Work on this front has been delayed from our original anticipated schedule as we have been focused on the water service transition over the past couple of months.

The final newsletter update for 2014 will include a project schedule of the work for the LSA bylaw through 2015 to completion.

## Water Service

Over the past few months, the City has been working with the Comox Valley Regional District on a transition plan for the water service. The City is currently working to confirm that the existing project budget can accommodate this work; that manpower is available to undertake the work and that the schedule of the work can be coordinated with our Regional partners.

It is anticipated, at this time, that the water service will be switched over to the City system before the end of the year. More detailed information will be provided to you when it is available.

## Finance

2014 Property tax notices were due on July 2, 2014 and included a reduced tax rate to ease the burden of the transfer from the Comox Valley Regional District of the City of Courtenay rates. 2015 tax notices will be sent out in late May 2015 and will also include a reduced tax rate. However, this will be the last year of a reduction. Your tax notice includes user fees for services such as garbage collection and, where applicable, water supply. Sewer user fees are only applied to those lots supplied with this service.

Once the transfer of water service occurs, residents connected to the water system will continue to be charged the annual flat user fee and frontage on their tax notice.

## Land Use Planning

The City is reviewing zoning for the South Courtenay area with the goal of establishing parameters for various future land uses. This work includes public engagement.

Your input is valued. More information on this project will be available later this year.



If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact us.

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# Boundary Extension Map

