

Parksville Position Regarding Arrowsmith Water Service

PARKSVILLE, BC: With this release, the City of Parksville is responding to the April 7, 2011, article in the Oceanside Star and to the premature statements made by elected officials of the Town of Qualicum Beach. The City of Parksville wishes to make its position within the Arrowsmith Water Service (AWS) partnership clearly understood.

The Arrowsmith Water Service commissioned a major engineering study to review the current and future water demands, to look at storage and supply alternatives and associated capital requirements for the Arrowsmith joint venture water supply to the three partners - Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville and the Regional District of Nanaimo. This report has not yet been finalized and although not final, it is far enough along that the optimum site location for the required water treatment plant and intake has been determined.

The location of these facilities is such an integral part of the report that releasing the report would have jeopardized the public's best interest in the acquisition of the property required for the water treatment plant and intake. For this reason, the report could not be released to the public. The entire report will be released upon conclusion of the acquisition of the property and a public presentation will be scheduled as soon as possible.

For more information on the City of Parksville's water supply and distribution system, please see the City of Parksville's website at <http://parksville.ca/cms.asp?wplD=188>. The Arrowsmith Water Service website is www.arrowsmithwaterservice.ca

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