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# Englishmen River Water Service Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project

# Background

#### Today's presentation

- Results from the Phasing Options meeting
  - Re-scope project in phases to minimize impacts on water rates and development cost charges
  - Review of four phasing options
  - Selection of the best phasing option based on technical and cost criteria
  - Is a phased approach better than the pre-design option?



#### Water Demand and Planning Horizons

#### Predesign

- 24 ML/d WTP by 2016
- Design based on industry standard practices
  - A planning horizon of 20 years (up to 2035)
  - $_{\odot}~$  Water demand projections that include a 25% safety factor
    - Uncertainties in population growth
    - changes in water use
    - Impacts of climate change on irrigation
  - $\circ~$  Flexibility to expand as demand increases



#### Let us put water demand into context

- 2014 water demand for Parksville and Nanoose
  - Water demands are increasing
  - $_{\odot}\,$  Existing river intake capacity is limited to 12.2 ML/d
- Groundwater wells
  - Current ERWS wells have a maximum capacity of 11.8 ML/d
  - New wells outside of ERWS are being developed in the same aquifer
  - Therefore existing wells/aquifer capacity declining over time
  - $\circ~$  Need to reduce reliance on groundwater



#### Water Demand and Planning Horizons – Phased Approach

- Phase 1 WTP capacity of 16 ML/d (2016)
  - o Minimum capacity *without* a safety factor
  - Typically not good industry practice
- Phase 2 expansion planned for 2024 to meet the 24 ML/d demand by 2026



- As a phasing option, can the new WTP be located at the existing intake site?
  - $\circ$  Short answer is no
  - $\circ~$  Intake has limited capacity
    - 40 year old infrastructure
    - · Capacity limited to approximately 12 ML/d
  - o Location not suitable
    - In an existing neighbourhood (limited space)
    - Downstream of urban development (risk of contamination)
    - In a floodplain



- Expand WTP in two phases
- Phase 1
  - o Meet demand
  - Meet regulatory requirements
  - Meet a budget of approximately \$20M
- Phase 2
  - Match the scope in Pre-design report
- Four options identified



## Preliminary Design Report

- 24 ML/d of filtration, disinfection and corrosion control
- Transmission mains connecting to the Springwood and the Top Bridge reservoirs



# Transmission Mains: PDR, Options 1, 2 and 4

#### Parksville System Improvements





#### Transmission Mains: PDR, Options 1, 2 and 4

#### Nanoose and Craig Bay Pump Station





#### Options



- All phased options require compromises
- Identified options that meet the budget and require the least compromises
- A few examples:
  - Partial treatment (disinfection only)
  - Reduced capacity (filtration only in a portion of the flow)
  - Less operational flexibility
  - $\circ~$  Limited or no use of WTP during high turbidity events in the summer
  - $\circ~$  Some infrastructure that would be abandoned in Phase 2 ~



#### Option 1: 16 ML/d Disinfection

- 16 ML/d of disinfection and corrosion control
- Membrane filtration deferred to Phase 2
- Phase 1 includes the WTP building including foundations and buried tanks
- Transmission mains connecting to the Springwood and the Top Bridge reservoirs



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## Option 1: 16 ML/d Disinfection

- Advantages
  - Phase 1 infrastructure re-usable for the future expansion
  - Improved operation of distribution system (mixing groundwater and surface water at reservoirs)
- Disadvantages
  - Does not meet IH 4.3.2.1.0
  - Operation limited to low color and turbidity days (Summer use only)
  - 1.5 years to add filtration (delivery, installation and commissioning)





#### Option 2: 16 ML/d Disinfection + Chemical Facility

- 16ML/d of disinfection and corrosion control
- Membrane filtration deferred to Phase 2
- Same treatment performance and capacity as Option 1
- Defers construction of WTP foundation/building except chemical storage facility



#### Option 2: 16 ML/d Disinfection + Chemical Facility

- Advantages
  - Phase 1 infrastructure re-usable for the future expansion (with modifications)
  - Improved operation of distribution system (mixing groundwater and surface water at reservoirs)
- Disadvantages
  - Does not meet IH 4.3.2.1.0
  - Operation limited to low color and turbidity days (Summer use only)
  - Most WTP infrastructure deferred to Phase 2
  - o 2.5 years to add filtration (tender, delivery, installation and commissioning)





#### What are the filtration options in Phase 1?

- Pre-design uses an engineered filtration system that is appropriate for larger facilities (economy of scale)
- Making the WTP smaller and adding the same filtration system would exceed the budget
- To meet the Phase 1 budget with filtration, need trade-offs:
  - Packaged filtration systems
     (cost effective up to 16 ML/d)
  - No high recovery
  - Slab on grade construction
- Phase 2
  - Separate WTP building
  - Engineered filtration system



#### Option 3: 16 ML/d Disinfection + 8 ML/d Filtration

- 16 ML/d of disinfection and corrosion control, 8 ML/d packaged filtration
- Need to defer construction of full transmission mains to offset cost of filtration



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#### **Option 3: Transmission Mains**



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## Option 3: 16 ML/d Disinfection + 8 ML/d Filtration

- Advantages
  - Meets all IH 4.3.2.1.0 requirements.
  - Year round operation
  - Relief to the groundwater wells during the winter
  - Quick filtration expansion to 16 ML/d (5 months)
- Disadvantages
  - Additional cost to integrate Phases 1 and 2
  - Operational complexity in distribution system (no blending)
  - Watermain route on Martindale prone to flooding, abandoned for Phase 2
  - Additional 1.5 year to implement Phase 2



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#### Option 4: 16 ML/d Disinfection + 8 ML/d Filtration

- 16 ML/d of disinfection and corrosion control, 8ML/d packaged filtration
- All transmission mains to Springwood and Top Bridge reservoirs
- Same as Option 3 but with construction of all transmission mains



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## Option 4: 16 ML/d Disinfection + 8 ML/d Filtration

- Advantages
  - Meets all IH 4.3.2.1.0 requirements
  - Year round operation
  - Relief to the groundwater wells during the winter
  - Quick filtration expansion to 16 ML/d
  - Flexibility to provide consistent blended water (filtration & direct connection to reservoirs)
- Disadvantages
  - Additional cost to integrate Phases 1 and 2
  - Additional 1.5 year to implement Phase 2





#### **Treatment Provided**

Process	PDR	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Vortex Sand Separators	$\checkmark$	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Fine Strainers	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Coagulation	$\checkmark$	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Membranes – UF or MF	$\checkmark$	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
UV Disinfection	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Chlorination	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Corrosion Control	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Residuals	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

**Evaluation of Options** 

# **Evaluation Criteria and Weighting**

Primary Criteria	Secondary Criteria
Water Quality	<ul> <li>Compatibility with IH 4.3.2.1.0 and disinfection by product requirements</li> <li>Consistent aesthetics</li> </ul>
Technical Considerations	<ul> <li>Ease of operation of distribution system</li> <li>Performance reliability</li> <li>Flexibility for interim expansion</li> <li>Compatibility with site</li> <li>Shift dependence from ground water to surface water</li> </ul>
Social Considerations	<ul> <li>Relative risk and impact of requiring boiled water advisory or water restrictions</li> <li>Impacts to resident by phasing construction of water transmission mains</li> </ul>
Natural Environmental Considerations	<ul> <li>All options deemed equal in this category</li> </ul>
Economic Considerations	Captured in capital cost estimates

## **Evaluation Criteria and Weighting**



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# **Technical Scoring**

	Option 1 16 ML/d Disinfection	Option 2 16 ML/d Disinfection + Chem. Facility	Option 3 16 ML/d Disinfection + 8 ML/d Fltr.	Option 4 16 ML/d Disinfection + 8 ML/d Fltr.
Raw Score	35	25	57	75
Weighted Score	3.0	2.3	7.3	8.6
Rank by Weighted Score	3	4	2	1

## **Capital Cost Estimate**

	PDR	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Total – 2016	\$35.16 M	\$25.16 M	\$21.59 M	\$23.11 M	\$24.32 M
Total – 2018/2024	\$1.83 M	\$14.00 M	\$17.66 M	\$17.62 M	\$16.41 M
Total Capital Cost	\$36.98 M	\$39.17 M	\$39.25 M	\$40.73 M	\$40.74 M

#### **Best Value Option**

- Benefits and costs compared:
  - Total costs Phase 1 and 2
  - o Cost per point
  - Option 4: best value



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#### Recommendation

- For a phased option to be more financially attractive than the PDR
  - Lower capital cost, and/or
  - Phase 2 be implemented in 20 years or later
- Analysis indicates
  - Phased options have a lower cost for Phase 1 compared to the PDR
  - Phase options have a higher overall project cost compared to the PDR
  - Phase 2 expansion must start within 8 years to meet 2026 water demands (no safety factor)
- Proceed with design outlined in the Pre-Design Report (PDR)

