

CHERRY CREEK WATERWORKS DISTRICT
Governance Conversion Update

What is New?

- 1) In early 2023, Connections Planning Associates Ltd. (CPAL) was commissioned by the Cherry Creek Waterworks District (CCWWD) to undertake a high-level overview of its current governance structure, as an improvement district within the Province of British Columbia. Consideration of such a governance change is becoming more common in British Columbia in recent years due to aging infrastructure, rising costs (construction and other), reduced capacity (both staff and elected officials), inability to access senior government grants, and potential economies of scale. This document represents the beginning of more comprehensive research and discussions with the Board of Trustees, improvement district staff and Cherry Creek residents, as the CCWWD explores the potential of converting its two local services (namely water and fire protection) into the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD). For more details and to see the complete document, visit our website: https://www.cherrycreekwater.com/documents/398/Cherry_Creek_Governance_and_Conversion_Overview_-_Final_Report_August_2023.pdf. Printed copies will be available in the office.
- 2) As you know, the ACRD, on behalf of CCWWD was awarded a \$35,000 Governance and Restructuring Grant from the province of BC. This grant will be used for a full governance study which has been awarded to Connections Planning Associates Ltd. This Study will include a comprehensive overview of the benefits and challenges associated with converting CCWWD's services to ACRD Services, including how well they achieve service delivery and governance goals established by the stakeholders. The consultant who will be awarded this contract as a neutral third-party, will be responsible for tracking community input on the benefits and concerns of the current governance model.

We recognize there has been some confusion around what the Cherry Creek Waterworks District is responsible for. The following chart is a breakdown of the governments responsible for the different services in our area.

Table 1 – List of Local Service Providers in Cherry Creek

Service	CCWWD	ACRD	Province / Other
Cherry Creek Water – treatment and distribution	•		
Cherry Creek Fire Protection	•		
Regional and Electoral Area General Government		•	
Regional / Electoral Area Planning		•	
Building Permits and Inspection		•	
Regional Parks and Trails		•	
Community Parks Services		•	
Regional Hospital District		•	
Transit (custom service / feasibility studies)		•	
Emergency Planning and Preparedness		•	
Water Systems (outside improvement districts)		•	
Solid Waste Management		•	
Environment and Climate Action		•	
Animal Control		•	
Airport Facilities		•	
Policing (RCMP contract)			•
Schools (School District 70)			•
Health Care (Island Health)			•
Septic Requirements (Island Health)			•
Subdivision Approval (MOTI)			•
Roads and Highways (MOTI contract)			•
Provincial Parks			•
BC Assessment Authority			•
Municipal Finance Authority			•
Property Tax Collection			•

Abbreviations:

CCWWD – Cherry Creek Waterworks District
 RCMP – Royal Canadian Mounted Police

ACRD – Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
 MOTI – Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure