

SEID Final Communiqué

December 2025

As we approach the dissolution of SEID and the start of the RDOS ownership of our water system, we have put together some final thoughts:

We would like to recognize some long-term contributions:

- Don Allbright was the longest serving Trustee & Chairperson in SEID's history; Don volunteered from 1983 to 2020.

- Judy Morris, our Office Administrator, web site operator and knowledgeable source of all things related to small government. Judy has been with us since 1999.

We would also like to recognize all the many Trustees and Bailiffs who have volunteered over the years.

The RDOS will assume maintenance of our community lakefront park on January 1, 2026. Future park maintenance issues can be communicated to 250-490-4114. We would like to recognize the contributions of:

- Karl Donoghue for many years of volunteer park maintenance.
- Debbie, Chris, Virgil & Ron for weekly dog waste management.

The timing of our conversion to the RDOS is convenient for the following reasons:

- Two nearby communities need the same upgrades as us which will get more government attention.

- There may be economies of scale by building one large treatment plant rather than three separate plants.

- The federal government has just committed \$5 billion in infrastructure spending that could trickle down to us.

The RDOS has the commitment to upgrade some of our infrastructure like pipes and reservoir connections that will ensure long term viability and avoid catastrophic failures. These are issues that cash-strapped Trustees have typically been reluctant to spend funds on.

The water consumption records show that our community consumes three times the provincial average. It has proven difficult for Trustees to police water consumption as most sprinkling is done in the midnight hours. We hope our residents can embrace landscaping in a manner consistent with our semi-arid climate. The model of lush green lawns with all the subsequent water consumption and toxin applications needs to be replaced with more sustainable practices.

We reached out to the RDOS to see if they had any information to add to our final communication, they did not have anything now but will send out their own communication early in the new year.

We remind all residents to sign up to Voyent Alert, which is the RDOS email service that will provide you with any important information related to our water system. You can register at this website: <https://ca.voyent-alert.com/>.

In case of a water emergency please contact the RDOS at the following telephone numbers:

Regular business hours - 250-490-4135

After hours - 250-490-4141

We applaud the community for voting to have the RDOS assume control of our water system. With the changing environment and new Interior Health Authority regulations, we Trustees have come to learn that water systems are best managed by trained professionals. The government has stated that Water Operators need to be certified and all systems require secondary disinfection. They have further restricted funding to independent small water operators. Our only chance for provincial government funding can come through the RDOS.

Best wishes to all of our residents.

Ron Desilets	Chairperson
Kandis Pohl	Trustee
Crystal Ozaraci	Trustee
Judy Morris	Office Administrator

