

Dear Residents,

## **Vote**

This is a reminder about the upcoming conversion vote for Skaha Estates on May 31, 2025 from 9AM to 3PM in the Okanagan Falls Multi-Purpose Room.

Please be advised that if the majority votes "no", the proposed conversion will not proceed; however, the necessary upgrades must still be completed. Delaying these upgrades for five years is not an option and borrowing will likely be required to fund these upgrades. Residents opposed to conversion to RDOS should be prepared to run for and commit to the position of trustee.

In the event that the majority votes "yes" to the conversion to RDOS, the Skaha Estates Improvement District will continue to operate until the take over is complete, estimated date is January 2026.

## **Projects list**

1. Extend / replace existing intake (Project P2 from the TRUE report) – 3-4 year project.
2. Upgrade chlorine contact system to achieve 20 minutes contact time during periods of peak demand (Project P3 from the TRUE report) – 1 year project
3. Review water quality from new intake location – approximately 2 years of monitoring after commissioning of new intake
4. Develop predesign plan for water treatment – 1 year process to be commenced after completion of water quality monitoring project
5. Execute preferred water treatment strategy (aligns with Project P11 from the TRUE report) ♣  
This project will be highly dependent upon the above items. Likely a 2-3 year project. This could potentially be a very expensive project, and a project start date will have to be carefully considered based on the financial resources of the utility

## **Trustee**

Due to the resignation of Dan Heinrich, the Board of Trustees is short one trustee. A call for nominations will be done after May 31st. A resident with some water system and/or a financial background step forward to assist would be ideal.

## **Electoral Area "D" Director**

Matt Taylor will be hosting a Director discussion on May 21, 2025 from 6:30PM to 7:30PM at the Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre.

Electoral Area "D" residents are invited to attend. Discussion topics will include:

- Next steps for incorporation of Okanagan Falls
- Next steps for acquisition of Vintage Views Wastewater and Lakeshore Waterworks
- Decision factors regarding the potential conversion of Skaha Estates Improvement District to RDOS

### **May 20 Board Meeting**

If any residents have questions for the May 20 Board meeting, please ensure to submit these no later than May 18, 2025. Please submit to [skahaestateswater@gmail.com](mailto:skahaestateswater@gmail.com).

Thank you.