



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

Information Meeting: Sage Mesa Water System Acquisition Assessment

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Location: West Bench Elementary School, 1604 West Bench Drive, Electoral Area "F"

Meeting hosts:

- Riley Gettens, Electoral Area "F" Director
- RDOS Public Works and Legislative Services senior staff

Special guests:

- Amelia Boulton, MLA (Penticton-Summerland)
- Al Aderichin, P. Eng., Head, Water Utilities Engineering, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
- Judy Ekkert, B.Sc., Specialist Environmental Health Officer, Drinking Water Systems Program, Environmental Public Health - Interior Health

Reason for the meeting:

- Provide a high-level review of the **2024 Engineering and Financial Assessments**
- Introduce the **assent voting (referendum) process**
- Provide residents with an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback with special guests, Director Gettens, and RDOS senior staff

Important notes:

- **No new funding announcements** are planned at this time.
- This is a **follow-up session** to the public meeting held on **Wednesday, October 30, 2024**.
- A **third public information** meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**.
- The assent vote is anticipated to be scheduled in November 2025.
Assent and advance voting dates will be advertised via mail-out and RDOS web and social media channels.

To submit questions and view engineering and financial assessments, frequently asked questions, next steps, and a recording of the October 30th information meeting, please visit the **Sage Mesa Water System Acquisition Assessment** project page on the [RDOS Regional Connections](#) interactive website.

Meetings scheduled for June 12 and September 10 are in person. Video presentations will be prepared and posted on RDOS Regional Connections. For further information, please visit rdosregionalconnections.ca or contact RDOS Communications.

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Water Capital Upgrades Required

Figures are the maximum costs based on the worst-case scenario for required work if no grant funding is available.

Borrowing for water upgrades (A and B)

Number of properties: 242

Annual debt per property by 2033* est. \$4,650 to \$5,250

*interest rate determined at time of borrowing

Borrowing for water upgrades (A, B, and C)

Number of properties: 242

Annual debt per property by 2038* est. \$8,300 to \$9,400
(if total amount is borrowed)

*interest rate determined at time of borrowing

Types of Upgrades	Estimated Cost	When Required
A. Required Upgrades	\$10.2M	2025-2032
B. Supply & Treatment (assume highest cost option)	\$8.2M	2026-2029
C. Remaining Watermain upgrades	\$ 14.6M	2033-2037
Total Cost for All Upgrades	\$ 33.0 M	

What could decrease costs?

- Potential partnership on water treatment plant
- Condition assessments on some watermains
- Senior Government Grant funding

Sage Mesa Water Service Area

