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### **Regional District seeks grant funding for Quathiaski Cove Sewer Extension Project**

**Campbell River, BC** – At its April 13 meeting, the Strathcona Regional District Board of Directors decided to pursue a grant funding opportunity in support of the Quathiaski Cove Sewer Extension project which will extend the existing sewer system to allow for 38 additional properties. The New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund program is accepting applications for infrastructure projects until April 28, 2016, and the Regional District will make a submission in the hope of securing funds to help finance the Quadra Island project.

“The results of last year’s tendering process exceeded the project budget,” says John MacDonald, Board Chair. “Our ultimate goal is to ensure this project is affordable, and grant funding will help to manage the total cost of this project. If we are successful in this application, these funds will help to achieve our goal and free up Gas Tax funds currently earmarked for this project for use on other Area C projects.”

The New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund is a program available through the federal and provincial government, offering funding support for infrastructure projects in communities with less than 100,000 people. The federal and provincial governments each contribute one third toward funding projects, with the remainder coming from the funding recipient.

Under the grant funding program guidelines, projects are deemed ineligible if a tender is awarded or construction has already begun prior to grant funding approval. As such, the Board decided to go ahead with the grant application and postpone the re-tendering process until such time a decision is made on the grant application.

More information on the Quathiaski Cove Sewer Extension project can be found online at [www.strathconard.ca/services](http://www.strathconard.ca/services).

The Strathcona Regional District is a partnership of four electoral areas and five municipalities providing approximately 43,000 residents with 55 services including parks, liquid and solid waste systems, fire protection, emergency preparedness programs and a full-service sports facility.

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