

# Saltair water system filtration grant successful

Considerable reduction in costs of treatment upgrades for taxpayers

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Stocking Lake is the open water source for the Saltair water system that requires a filtration system under the Province of BC drinking water regulations. (Photo submitted)

Saltair taxpayers will pay less and receive more following the approval of a grant application for the Saltair water treatment expansion project.

“I wanted to run up and down the streets knocking on everyone’s door to spread the amazing news,” noted Lynne Smith, Cowichan Valley Regional District director for Area G.

An Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure (Environmental Quality Program) grant will provide \$6 million in funding.

As a result, the CVRD will increase the capacity of the Saltair water system and two new treatment units will be installed to improve water quality at the existing treatment plant site, along with a micro-hydro turbine to generate green power and reduce the plant’s overall energy consumption.

“I thank everyone who helped bring this about, particularly the Saltair Water Advisory Committee, which provided a needed perspective and helpful advice,” Smith enthused. “I also specifically thank the local, provincial and federal