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Saltair water system receives \$3.9 million in funding for filtration upgrade project

DUNCAN, BC – The community of Saltair is receiving approximately \$3.9 million in senior government funding to complete a water filtration project required to meet provincial drinking water guidelines.

The funding comes from the Government of Canada and Province of British Columbia’s joint Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program’s Green Infrastructure Stream, and represents approximately 70% of the total estimated \$5 million cost of the water filtration project.

“Our community is so thrilled to receive this contribution to ensure the longterm sustainability of our drinking water,” said Lynne Smith, Director of Area G – Saltair/Thetis Island. “On behalf of residents in Saltair, I want to thank our federal and provincial partners for supporting this project and ensuring we can complete this upgrade.”

The Saltair Water Treatment Expansion Project will see the installation of two new treatment units to bring the water system into compliance with provincial surface water treatment regulations.

“The water quality for the Saltair system is already excellent, so we’re very lucky to start with,” said Brian Dennison, Manager of Water Management for the Cowichan Valley Regional District. “But this just adds another layer of drinking water protection and ensures residents will have a best-in-class system for many years to come.”

With the funding now secured, a request for proposals (RFP) will be issued shortly for a design build for the Saltair Water Treatment Expansion Project. The project is anticipated to be completed in late 2022.

The Saltair Water Treatment Expansion Project was one of [10 projects](#) supported through the [Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program’s Green Infrastructure Stream](#).

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