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Town of Gibsons Commissions Prowse Road Lift Station

May 20, 2021 – The Town of Gibsons today announced that the upgrades at the Prowse Road lift station are largely complete and that the newly installed equipment is now pumping sewage to the Town’s wastewater treatment plant as expected.

Upgrades to the lift station, which was first constructed in 1972, included replacing corroded pipes, improving the wet well and updating valves and electrical components.

“The upgrades at the Prowse Road lift station significantly reduce the risk of equipment failure, which could have led to overflows of sewage into the ocean,” stated Dave Newman, the Town’s Director of Infrastructure Services. *“Additionally, the improvements work, in concert with a recent capacity upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant, to greatly reduce operations and maintenance costs. It’s reassuring to know that this key piece of infrastructure is the most reliable it has been in decades and I thank all staff involved for their hard work on the project.”*

The Prowse Road Lift Station is a significant component of the Town’s sanitary collection system, providing service for roughly 40% of Gibsons’ sanitary flows. Sewage from the eastern portion of the Town, which cannot drain by gravity directly to the wastewater treatment plant, drains to the Prowse Road Lift Station, and is then pumped via a force main to the wastewater plant for treatment.

Final costs for the upgrade project are expected to be close to the budgeted amount of \$1.76 million.

Work at the site was initiated in the fourth quarter of 2019, with a section of force main and a temporary standby pump installed before the project was delayed by supply issues related to COVID-19. The job resumed in April 2021, and staff completed key component upgrades in May. Some paving and other minor improvements are still required at the site; they are expected to be completed in June 2021.

For more information about the upgrades to the Prowse Road Lift Station, please visit: gibsons.ca/prowse-road-lift-station.

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