

Policy Title: Water Service Connection - CVWS	Policy Number: P35
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Purpose

1. The purpose of this policy is to provide the requirements and guiding principles for how properties are added to the Comox Valley water system.

Scope

2. This policy applies to all properties in the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox and the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD).

Guiding Principle

3. The CVRD regional growth strategy (RGS) puts in place various goals and policies to guide and manage growth in the Comox Valley. The RGS provides policy specific to providing water services and provides guidance for when water should be made available.

Definitions

4. The following definitions apply:
 - a) Comox Valley Water System – means the Comox Valley water system owned and operated by the CVRD that provides water in bulk to the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox and the local service areas.
 - b) Member Municipality – means the City of Courtenay and the Town of Comox.
 - c) Local Service Area – means the CVRD water local service areas of Arden, Comox Valley, England Road, Marsden/Camco, and Greaves Crescent water local service areas.
 - d) Professional Hydrologist – means a person who is registered as a professional geoscientist or professional engineer with competency in the field of hydrology.
 - e) Settlement Expansion Area – means settlement expansion area as defined in the CVRD RGS.

Policy Statement

5. Water service connections will be allowed to the Comox Valley water system provided the following conditions can be met:
 - a) the property is within the boundaries of a member municipality; or
 - b) the property is within a local service area in the CVRD areas A, B or C; or
 - c) the applicant has:
 - (i) retained a professional hydrologist to demonstrate that they cannot produce water to an acceptable standard, as currently specified by the health based standards contained in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality, or that they cannot produce water to an acceptable volume defined as 2,500 litres/day per dwelling unit.
 - (ii) any existing septic tank and field systems have been adequately maintained and pumped, and proof of maintenance is provided;

- (iii) the applicant has paid or deposited sufficient security for all costs associated with the extension of services for the service connection including any deposits, charges, DCC's, or Latecomer agreements;
- (iv) for properties within *settlement expansion areas* a covenant under Section 219 of the *Land Title Act* is registered against the property at the owner's expense prohibiting any subdivision of the land until it is within a municipality, or until a satisfactory servicing agreement has been established; and
- (v) that any extension of the water mains or water connections are in accordance with the Comox Valley water system long range infrastructure plans and good engineering practices.

Revision History

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