

Union Bay Improvement District Conversion Study

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The Union Bay Improvement District Conversion Study is currently underway and is being conducted by Urban Systems. The Conversion Study explores the implications of the potential conversion of existing UBID services (water, fire protection, and street lighting) to the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD).

At this time, Urban Systems has completed a background review of the current services in Union Bay, a community engagement plan, as well as a review of the existing engineering reports. Due to COVID-19, revisions to the community engagement process are necessary and are currently under discussion.

Stakeholder engagement sessions are currently underway via teleconference. Communicating with key stakeholders will allow Urban Systems to gain a fulsome understanding of the implications of a potential service conversion to inform the Analysis of Governance Options. The stakeholder engagement sessions include consultation with the following parties:

- **UBID Trustees and staff**
- **Electoral 'A' Director**
- **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **UBID and CVRD staff including:**
 - Water service operators
 - Fire service operators
 - BC Hydro
 - Financial personnel
 - Administration personnel

Although the public engagement component of the project must be adapted to the current situation, consultation remains a critical component to the study. The ratepayers of Union Bay are ultimately responsible to decide the pathway forward through the elector assent process. It remains a top priority for all stakeholders to ensure that the community is meaningfully engaged throughout the process.

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MARCH - APRIL

BACKGROUND REVIEW
AND STAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT ✓

APRIL - MAY

ANALYSIS OF
GOVERNANCE
OPTIONS

JUNE

DRAFT REPORT

JUNE - JULY

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

AUGUST

FINAL REPORT

✓ = COMPLETED