



DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING

Dear District of Peachland Resident,

The District of Peachland is planning to expand Peachland's sanitary sewer system to meet the community's current operational needs while preparing for future growth, expansion and regulatory requirements.

PEACHLAND'S SEWER SYSTEM

Peachland's sanitary sewer system currently includes both on-site septic systems and a community sewer system connected to the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in West Kelowna. The District of Peachland provides sewer to approximately 60% of the properties in the District.

For more information about the District's sewer service, visit peachland.ca/services/sewer.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SEWER?

- **Cleaner and safer community spaces:** Improperly maintained septic systems can leak contaminants that may cause serious illness or disease. A sewer system would help keep Okanagan Lake and our community's beaches clean and safe for everyone to use.
- **Water quality protection:** Aging and failing septic systems may pose a risk to the environment, especially Okanagan Lake and the surrounding groundwater. Removing these septic systems helps protect the water we use for drinking and recreation.
- **Higher property values:** Sewer systems provide more reliable service and eliminate the need to maintain septic systems. This can lead to higher property values and more space on your property for personal use.

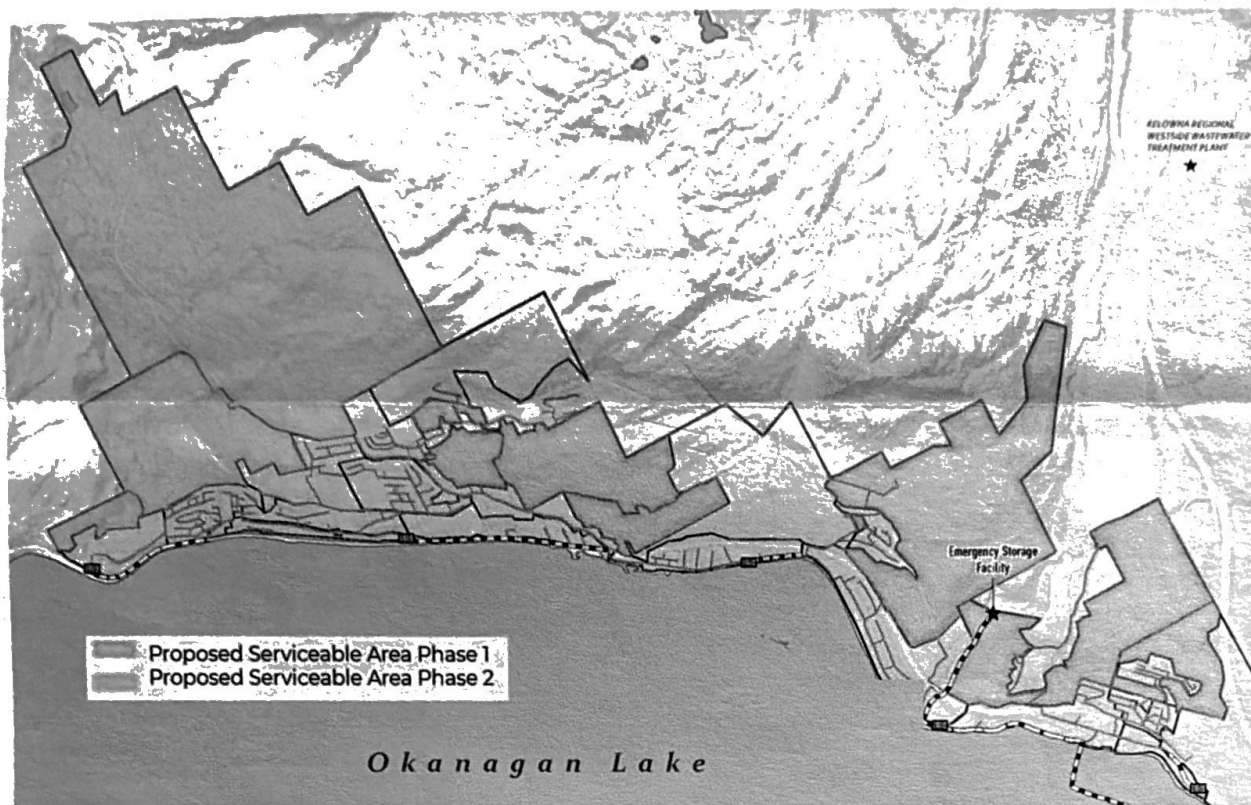
BRINGING SEWER TO UN-SERVICED AREAS

Since 1995, Peachland has been taking a phased approach to expand its wastewater collection system. This approach ensures new infrastructure is cost-effective, environmentally responsible and meets the changing needs of the community. The proposed phases to bring sewer to the remaining un-serviced areas are:

- **Phase 1:** Princeton area (from Hardy Street to Gladstone Road and Okanagan Lake to Princeton/Turner Avenues), Trepanier area and Ponderosa area.
- **Phase 2:** Cousins Road, Northeast of Walker Road, Upper Princeton.



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HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST?

The District of Peachland is working to make the sewer system affordable for residents by seeking grant funding from the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) and the Province of BC. If the Province provides grant funding, it could cover up to three-quarter of the total costs. However, it is highly likely that the District will need to establish **Local Area Services (LAS)** for costs not covered by grants. An LAS is a utility service, such as sewer or water, that is provided to an area in a community on behalf of the municipality. An LAS is paid for in whole or in part by local property owners in the area through local service taxes. An LAS can only be established if taxpayers in the area approve of the service through a petition or referendum.

The cost per property will depend on if the District receives funding from the provincial government:

Phase	Estimated cost per property with grant funding	Estimated cost per property without grant funding
Phase 1 properties	up to \$350 per year for 25 years	up to \$2,600 per year for 25 years
Phase 2 properties	up to \$1,000 per year for 25 years	up to \$7,000 per year for 25 years

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Property owners can also choose to pay the local service taxes in a lump sum instead of spread over 25 years. In addition to these local service taxes, other costs for property owners would include the initial connection to sewer and the decommissioning of the septic system on the property. These costs will range greatly based on the property and are not included in the estimates above.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Before moving forward with planning, the District wants to hear from owners of currently un-serviced properties to understand their level of support for bringing a sanitary sewer system to un-serviced neighbourhoods.

Please complete this 5-minute survey by **Sunday, August 31, 2025** to let us know if you are interested in bringing sewer to your property and how much you would be willing to pay.

To complete the survey:

Enter the survey URL: <https://ca.research.net/r/PeachlandSewer>

Scan the QR code:



If you need help completing the survey, please reach out to:

Email: marinabryant@urbansystems.ca

Phone: 778-738-4097

If you received this letter and your property is already connected to the District's sanitary sewer system, please disregard this letter and survey.