



# MEDIA RELEASE

## SARATOGA WATER SYSTEM TO RECEIVE FUNDING Project made possible thanks to Federal Gas Tax Funds

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**Scotch Creek, BC** – The Copper Island RV Park will soon see an end to its long-standing water quality issues. The Columbia Shuswap Regional District will receive up to \$1.486 million from the Federal Gas Tax Fund to upgrade the Saratoga Water System in Scotch Creek.

The Copper Island RV Park is a 41 lot development within Scotch Creek which has experienced a lengthy history of water quality issues. This project will provide upgrades to the adjacent Saratoga Water System in order to facilitate the connection of the Copper Island RV Park and potentially, other private water systems within the Scotch Creek area. Upgrades will include new lake pumps, an additional reactor, a new reservoir, 140 metres of supply water main, 400 metres of distribution water main and a new pressure reducing valve (PRV) station. The cost of this upgrade is estimated to be fully covered by the grant from the Federal Gas Tax Fund.

### Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada provides more than \$278 million in annual funding for local government infrastructure in British Columbia through the Federal Gas Tax Fund.
- To date, the program has transferred nearly \$3 billion to approximately 5,000 projects across the province.
- The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) administers the Gas Tax Fund in BC, in collaboration with Canada and British Columbia.

### Quotes

*“This is a positive step forward for the community of Scotch Creek. The grant funds will allow for the first major infrastructure upgrade to the Saratoga Water System since 2006. This upgrade will enhance the water system’s expansion capacity and will provide a safe and reliable water connection to the existing Copper Island RV Park within Scotch Creek, which is currently struggling to meet drinking water regulations.”*

Director Larry Morgan, Electoral Area F  
Columbia Shuswap Regional District

*“Communities across BC are looking for funding to replace, upgrade and expand local infrastructure. The Federal Gas Tax Fund is accelerating the pace of infrastructure renewal through the transfer of close to \$3 billion since 2005 for projects in our province. I appreciate the Government of Canada’s long-term commitment to fund priorities identified by BC local governments.”*

Director Wendy Booth  
President, Union of BC Municipalities

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*Improvements to local infrastructure are so important. They make our communities better places to live. We are pleased to partner with local governments and the federal government to improve the daily lives of British Columbians.”*

Minister, Selina Robinson  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

### **Associated Links**

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To see all projects approved through the current intake of the Federal Gas Tax Fund, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/16553>

To learn more about the Federal Gas Tax Fund visit: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html>.

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