

Dear Residents of Hedley,

We are reaching out to our community with an important request. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance our water supply system, we are looking to form two committees, and we are looking for volunteers!

1. **RDOS Transition Committee:** Our first committee will focus on researching the feasibility of transitioning our water supply management to the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS). This transition will have significant effects on our community, but we need dedicated volunteers to assess the costs, implications, and potential advantages (or disadvantages) of doing so. If you have expertise in water management, finance, or community planning, or want to be involved in your community we encourage you to join this committee.

2. **District Revenue Enhancement Committee:** Our second committee will focus on reviewing our current methods of raising funds and to making suggestions for improvement. The committee will explore various questions such as:
 - Should we eliminate the parcel tax, considering that the base can change from year to year?
 - Should each lot, regardless of whether it has a curb stop or is part of a parcel, be charged a fixed amount?
 - How should we tax businesses, and how do we define “business”?
 - Should we use BC Assessment values as a basis for taxation, and if so, how should we establish a mill rate?
 - How do other Improvement Districts raise funds?

The goal of this committee is to ensure a fair and effective approach to funding our districts needs.

Why Volunteer?

- Make a positive impact on our community.
- Collaborate with fellow residents and experts.
- Shape the future of Hedley's water supply.

How to Get Involved: If you're passionate about our town, water management, community development, or fundraising, we invite you to join one of these committees. Please email us at hid825@telus.net with your name, contact information, and the committee you're interested in together with any relevant experience. Please note that enthusiasm is more important than experience.

Let's work together to ensure a reliable and sustainable water supply for Hedley!