



NEWS RELEASE

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SORRENTO BULK WATER FILL STATION OPENS

The taps will be turned on at the newly developed Sorrento Bulk Water Fill Station beginning Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

The station is located at the Sorrento-Blind Bay Community Park at 2670 Davidson Road, Sorrento.

The project is now complete and ready to deliver water to the public for a fee of \$0.003/ per litre. This means a 1,000-litre water tank would cost \$3 to fill. The system is designed for large-scale filling of water. It does not accommodate household water jugs or smaller containers.

Residents in the Sorrento area whose properties are outside the Sorrento Water System Service Area have been asking for a more convenient source of water in their areas. As many of these properties are located at elevations substantially above the current Sorrento water system reservoirs, they are unable to be serviced by that current gravity-fed system.

The CSR D has long-term plans to build a new upper reservoir to help service these areas, however, these systems are costly, running into millions of dollars. Completion will require funding from higher levels of government.

In the meantime, this new bulk water station will provide citizens with better access to a safe, affordable water source. Previously, many Electoral Area C residents were having to drive into Salmon Arm to obtain their water supplies.

Users of the system will have to purchase a payment swipe card at a cost of \$10 and then can pre-load the card up to a maximum of \$500. Once the amount has been spent, the cards can be reloaded with additional funds. The purchase of cards and payment reloads can be made at the CSR D office located at 555 Harbourfront Drive NE, Salmon Arm beginning August 4, 2020. The CSR D will accept cash, debit or cheque. Credit card purchases are not accepted.

Bulk water purchasers are required to bring their own hoses with applicable fittings for either a 2-inch cam lock or 1.5-inch firehose-type connection.

The development of the \$60,000 facility was funded by the CSR D, with half the money coming from the Electoral Area C Community Works Fund and the remainder from the Sorrento Water System reserve. The rate being charged is consistent with the price at the Salmon Arm Bulk Water Station.

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