

Assent Vote

Water Treatment Plant Loan Authorization

Further to the public house on this matter, here is a list of potential outcomes depending on whether you vote YES or NO.

YES

- ▶ **Funding Sources:** The District would start the borrowing process, but would also continue to seek other funding sources to reduce the amount to be borrowed. Upon securing the funding, the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) construction project would start.
- ▶ **WTP Infrastructure:** A permanent water treatment plant will provide a reliable and sustainable water supply for the future, and reduce the need for temporary solutions. By owning and operating a water treatment plant, the District will eliminate the high rental costs and reduce its overall expenses.
- ▶ **Regulatory Compliance:** A new facility will ensure compliance with current drinking water regulations.
- ▶ **Next Steps:** Complete detailed design of the WTP, obtain all necessary approvals, procure equipment, and complete necessary upgrades, with expected completion scheduled for late 2026 or early 2027.

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NO

- ▶ **Funding Sources:** District staff would continue to investigate any possible funding sources for the construction of a water treatment plant including additional expenses for project delays.
- ▶ **WTP Infrastructure:** The District has been dependent on a temporary Water Treatment Plan. However, the District will eventually need to return the rented clarifier due to lack of funding, resulting in the issuance of a Boil Water Notice and reliance on temporary solutions.
- ▶ **Regulatory Compliance:** When the rented clarifier is returned, the District will be in non-compliance with the Drinking Water Protection Act which could lead to fines and further orders.
- ▶ **Next Steps:** The District will continue to face challenges regarding both the quality and quantity of the water supply due to the lack of funding for a new Water Treatment Plant. District staff will actively seek funding options for this project; otherwise, we may not be able to provide potable water.