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Wells Gray Country-Electoral Area 'A' TNRD

Vavenby gets \$50,000 to help with water system repairs

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Vavenby residents on the water system can rest easier. They won't have to pay a tax increase for the costs incurred last summer when approximately 300 m of 100 mm water-main under Riverside Road were replaced as a result of a break.

On Feb. 12, 2009, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District passed a resolution to use \$50,000 in gas tax credit funds to cover all of the unexpected capital expenditure. TNRD director Tim Pennell, Wells Gray Country (Area A) representative, said, "... by so doing we have averted a very substantial tax increase that would have been required to cover these costs. They'd already paid a huge whack...."

Four years ago residents had to pay a third of the cost of upgrading the community water system. The upgrades consisted of a new reservoir, intake and supply works, and hooking up the south side of Vavenby to the system. Vavenby community water system was successful in obtaining grant funding of \$449,900 through the Canada/British Columbia Infrastructure Program. The rest was paid by the residents, which cost north side owners \$1,600 per parcel of land and the residents on the south side of the river \$6,000 per parcel of land.

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