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New BioSolids Facility Completed for the Village of Gold River

GOLD RIVER – The Village of Gold River Mayor and Council held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Beneficial Biosolids Reuse facility, which will provide a vastly improved and updated facility for the processing of solid waste for both current and future community needs.

This project was funded through the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF), which provided approximately \$450 million in joint federal, provincial and municipal funding for 180 projects throughout the province. The fund enabled crucial investments in local government infrastructure, specifically supporting long-term benefits in rehabilitating drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems, as well as planning and designing future facilities and upgrades to existing wastewater systems.

“Investing in modern waste management systems, such as this new bio-solids facility in Gold River, is key to better protecting human health and the environment, and fostering more sustainable communities,” said Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament for West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country, on behalf of the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure Communities. “Canada’s infrastructure plan invests in thousands of projects, creates jobs, and builds cleaner, more inclusive communities.”

“Safe and effective wastewater systems are essential to the health and well-being of people in all of B.C.’s communities, large and small,” said Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs. “This new facility provides the Village of Gold River with a modern wastewater treatment solution this is not only environmentally sustainable, but also a great example of what can be done when all orders of government work together to deliver services that British Columbians depend on.”

The new facility is 70% more efficient and is an environmental improvement compared to the previous manual bagging system as it eliminates non-biodegradable bags sent to the landfill. The system will also have a positive effect on run times from Gold River’s current manual system which runs two hours per day, allowing staff to focus on other key responsibilities.

“The Village of Gold River is very fortunate to the Federal and Provincial Governments for this major investment in our growing community” said Brad Unger, Mayor of Gold River. “This new state of the art facility will provide the Village the ability to efficiently process materials for many years to come”.

Village staff worked with all levels of Government on the project and bring it to fruition. CAO Brad McRae stated, “this project took a lot of strong partnerships on many levels to complete. Staff and consultants took a hard look and revised the project substantially in order to make it successful”.

The project received \$494,937 in grants from the CWWF.

For more information about the Village of Gold River and the Village of Gold River Bio-Solids facility, visit www.goldriver.ca



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