

qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT

POLICY

SECTION 5 INDIVIDUAL SERVICE POLICIES – MYRTLE POND WATER SYSTEM

POLICY 5.2.9

SUBJECT MYRTLE POND WATER SYSTEM BOUNDARY EXTENSION

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PURPOSE

To provide guidance to the potential inclusion of properties into the Myrtle Pond Water Service Area through a boundary extension at the written request of property owners.

RATIONALE

There is potential demand for servicing land outside of the Myrtle Pond Water Service Area which includes both existing homes at densities similar to those in the current service area, and undeveloped land. Given the potential demand, the qathet Regional District Board wishes to find an equitable means of accommodating the inclusion of properties currently outside the Myrtle Pond Water Service Area that may be permitted to join the Service Area through payment of the amount payable under the adopted Myrtle Pond Water System Capital Inclusion Charge Bylaw. Requests by property owners to be included in the Myrtle Pond Water System will be considered on a case by case basis according to the criteria established within this Policy, and all other applicable qathet Regional District policies and bylaws.

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Properties currently outside the boundaries of the Myrtle Pond Water Service Area may, at the request of the property owner, be permitted by the qathet Regional District to join the Service Area provided that:

1. Expansion of the boundaries of the Myrtle Pond Water Service Area requires an amendment to the Myrtle Pond Water Local Service Establishment Bylaw.
2. Expansion of the boundaries of the Myrtle Pond Water Service Area requires an amendment to the Myrtle Pond Zoning Bylaw.
3. Any proposed amendments to the Bylaws is subject to approval of the qathet Regional District Board in its sole and unfettered discretion and, without in any way limiting the Board's discretion, the following criteria will be reviewed and commented upon by qathet Regional District staff when making recommendations to the Board in respect of any proposed boundary amendment:

- a) There is sufficient water supply to allow expansion;
 - b) The property and use will conform to the Electoral Area B Official Community Plan and all amendments thereto;
 - c) The property and use will conform to Myrtle Pond Zoning Bylaw and any and all amendments thereto;
 - d) The boundary extension is contiguous to the existing boundaries of the Service Area; or in an area approved by the qathet Regional District Board.
 - e) The applicant has no other suitable source of potable water;
 - f) In addition to the capital improvement charge the applicant will pay for all costs to connect their individual lot to the water system;
 - g) The expansion does not cause an unacceptable condition in the existing water supply or distribution system at maximum day demand plus fire flow, or at peak hour demand.
4. Only one water connection and one water meter per parcel is permitted.
 5. The owner pays all applicable capital improvement charges in accordance with the Myrtle Pond Water System Capital Improvement Charge Bylaw.
 6. Extensions of water mains or connections be constructed in accordance with the Myrtle Pond Water System sustainable infrastructure plans, good engineering practices, and approved by the Health Authority.