

Summer Water Restrictions & Drought Levels

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District moved to Level 4 watering restrictions on August 17th. With only 4.2 mm of rain recorded at St. Mary Lake since July 1st, Salt Spring is in a severe drought situation. Typical rainfall for July and August is much higher - 51.2 mm. On August 14th, the provincial government raised the drought rating for eastern Vancouver Island, which includes Salt Spring, to Level 4. Level 4 is the highest drought rating and represents a situation where water supply may be insufficient to meet all socio-economic and ecosystem needs. SSI lake levels typically continue to decline until at least early October so the NSSWD urges all islanders to continue conserving water as much as possible both indoors and outdoors.

See the District website for [recent lake level measurements](#).

(<https://northsaltspringwaterworks.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Lake-levels-September-6-2018.pdf>)

St. Mary Lake Treatment Plant

The Trustees are pleased to announce that the dissolved air floatation (DAF) water treatment plant construction is in the final stages. The project continues to be on time and within budget. Commissioning of the plant is scheduled for the end of September during which time senior operators will be putting the plant through a range of operational scenarios and working out any bugs in the programming. There will be various technical representatives on site reviewing the equipment that each firm supplied and providing training to operators.

The technology and treatment processes selected for this plant will produce water that meets or exceeds current regulations; however, it may take some time to notice the full extent of the improvement in water

quality because residue consisting of organic material and metals has built up in the pipes over many years. Once the new water from the DAF plant is being distributed, that residue will break down over several months. The new plant will produce water that contains acceptable levels of disinfection by-products, turbidity, and manganese; will protect against Cryptosporidium and Giardia; will need less chlorine; and will taste and smell much better. The Trustees will be inviting anyone interested in viewing the plant to an open house event when the plant is up and operating.



Looking Forward

The completion of the St Mary Lake DAF plant will see the end of one of the largest infrastructure projects ever undertaken on Salt Spring. For staff and trustees, this project has been the major focus of effort and financial resources over the past four years. Trustees and staff now need to re-focus and establish new priorities for the District. As such, trustees and senior staff will be participating in a series of facilitated strategic planning sessions to determine future priorities. More information on the outcome of the strategic planning process will be provided in the coming months.

Trustee Meetings

Regular Trustee meetings are scheduled once a month through out the year. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. A schedule of planned Trustee meetings is shown below



Trustee Meeting Calendar

 = Trustee Meeting

Unless posted otherwise:

Trustee meetings are held in the board room at the office of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District

761 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K S1

In Camera Trustee meetings begin at 09:30 AM

Regular Trustee meetings begin at 10:00 AM

Please visit the District website for information if you wish to attend a Trustee meeting

WinCalendar May 2018						
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AGM schedule to be determined for April