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### Public Invited to the UV Disinfection Facility Official Opening

The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) is inviting the public and the media to join in celebrating the Official Opening of the Duteau Creek Water Treatment Plant (DCWTP) Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection Facility on June 25, 2019. Tours of the new UV Disinfection Facility and the Duteau Creek Water Treatment Plant will be offered from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm.

“The completion of the UV Disinfection Facility marks a significant milestone for our community”, said Kevin Acton, Chair of the RDNO Board of Directors. “We hope our residents can make it out to celebrate in the opening of this cutting edge UV Disinfection Facility and see firsthand how their water makes the journey from raw water to treated, safe drinking water.”

Construction of the RDNO’s innovative UV Disinfection Facility, built adjacent to the DCWTP, was completed in early 2019, and is a key component of Greater Vernon Water’s (GVW) Master Water Plan (MWP). The MWP provides a road map to meeting the water needs of our growing population as well as Provincial water treatment guidelines to protect health.

GVW now uses the unique combination of UV Disinfection and Dissolved Air Flotation at the DCWTP. A monitoring plan is being developed in partnership with Interior Health to ensure continuing compliance.

Through the Canada-British Columbia Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, the Federal and Provincial Governments awarded the RDNO \$5.81 million to fund the installation of the UV Disinfection Facility. The total project cost was approximately \$7 million, with the remaining portion, less than 20% of the project cost, being covered by the GVW Water Utility.

#### **Official Opening Details:**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 25, 2019

**Time:** Gates open at 9:00 am with speeches and ribbon cutting commencing at 10:00 am

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**MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES:**  
CITY OF ARMSTRONG  
DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM  
CITY OF ENDERBY

VILLAGE OF LUMBY  
TOWNSHIP OF SPALLUMCHEEN  
CITY OF VERNON

**ELECTORAL AREAS:**  
“B” – SWAN LAKE  
“C” – B.X. DISTRICT  
“D” – LUMBY (RURAL)

“E” – CHERRYVILLE  
“F” – ENDERBY (RURAL)

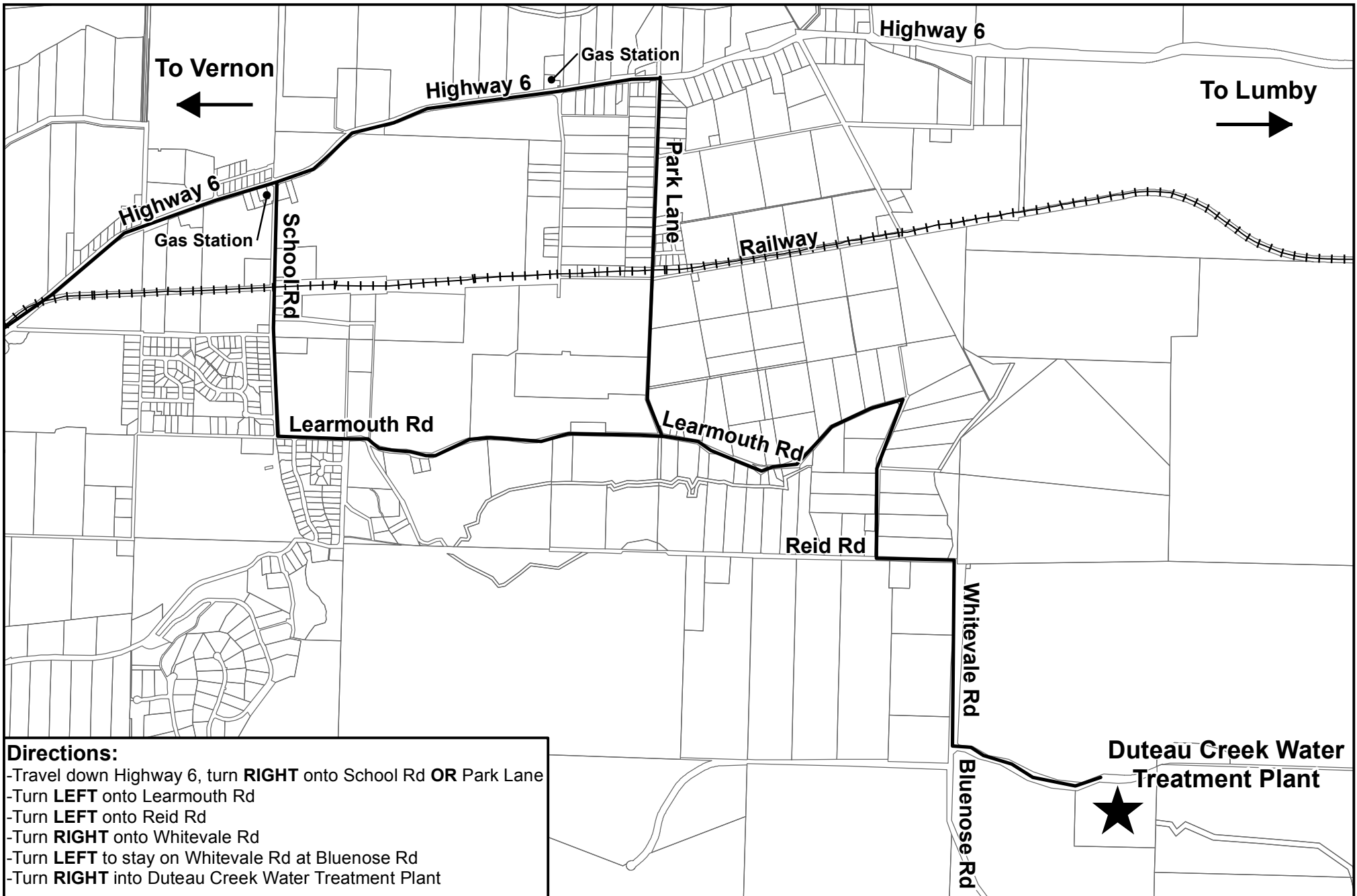
**Location:** Duteau Creek Water Treatment Plant, 1014 Whitevale Road, Lavington  
(map attached)

**Tours:** Tours of the DCWTP and UV Disinfection Facility will begin at 10:30 am and will run until 2:00 pm

- Minimum age for the tours - seven (7) years old
- Participants aged 7 to 14 must be accompanied by an adult
- Wheel chair access is limited
- Clothing requirements – closed toe shoes only, no skirts/dresses, high heels or loose clothing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For further information, please call 250-550-3700 or visit [www.rdno.ca](http://www.rdno.ca).



**Directions:**

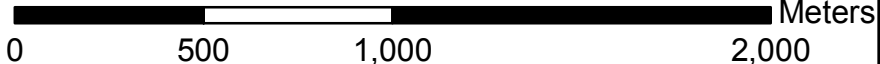
- Travel down Highway 6, turn **RIGHT** onto School Rd **OR** Park Lane
- Turn **LEFT** onto Learmouth Rd
- Turn **LEFT** onto Reid Rd
- Turn **RIGHT** onto Whitevale Rd
- Turn **LEFT** to stay on Whitevale Rd at Bluenose Rd
- Turn **RIGHT** into Duteau Creek Water Treatment Plant

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**Direction Map to Duteau Water Treatment Plant Site**

Scale: 1:20,000

Plot Size: 11" x 8.5"



**REGIONAL DISTRICT NORTH OKANAGAN**



Plot Date: May 23, 2019