



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

## Development and Service Connection Information

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The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) is recommending property owners wanting to build, develop, or connect to Greater Vernon Water, Silver Star Water, Mabel Lake Water, Mabel Lake Sewer, Grindrod Water, or Whitevale Water submit a Development Inquiry Application.

**Why?** A Development Inquiry will provide you with important information about fees and conditions required to connect to an RDNO utility so you can plan and finance your project accordingly. It will reduce the chance of a surprise when you apply for a Development or Building Permit that could hold up your application.

**How?** Download the applicable Water Service Application / Development Inquiry Form:

- Greater Vernon Water – [www.rdno.ca/gvw](http://www.rdno.ca/gvw), click on Forms
- Silver Star Water, Mabel Lake Water, Grindrod Water or Whitevale Water – [www.rdno.ca/forms](http://www.rdno.ca/forms), click on Water Service Application / Development Inquiry – Small Utilities
- Mabel Lake Sewer - [www.rdno.ca/forms](http://www.rdno.ca/forms), click on Sewer Service Application / Development Inquiry – Mabel Lake

Submit the completed form and application fee to the RDNO Utilities Department in person at 9848 Aberdeen Road, Coldstream, BC or call to speak with a Technologist for other options.

**What you will receive?** You will be provided a written response outlining items to consider when you want to build, develop, or connect to one of the RDNO's utilities. Under each utility in the sections below, is a list of what will be reviewed for your specific property and the items that will be applicable to you will be provided to you in a letter so you can use for your planning purposes. This letter can be submitted with a Development, Building Permit or Water Service application to get your application started and is valid for one (1) year.

### **Greater Vernon Water:**

- If offsite works are required
- Service Construction Fee
- Connection Fee
- Development Cost Charges (DCCs)
- Latecomer Fees
- Water meter requirements (meters that can't be placed in building within 20 m of property line must be installed in a meter pit at property line)
- Backflow / premise isolation requirements
- Serviceable (service area, private utility, distance beyond terminus of system)
- Agricultural allocation
- System capacity (domestic and agricultural)

### **Silver Star Water:**

- If additional water allocation is required
- If water service replacement is required



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- If offsite works are required
- Connection Fee
- Development Cost Charges (DCCs)
- Water meter installation and inspection requirements

### **Grindrod Water:**

- If a water service replacement is required
- If offsite works are required
- Connection Fees
- Water meter installation and inspection requirements

### **Whitevale Water:**

- If a water service replacement is required
- If offsite works are required
- Connection Fees

### **Mabel Lake Water and Sewer:**

Mabel Lake Water has supply capacity issues and there are concerns about the capacity and treatment required for Mable Lake Sewer. In response, the RDNO is completing a capacity study to review both the water and sewer utilities. Until the study is completed and the RDNO can create a financing plan for implementation of the long term solutions and correct the short-term capacity issues, the RDNO has updated the Small Utilities Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 2867 about rules for connecting to the utilities.

Properties that are currently paying the Infrastructure Base Fee can apply to connect one single-family unit per lot to the system for a fee of \$6,280. Any other types of developments that want to connect before the study is complete are subject to additional infrastructure requirements that include completing all engineering and construction works to service their site.

In addition to capacity, the follow items will be reviewed:

### **Mabel Lake Water:**

- If a water service replacement is required
- If offsite works are required
- Connection fees

### **Mabel Lake Sewer:**

- Review of type and size of sewer collection tank (a two (2) step tank sized for your building / development may be required)
- If offsite works are required
- Connection Fees
- Latecomer Fees