

## *What is the Rural Domestic Water Well Program?*

The Rural Domestic Water Well Program offers rural Yukoners an affordable and convenient way to have a domestic potable water source to their home where it might not otherwise be practical or possible. Private dwellings within Yukon Government's property taxing authority are eligible.

The program is for the purposes of drilling a new ground water well, installations of a surface water well, or improvements to existing drilled ground water well and surface water well for domestic use.

The work must be done by a registered service provider. This program is not available for any components related to the hauling of bulk water.

## *Application & Approval Process*

**Step 1 – Apply** Meet with staff at the Property Assessment & Taxation Office to fill out an application and to discuss project and program details. You can bring in your project proposal at this time or discuss options on how to get a quote and proposal from a Registered Service Provider. All project requests are managed on a 'first come, first served' basis.

**Step 2 – Approval** Your project proposal costs will be reviewed to meet the 25% of your assessed property value financial eligibility. The project details will be reviewed to ensure the proposed water system will meet all safety standards and conditions for the delivery of potable water.

**Step 3 – Agreement** Once your project is approved, you must agree to the financial terms of payment prior to the project construction. You can choose to amortize over 5, 10 or 15 years at the Bank of Canada Rate on the day of signing the agreement. Sole financial responsibility will still rest with the property owner(s) regardless of project outcome.

**Step 4 – Contract** Once you agree to the terms a contract is struck between the Yukon Government and the service provider. Construction may commence at this point.

**Step 5 – Completion** Once the project work is complete the service provider will submit invoices to the Yukon Government. To demonstrate that the work has been completed the service provider will submit the required documents to the Rural Domestic Water Well Program. Payment will be made after all these elements are met and the property owner signs off the final product. The property owner will then see the Local Improvement Charge on the following year's tax notice.

## *Financing*

Financing under this program is extended on a 100% cost-recovery basis. To protect Yukon taxpayer investments under the program the Yukon government has set a ceiling on the amount of financing it will make available for individual projects. Financing is limited to 25% of the assessed value (less the balance of any other local improvement charges) of the property up to a maximum of \$50,000. Yukon property values are assessed each year by the Yukon government for property taxation purposes, and may differ from private real-estate market values.

Property-owners upon completion of a project are required to make payments on the total cost borrowed over a period of 5, 10 or 15 years through a Local Improvement Charge attached to the annual property tax notice. The local improvement charge may be paid out at anytime with no penalty. An interest rate (Bank of Canada rate at time of signing agreement) is applied to the final cost of construction. The annual charge is set by regulation.

The Yukon Government finances the Water Well Program on a 100% cost recovery basis. This means that all project costs including interest are recoverable from the property.

## *Eligibility*

The program is available to property-owners whose rural residential properties are within the Yukon government's property taxation authority. This program does not apply to properties within these Yukon municipalities: Carmacks

- Dawson City
- Faro
- Haines Junction
- Mayo
- Teslin
- Watson Lake
- Whitehorse

## *Yukon Government Contributions*

The Property Assessment and Taxation Unit within the Community Development Branch will administer the program on behalf of the Government of Yukon.

On receipt of an individual application from a rural property-owner, program staff will work to provide the property-owner with the information and assistance they need to make informed decisions on the proposed project.

Yukon government financing of approved projects is 100% cost-recoverable from the property-owner(s).

See "Program Guidelines" for definitions and for further clarification

For more information  
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