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Thank you Michelle!

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Please send requests to [WaterActReferrals.LowerMainland@gov.bc.ca](mailto:WaterActReferrals.LowerMainland@gov.bc.ca) as we will not be able to monitor which applications are coming in and report back to you. Frequency of every couple of months is probably too much – maybe every 6 months or so (applications take quite a while to be processed as there is a large backlog of water licence applications for new use of groundwater and we are working on them in order of date received – unless it is housing priority, which this one would not be).

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Thank you everyone for looking into this matter.

I can breathe a brief sigh of relief.

I would be very grateful if someone could contact me once an application is submitted (if this happens before our existing well application is complete) so I can provide the reports my engineers have conducted on the state and stability of our aquifer.

Or if you are fine with me checking back every couple of months.

Let me know, thank you!

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Hi Zsana,

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Good Morning,

I couldn't find an application in our system.

I checked LTSA and found the owner of the land is:  
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Title and BC Online is attached.

Let me know if anything else is required.

Cheers,



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Hi Zsana,

Thank you for your email regarding your Existing Use Groundwater (EUGW) application. As a reminder, EUGW applications go through several steps before a decision is made and until that decision is made you can

continue to use the water.

A provincial initiative began in February 2024, all existing use groundwater applications have been centralized and put through a streamlined process. The province is taking a watershed approach for processing files. At this time, we are unable to say when individual licenses will be adjudicated, however, until a decision on your application has been made you are able to continue using groundwater as you were prior to 2016.

Thank you and have a great day!

EUGW Team

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Your inquiry has been received and will be forwarded to the appropriate inbox for their attention (ATS inquiry #1739236).

Thank you.

Kind Regards,



**Christine Tsang**

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Absolutely, thanks for letting us know about it.

Cheers,

Johanna

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No problem, in future can the EUGW team send client inquiries to [WaterActReferrals.LowerMainland@gov.bc.ca](mailto:WaterActReferrals.LowerMainland@gov.bc.ca) – this account is monitored daily and will ensure that the request gets assigned to the appropriate staff on our team and is answered in a timely manner (e.g., no worries about vacation and not getting a response – for example, as of tomorrow I will be off until April 2<sup>nd</sup> and would not have been able to respond right away). Michele



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Rebecca, in our region, we would typically not mention a Date of First Use (DOFU) in an email to the applicant/client, because often upon investigation there is insufficient evidence provided to support the DOFU the client asked for in the application (just best to say "you would have an older DOFU", and not specify the date). Mentioning that can not fetter the decision maker; however, the client may be upset if they get a different date than the one that was mentioned.

In addition, for your information, I have been adding clauses to EUGW licences (and cover letters) where salt water intrusion is a concern (we can provide information on these clauses when you need it – no need to reinvent the wheel 😊😊).

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**Sent:** 03/14/2024 17:32:15  
**Attachments:** ColinReport.pdf, CB34185.pdf

Good Morning,

I couldn't find an application in our system.

I checked LTSA and found the owner of the land is:

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Title and BC Online is attached.

Let me know if anything else is required.

Cheers,



**Lauren Hunter**  
**Water Information Technician**  
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**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:36 AM  
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Thanks!

**Rebecca Collier, RPBio.**  
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Lauren, can you check if there is an application in the queue for the property highlighted in yellow below.

Rebecca, in our region, we would typically not mention a Date of First Use (DOFU) in an email to the applicant/client, because often upon investigation there is insufficient evidence provided to support the DOFU the client asked for in the application (just best to say "you would have an older DOFU", and not specify the date). Mentioning that can not fetter the decision maker; however, the client may be upset if they get a different date than the one that was mentioned.

In addition, for your information, I have been adding clauses to EUGW licences (and cover letters) where salt water intrusion is a concern (we can provide information on these clauses when you need it – no need to reinvent the wheel 😊😊).

Michele



**Michele Lepitre, M.Sc., P.Geo.** | Pronouns: she/her (Curious why [this](#) is here?)  
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Hi Michele,

Please refer to the information below regarding a future new groundwater application. Your regional BC Parks team has concerns regarding this future application and would like the opportunity to discuss and share their studies before a decision.

Thank you,



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I really appreciate this Rebecca.

The situation with the owner/developer is pretty complicated because all of our water and sewer utilities are on an easement on their land, so they have been trying to access our reports to help



with their applications. Not to mention the province tried for a year to buy the property from them (it was for sale), and s. 17

. Eventually they stopped returning our calls and we found out in a local news story that they had applications in with the Squamish/Lillooet District and VCH for development.

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The PID # for the parcel is 027-966-950, plan number 11TR1\_NEW\_WESTMINSTER – I think. When I looked at ParcelMap BC, it also comes up as plan BCP41560. It borders Porteau Cove Provincial Park and is to the east and south of the park, but below/west of the highway. The owner/developer is:

**Paul Wood**

Principal

**PDW Investments Ltd.**

PO Box 392 Whistler BC V0N1B0

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Thanks so much for your help!

Zsana

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Hi Zsana,

I appreciate the additional context and understand your concerns.

Given that you have applied for Existing Use groundwater, once your application is processed and a decision is made, if granted, your Licence would have a date of precedence of February 28, 1980. If the new developer wants to use groundwater, they will have to submit a new application, and the date of precedence would be the date of their application. Since their use is new, their application would be subject to a more rigorous technical evaluation, which includes an assessment of whether their proposed use would affect existing authorizations, such as the existing use groundwater Licence you have applied for.

Our team is only processing existing use groundwater applications, if you can provide more information (address, name, etc.) on the developer I will make sure the regional team that processes new groundwater applications receives this message and reaches out to your team once the application is submitted.

Thank you,

Rebecca

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Thanks so much for getting back to me.

I do have a specific question because I believe a neighbour to Porteau Cove Provincial Park (a developer who is currently developing a campground with extensive services) either has or will shortly apply for a ground water licence to tap into the aquifer that our well is on.

It may be a moot point since they would be applying soon (or possibly in the past year?) and they would be in line after us – unless there is a way to fast-track applications and they are doing that? My concern is that currently, since we don't have a permit yet, their application could look like an application on an aquifer that has no other water licences on it. Based on studies I have commissioned with engineers over the past year, our aquifer is pretty sensitive to salt water inclusion and another well on the aquifer could easily ruin our water quality with salt water and make it unpotable.

I would like to ensure BC Parks is contacted before any other water application is approved and I could provide these studies to show the issues.

Please let me know if I can provide any other information.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

Zsana Tulcsik (she/her)

Recreation Section Head

Sea to Sky Section, South Coast Region

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