

## Drainage study completed



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A study of risks posed to drinking water quality and infrastructure by drainage culverts on Lake Country's Beaver Lake Road is now complete.

Drainage of culverts and ditches along Beaver Lake Road and connections between sediment sources that influence terrain stability were investigated during 2014.

"The purpose of the project was to identify risks requiring mitigation; with the bottom line being to improve drinking water quality," said Michael Mercer, the district's director of engineering and environment.

A \$10,000 grant from the Okanagan Basin Water Board was used to identify areas along Beaver Lake Road where downslope terrain instability may potentially be linked with road drainage issues. The results of this work will provide clear direction to the district and stakeholders on next steps to mitigate the potential risks.

"The district is very proactive in taking action on water conservation and water quality improvements for our community," said Mercer.

"Lake Country's water master plan approved in 2012 was developed to provide direction in meeting defined provincial objectives and health requirements for drinking water."

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