

Armstrong pursues funds

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Updating its water master plan could include some cash from the Okanagan Basin Water Board for the City of Armstrong.

The city will apply to OBWB for a grant of \$30,000 to help with the update.

"The total anticipated cost of the update project is approximately \$50,000, but will be subject to change depending on the results of a request for proposals process which will be initiated this year," said city chief financial officer Terry Martens.

The OBWB began a grant opportunity for its water conservation and quality improvement program. Water planning documents are an eligible project for a grant with up to a maximum of \$30,000 available from the board if approved.

In its update, the city plans to review its water source, quality, quantity and storage capacity, taking into account growth and the possibility of expanding to include Spallumcheen water districts.

The city's water system is owned and operated by the city which recently entered into a memorandum of understanding with the township, so that water improvement districts in Spallumcheen could, in the future, dissolve and become part of the city's water utility.

The water master plan will need to address multiple issues in relation to this process.

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