

Noble Creek Irrigation System Decommissioning Working Group

City of Kamloops Council has directed staff to form a working group including representatives of the Noble Creek Irrigation System customers, the Noble Creek Irrigation Society, City of Kamloops staff, qualified professional consultants, and appropriate staff from the Ministry of Forests. The Working Group will be co-chaired by one representative from the Noble Creek Irrigation customers and one staff representative from the City of Kamloops. The Working Group will collaboratively strive to achieve Council's directives including:

- Decommission the at-risk portions of the Noble Creek Irrigation System at the conclusion of the 2023 irrigation season.
 - This includes developing an apportionment plan for the existing water license.
- Exploring options for temporary water supply for the 2024 irrigation season and reporting to Council on the feasibility, cost, funding options, and potential user rates for temporary pumping.
- Completing the decommissioning program payments.

Where possible, the Working Group will be engaged or involved in the steps required to enact Council's directives, but certain steps or directives may not be conducive to customer/public participation due to privacy requirements (example: discussions with individual property owners regarding decommissioning payments).

Working Group Composition:

Working Group Co-Chairs:

The working group will be co-chaired by Adam Woodward, P.Eng as a representative of the Noble Creek Irrigation System customers and City of Kamloops Utilities Manager, Greg Wightman as a City of Kamloops staff representative. The co-chairs will provide periodic reports on the Working Group's activities to the City of Kamloops CAO or designate.

Given the extent of the work required to complete Council's directives, several sub teams will be established. The teams will report to the Working Group Co-Chairs. The teams include:

Infrastructure Decommissioning Team:

This team will focus on achieving Council’s directive to decommission the at-risk portions of the Noble Creek Irrigation System at the conclusion of the 2023 irrigation season. The work involved in this directive is mostly operational and this team is being established to support the operational actions required. Noble Creek Irrigation System customer representatives will participate in water license apportionment discussions to ensure the apportionment plan that will be submitted to the Province is mutually supported.

Infrastructure Decommissioning Team Members:

- **Team Lead:** Adam Gordon, P. Eng – Capital Project Supervisor, City of Kamloops
- **NCIS Customer Representative:** Dieter Dudy – Thistle Farm Organics, Shane Hall – Creeks End Equestrian, Jeremy Cooke, P.Eng – WMI Water Management
- **City of Kamloops Qualified Professional:** Hazen Todd, P.Eng – Urban Systems Ltd
- **Utility Operations:** Will Horne, P.Eng – Utility Operations Supervisor, City of Kamloops
- **Project Archaeologist:** Nichole Nichols, BA, RPCA- Project Archaeologist, City of Kamloops
- **Water License Apportionment:** Travis Pahl, P.Eng – Utilities Engineer, City of Kamloops
- **Ministry of Forests Contacts:**
 - **Water Management:** Adam Courtney, P.Ag - Regional Hydrologist, Ministry of Forest
 - **Water Licensing:** Colleen Dreger - Sr. Water Authorizations Specialist, Ministry of Forests

Temporary Pumping Options Team:

This team will focus on achieving Council’s directive to explore temporary pumping options for the 2024 irrigation season and report to Council on the feasibility, cost, and potential user rates for this option. The team’s focus will be to determine the technical and regulatory information required to support a procurement process for the supply and operation of a temporary pumping system should Council direct staff to pursue this option once it is presented. This team may require availability on weekends as some of the work may be performed between Friday – Monday.

Temporary Pumping Options Team Members:

- **Team Lead:** Will Horne, P.Eng – Utility Operations Supervisor – City of Kamloops
- **NCIS Customer Representative:** Kevin Mammel – Jaimeson Creek Dairy, Sean Swoboda – TF Cattle Co, Jeremy Cooke, P.Eng – WMI Water Management
- **City of Kamloops Qualified Professional:** Hazen Todd, P.Eng - Urban System Ltd
- **Ministry of Forests Contacts:**

- **Water Management:** Adam Courtney, P.Ag - Regional Hydrologist, Ministry of Forest
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- **Procurement Lead (if directed):** Darren Crundwell, P.Eng – Strategic Capital Integration Manager – City of Kamloops

Decommissioning Program Payments Team:

This team will focus on completing the decommissioning payment program. To protect the privacy of these actions, Noble Creek Irrigation System customer representation will not be included on this team. However, the team will report their progress to the Working Group Co-Chairs at regular intervals.

Decommissioning Program Payment Team Members:


- **Team Lead:** Greg Wightman - Utility Services Manager, City of Kamloops
- **City of Kamloops Financial Specialist:** Lewis Hill – Financial Services Manager, City of Kamloops
- **Utility Operations:** Rob Smith – Water Meter Project Administrator, City of Kamloops
- **Legal Support:** Fulton Law (representing the City of Kamloops)

Next Steps:

- An initial meeting between the Working Group Co-Chairs will be established to finalize the Working Group team members
- Once the Working Group team members have been finalized, a meeting with the entire Working Group will be scheduled by the Co-Chairs. – **Kick off meeting September 28, 2023**
 - It should be noted that due to the urgent timelines, some work may need to occur in advance of these meetings.
- A timeline for the various actions required to achieve Council’s directive will be established by the Working Group and reported to the City of Kamloops CAO or designate by Oct 15, 2023.
- A preferred date for the Council report on the temporary pumping options will be recommended by the Working Group Co-Chairs to the City of Kamloops CAO or designate.
- Communication support will be provided to the Co-Chairs by the City of Kamloops Communications and Community Engagement Division as required.



Greg Wightman
NCIS Working Group Co-Chair



Adam Woodward
NCIS Working Group Co-Chair