



WEST FOOTHILLS WATER PROJECT UPDATES

Subject: FCR Water Project Status Update – October 23, 2017

It has been some time since you signed up as interested in water service to the area and we would like to update you on what progress has been made.

There have been ongoing discussions with residents and the MD about how to economically alleviate the problem of poor, and sometimes no, water supply to homes in our district. The long dry summer has not helped the situation and going into fall there does not seem to be an end to the recent drought on the horizon. Perhaps we all need to accept this change of climate as the new normal with all the challenges it brings. On this point it is a good reminder that the FCR plant has tanker loading facilities that can assist with fire fighting water supplies.

There has been significant resident response to the idea of a water service pipeline to supply the Hwy 762 area and east along Hwy 22 to the hamlet of Priddis. Community groups have encouraged the MD to further investigate this option and to this end there have been several items brought before Council. Minutes from the MD Council meeting of September 27, 2017 include:

* “ FISH CREEK RANCH NORTH DISTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT

Moved that Council authorize preparation of an engineered report by MPE Engineering Ltd. in order to combine and update previous studies and prepare a north distribution assessment for the purpose of supplying water to three additional areas from the Fish Creek Ranch Water Treatment Plant, for a total cost not to exceed \$30000 plus applicable taxes. “

This study has been commissioned and additional details are in the attachment to this email.

Minutes of Council meeting of October 4, 2107 include:

* “ FISH CREEK RANCH WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Moved that Council authorize administration to obtain a quote for the purpose of providing an evaluation of the Fish Creek Ranch Water Treatment Plant.”

This evaluation will determine whether the MD wishes to acquire ownership in the infrastructure as opposed to leasing the facility.

As many of you may know the payment machine at the bulk fill station at the FCR Plant was vandalized on August 30, 2017. The MD has researched available options and moved forward with installing a more secure and updated terminal. Programming is proceeding the week of October 23 to October 27, 2017 and the bulk fill is expected to be operational the week beginning October 30, 2017.

It would appear that progress is being made in making a safe water supply an area reality. Thanks go to our determined Councillors, Suzanne Oel and Jason Parker, along with MD Council and Staff.

If you have more questions please let us know at info@westfoothillswater.ca or info@priddiswater.ca. Please feel free to forward this email to your neighbours.