

Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op

NEWSLETTER & INFORMATION UPDATE

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op, shall endeavor to supply potable water to all residents of the Lethbridge North County, who wish to be supplied, at the most reasonable cost as can be achieved, for the good of all.

Letter from the President

Greetings to all Members...



Your executive was very disappointed to hear news of the failure of the County of Lethbridge to obtain the CAMRIF grant funding that we were so hopeful for. This is 2 years that we have been pursuing this 2/3 funding and have decided that we are best to get things underway, as soon as possible, without the funding. **The great news is that your executive has decided to design phase 1 of the pipeline with MPE engineering, for members and units that are closest to the main pipeline.** The advantage of this is that we can get pipe in the ground at a more reasonable cost, and then as pipe is installed we will have the funds to move further out and service those that are a higher cost to deliver water to. The principle of our Coop is that everyone pays the same but if some units are prohibitively expensive to get water to, then unfortunately those members will have to wait. **Presently we will be targeting a design to serve as many members as possible for \$8500 per unit,** and obviously the area with the highest density of units per mile of pipe. Although this is higher than without some grant funding, we are hopeful that sufficient members will give us their further commitment to pay the \$8500, so we can get City of Lethbridge, potable water to your farm or acreage as quickly as possible. With this principle in mind we have hired our former President, Mr. Larry Peterson, on a contract per diem, to work on our behalf with the engineer, installers and members, to plan some installations as soon as possible. The good news is that without the Government funding we will not have to conduct environmental studies, go through all the red tape with sealed bids and time delays, and in fact can work with the most cost efficient design engineers and pipeline installers to minimize delays and get some pipe in the ground. Larry will also be checking out sources of funds that may enable you on an individual basis to get some of the dollar cost back. We will provide you with all the planning and latest development details at the **Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wed., March 19th, at 7:00pm, at the Picture Butte Elks Hall,** where we will look for your approval to proceed. We expect to provide more information than is possible in this newsletter, including discussions with the County of Lethbridge Council. **Please try to attend!** If you cannot make the meeting, you may contact me at my email address, whamman@shaw.ca, or contact Larry Peterson to give our executive the thumbs up. See you all there!
- Bill Hamman

MEMBER INFO CENTER

Member Count	
As of January 31, 2008:	270
Purchased Units	
As of January 31, 2008:	493

BOARD MEMBERS (as of January 2008)

Bill Hamman – President	PH 308-4099
Earl Dunn – Vice President	PH 382-0361
Bryan Smith – Recorder/Secretary	PH 381-4042
Corlene Groenenboom – Treasurer	PH 381-4169
Ken Vanden Broek – Director	PH 382-1290
Richard Papworth – Director	PH 739-2188
Dirk Van Der Kooij – Director	PH 824-3821
Henry Konynenbelt – Director	PH 824-3803
Mark Osaka – Director	PH 732-4695
Larry Peterson – Project Manager	PH 381-4496

Check out our websites: For up to date details on how the co-op is progressing, you will be able to access our own personal web page through the **County of Lethbridge website**, at www.county.lethbridge.ab.ca, and also at www1.freewebs.com/lethbridgecountywaterinfo/

Our administration duties are being handled by Rae Lynne Friesen, 381-4789. Rae Lynne may be contacting you with, or for, up-to-date information. For those still interested, unit deposits can still be purchased at \$250.00 each. Please be sure to include a \$1.00 membership fee to be a part of the co-op. All monies can be mailed to...LNCPWC, P.O. Box 426, Picture Butte, AB, T0K 1V0.