

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...



Although it is already old news, the announcement of the \$6,000,000.00 Provincial and Federal Grant money to the County of Lethbridge for our water pipeline is still *amazing* news.

The old CAMRIF grant was resurrected by Bill Landiak and Michel Savard of the County, following a telephone call to them from the Province on January 6, 2009. In the space of 3 short weeks and following an extensive email trail between myself, the County, and the Province, the News Flash came on January 30, 2009. Your Board quickly arranged 3 information meetings where old members and new members were informed of the funding. The County has a maximum of \$3 million from each Government to pay 2/3 of our Coop's pipeline installations (See our enclosed FACT sheet) This will mean that everyone's cost of a curb-stop unit will now be reduced by about \$8000, assuming a \$12,000 final cost per unit. Wow, Now that's Cost Savings!

The Board of the Co-op has been working since the last Annual General meeting in planning for pipeline distribution in the Diamond City phase, the Nobleford phase, and more recently in the Sundial phase. As a result, Our Board has become much smarter in pipeline costing and design. We believe we will be delivering potable water to you at the lowest cost possible, and with a reliable system.

We have just informed the County, that our Board is accepting the County's recommendation to appoint MPE engineering as the main Engineer Project Manager, but that Associated will be commissioned to complete the Turin to Sundial phase under an agreement with MPE. Furthermore, there will be an Advisory Board including a Project Facilitator with the LNCPWC working with the Engineers to facilitate efficient water delivery and mitigate cost.

I believe that we will see potable water delivered to our Turin to Sundial members by this fall as this phase is the most straight forward and unencumbered phase of the entire system, and hence is likely the first phase for pipe in the ground!

For the latest developments, our Annual General Meeting will be at 7:30 pm, on Wed. April 1, 2009, at the Diamond City Community Center. Please attend!!

- Bill Hamman

MEMBER INFO CENTER

Member Count	
As of March 1, 2009:	392
Purchased Units	
As of March 1, 2009:	653

Popular Questions and Answers:

Q. What will be the monthly charge for water usage?

The Co-op will be charged about \$0.78 per cubic meter for water by the County and we anticipate monthly usage to average about 300 imperial gallons per day (more in spring and summer and less in winter) We anticipate a monthly bill to you of between \$60 and \$70 per month but it all depends on water usage just as your bill for hauling water today depends on the amount you presently use. The Co-op will provide up to 500 gallons X 30 days or 15,000 imp gallons per month maximum but we are hopeful that no-one will use their maximum on a regular basis.

Q. What if I make my deposit on a unit but don't use it for a couple years do I still pay a monthly charge?

The answer is yes! but what we don't know right now is what portion of the monthly charge will be for water usage and what portion will be for maintenance, repair, water testing and administrative. So you might pay a small inactive fee for no water usage but still pay for maintenance, repair and admin. It could range from \$20 to \$40 per month, but we are only guessing right now.

Q. Do I have to have a cistern?

The answer is yes... it must be some kind of reservoir that the Co-op can install a float, double check valve and an emitter device that is outside and easily serviced.

Check out our website:

For up to date details on how the Co-op is progressing, check out our web-site at www.freewebs.com/lethbridgcountypwaterinfo/

Our administration duties are being handled by Rae Lynne Friesen, (403) 381-4789. We are calling for additional unit deposits of \$1000.00/unit, to be paid immediately. Additional units can still be purchased at \$1250.00 each.

New members must 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.