

Wheatland County

Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

November 10, 2020

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Rosebud Area Ratepayer Water Service

Recommendation from Administration

That Council approve the funding of the engineering, construction and any associated equipment or fees for a water service connection of the property located at Plan 021 2978, Block 1, Lot 1 (SW-13-27-22-W4M) to the Wheatland Regional Corporation regional waterline , based on the information included in the Request for Decision.

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

Resident currently has treated water delivered to their house under the old system. Resident is being treated as a regular Rosebud utility customer paying debentures, capital levies and water rate. Resident does not pay sewer at this specific property.

Report

Division 6

Historically Rosebud has received its potable water supply from three high quality ground water wells located 1.5 miles northwest of the community. The water is extracted from these wells and pumped through a pipeline both on private land and County road allowances to the water treatment plant on the northern side of Rosebud. When the waterline was installed in the road allowance in 1988 there was a service line installed to a rural property west of the alignment. An agreement was entered into in which this service was installed in exchange for a utility right of way agreement and was only applicable to the current owner. Subsequent owners, including the current owner, have utilized this service and have been billed water rates, flat fees, capital levies and debentures by the County.

The Wheatland Regional Corporation is currently extending a regional water service line to Rosebud. When completed in December 2020 it will supply the Hamlet of Rosebud with potable water and the three groundwater wells and transmission pipeline will be decommissioned. A condition of operating the ground water well system is that within six months after the waterworks system, or a portion of the waterworks system, permanently ceases operation, the registration holder shall submit a reclamation plan to the Director for the portion of the system that is no longer in operation.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Wheatland Sewer and Waterworks Bylaw 2017-19

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Wheatland County is committed to provide services that recognize and encourage balanced, sustainable, long term growth and opportunities. We advocate prudent use of our resources and promote a quality of life for our citizens that reflect our agriculture heritage.

Response Options

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

Implications of Recommendation

General

If approved, administration will work together with the landowner and contractor to determine a schedule for installation of the water service. Once connection of the service has been completed, the landowner will become a rural customer of the Wheatland Regional Corporation and be subject to any fees or utility rates under their structure.

Organizational

Once the connection has been made to the regional waterline, a decommissioning plan for the existing wells will be submitted to Alberta Environment. This must be completed within 6 months of ceasing operations of the wells.

Financial

Wheatland County has received quotes to provide a water service and meter vault to the property for approximately \$12,000. As there is uncertainty to the existing conditions of the private service lines on the property, additional unforeseen costs (including the installation of a cistern) may increase this connection cost to 25,000 to \$30,000.

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

Proper decommissioning of the existing ground water wells will ensure there is no risk for contamination of the aquifers in the area.

Follow-up Action / Communications

N/A

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- Rosebud area ratepayer supply line figure.docx
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Henderson", written in a cursive style.

Brian Henderson