### Deputy Mayors Report May 16 2024

# **Regional Transmission Line April 18 2024**

Rerouting

With the interest of Barrhead county, and issues with potential discharge volumes into the Sturgeon River from Onoway, Phase A routing of the project has been changed to go north from Sunrise/Sandy Beach up to Nakamun Park and terminate at the Northeast Lagoon in Lac Ste. Anne County. The North East Lagoon is very large and can accommodate input from Barhead County. This rerouting is now being proposed to the Grant Funding and if/when approved it will move towards an engineering cost study.

It should be noted that the start of the routing of the main line covers 70-80 % of the properties within Sunrise Beach. With this in mind, I did ask that the commission consider that the start of the Sandy Beach portion begin at the far end of Lakeshore Drive and continue along 642 to the proposed receiving station. This would cover around 60+% of the properties in our village. There was positive feedback to this suggestion. The Truck Receiving Station would remain is the system.

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Financial Audit

Books and records are well maintained and are a fair representation of actuallity. No new debt presently stands at 5.8 million.

Book value of system \$71,290,000.00

Increase in sales from 500,00. M3 to 590,000. M3

Operating surplus is \$528,903.00 Cash reserves at 2.1 million

Members portion of Admin and Governance dropped from 60% to 35%

New Build and Expansion Phase 5

Phase 5 expansion to Darwell.

Twinning of line from Stony Plain Water for Life grant @ 90% is expected.

Alexander expansion should come on line this year

Looking at how to expand for development of water distribution within member communities.

Message for community newsletters, and signage at Truck fills for Priority Access for Fire Trucks and other Emergency Vehicles.

Refer to handout sheet for more information

Michael Harney Deputy Mayor.

# WILD WATER COMMISISON A Year in Review – 2023/2024 (Presented at the 2024 AGM – April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

#### Board and Governance:

- ✓ New Bylaws Bylaw 18-2023 (New Members Buy-In Bylaw)
- ✓ New Website Notification Board and Direct Messaging, to help with stakeholder communication (Account holders and the members/public) – sign-up for your account today.
- ✓ Business Plan Review 2024 Draft revisions are prepared, and we will be reaching out for members engagement in spring/summer 2024.
- ✓ Renaming of Kapasiwin Water Station details to follow!
- ✓ Rebranding Proposal Considering a new logo for future marketing/public recognition.

### Budget:

- ✓ Budget Notes Budget 2024 saw an overall expansion of 12% over 2023 activities, with higher costs resulting from operating functions (water purchase/sales, increasing utilities for new lines (Phase III and Phase IV).
- ✓ Rate and Rate Increases Budget 2024 incorporated significant increases to the water rates, in part due to increased water purchase cost per unit (from CRPWSC) and in part because of the shift toward more of the Admin and Governance Budget being covered by water sales rather than direct requisition).
- ✓ Members Portion of the Admin and Governance: In 2023, direct member allocations accounted for roughly 60% of the revenue required to balance the admin and governance budget. In 2024, members were directly requisitioned for just 35% of this budget. We expect this ration to remain in the 30-35% ratio going forward, and incorporated into the business plan and financial model, subject to member comments.

### Operations and Water Sales:

✓ Water Sales 2022 – 2023, Load Growth - With the full impact of the Entwistle connection, and the most recent member tap-offs and truck fill commissioning, as well as overall steady growth in service demand, we saw an increase in total sales from ~500,000 cubes in 2022, to 590,000 cubes in 2023. In 2024, we anticipate selling ~625,000 cubes. The total system capacity is marked at ~2.3million cubic meters – so plenty of room to grow still. Pending the hook up of Alexander, as well as other incremental member connections, we may well be approaching 850,00 cubes/year within the next 5 years.