

Wildwater commission meeting April 28 2108

I found that this was a very informative meeting in regards to the status and ongoing plans of the Wild commission. It would appear that their present construction is being successfully achieved and that ongoing projects are on time pending final ground work. At this time the lines and distribution (pumping) stations for Alberta beach and Heatherdowns will come on line in June of this year. The Onoway station should start construction this year. The booster station at Glory Hills is in construction. The Alexis booster pump station should be open March 2019.

Noted that the inclusion of the Paul and Alexis band has had full funding including what would have been their share of phase one from the Federal Government. This also has been one of the main drivers for the present ongoing construction. The Federal government is now funding 50% of this project, the Provincial government 40% with the municipalities still at a 10% contribution level. The fall of 2017 business plan readjustment indicates that the actual cost to members was about 5.7%. Phase 2 members cost is about 8%.

It was stated that this commission, working within the Water for Life goals of the governments is viewing this whole project in respect to the demands that will be anticipated, over the next 50 to 100 years. One the most interesting comments made was that this whole project needs to be considered in "Generational Terms" It was also indicated that the project IS in a constant state of flux, adapting to the ongoing changes in funding and needs within municipalities, industry, and items such as power plant phase outs and replacements.

Phase 3 As per these changes and needs phase three is now set to proceed to the Entwhistle area. They are still within parkland county and parkland county has been a member since the beginning. Phase 4 will then proceed to the Nakamun area which would include Sandy and Sunrise beach.

Another extremely interesting comment was that our neighbour Alexander Reserve is now investigating and in the process of negotiations to join the Wild commission. This seems to be a very attractive way for them to get a line to facilitate the need for water to the south west of their community. The wild commission has a very knowledgeable Indigenous member, who is working closely with the federal government in regards to how the First Nations come into the commission. I asked if within their discussion, that they would consider that the access for Sandy and Sunrise beach would be included in whatever proposals may come from a negotiation in regards to Alexander joining this commission. All things are possible.

This brings us to the decisions that will need to be made by our village. At present we have in our budget, allocations of \$3726.32 for the operating requisition and \$3624.00 for the Debenture. This total of \$7250.32 represents 2.1% of our net income. However on a memo dated August 7, 2017 it is stated that our debenture cost is \$1616.49 and annual administration is \$2084.61. I have asked administration to try to lock down exactly what and for how long some of these costs will remain, especially the operating requisition. The phase one construction is completed and phase 2 is underway. It is safe to assume that Phase 3 and 4 will have their own costs and allocations, and will come online as those phases begin construction. Remember, as stated by the commission, that this is a generational project. At present I do not know of any communities in our area that have opted out this project. It would appear that there are communities that are opting in eg., Paul Band, Alexis band, and now the discussions with Alexander. I hope that this has answered a few of the questions that have arisen over the last little while, and that we can proceed with setting up a public discussion over this issue in the near future.

Sincerely

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