

NORTH RED DEER RIVER WATER SERVICES COMMISSION

Annual Meeting September 26, 2016 @ 9:00 AM

LACOMBE CITY HALL AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Adoption of Agenda
- 3. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. April 18, 2016 Regular Meeting (attached)
 - b. August 22, 2016 Special Meeting
- 4. Presentation
- 5. Reports
 - a. Operations (attached)
 - b. Administrator (attached)
 - i) Monthly Report
 - ii) Financial As of August 31, 2016
 - c. Chair
- 6. Correspondence
 - a. City of Red Deer Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity
 Plan
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Ten-Year Water Requirement Reassessment Report
- 8. New Business
 - a. Administration and Operations Service Agreement
- 9. In Camera
- 10. Next Meeting Date: October 17, 2016 (proposed)
- 11. Adjournment

NORTH RED DEER RIVER WATER SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES April 18, 2016

In Attendance: Mayor Steve Christie, City of Lacombe

Mayor Rick Bonnett, Town of Ponoka Mayor Melodie Stol, Town of Blackfalds Councillor Ken Wigmore, Lacombe County Councillor Mark Matejka, Ponoka County Michael Minchin, NRDRWSC Administrator Jennifer Peterson, Administrator Assistant

Others Present: Norma MacQuarrie, CAO City of Lacombe

Albert Flootman, CAO Town of Ponoka

Terry Hager, Lacombe County Commissioner

Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure, Town of Blackfalds Jordan Thompson, Engineering Manager, City of Lacombe

Chris Huston, Utilities Manager, City of Lacombe

Guest: Dan Luymes, BDO Canada LLP

Justin de Bresser, City of Lacombe Financial Manager

Call to Order:

Chair Christie called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda:

MOVED by Mayor Bonnett that the agenda for April 18, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

MOVED by Mayor Stol that the minutes for December 7, 2015, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Presentation

2015 Audit Financial Statement

Mr. Luymes of BDO Canada LLP reviewed the Auditor's Report on the 2015 Audited Financial Statements.

In summary:

- NRDRWSC has a "clean audit".
- New to the audit this year is Note 10 Rebates that comments on the "true-up" transactions for the previous year.
- Liability for Contaminated Site is also new to the audit process.

2016 Appointment of Auditors

Mr. Minchin recommended that the Commission appoint BDO Canada LLP of Red Deer as the Commission's external financial auditors for the 2016 fiscal year.

MOVED by Mayor Bonnett to appoint BDO Canada LLP of Red Deer as the external financial auditors for the 2016 fiscal year.

CARRIED

Dan Luymes, BDO Canada LLP and Justin de Bresser, City of Lacombe left the meeting at 9:23am.

5. Reports

Operator's Report

Mr. Thompson discussed the recent activities.

In summary:

- Administration is processing a request in Blackfalds regarding the construction of a parking lot over the lines.
- A meeting with the City of Red Deer took place in March.
- Mr. Huston advised the Commission that locate requests have picked up. Mr Huston also reported that the Lucas reservoir value has not been working properly.
 Operations have been working with the supplier of the actuator valve to correct the issue.

Administrator Report

Mr. Minchin presented the Administrator's report.

In summary:

- Working at finalizing the repair costs and billing to the property owner in Ponoka who damaged the line back in late 2015.
- Continuing work on identifying the lateral lines within the municipalities.
- Has been working with Stantec to update the forecast of water consumption for the next 10 year to provide the information to Alberta Environment.

Mr. Minchin presented the financial report.

In summary:

- Water sales are behind sales from this time last year. Last year was also a record year for sales. Should see a pick-up on sales due to the dry weather.
- Year to date expenses remain in line.

Chairman's Report

The Chair shared that he has not received any further comments regarding fluoride.

MOVED by Mayor Stol to accept the reports as information.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence/Information

CWWA Membership

Information on the CWWA Membership was shared with the Commission.

<u>City of Red Deer - 2015 True-up per the Water Supply Agreement</u>

The letter from the City of Red Deer advises the Commission that there is a "true-up" for 2015 in the amount of \$348,358.48.

MOVED by Councillor Matejka to accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED

7. Old Business:

Nothing at this time

8. New Business:

2015 Allocation of Surplus

Mr. Minchin asked the Commission for approval of the allocation for the 2015 surplus based on the Commission's Reserve Policy. As part of the recommendation, Administration asked that the Commission consider transferring an amount equal to the 2013 and 2014 true-up payment to a Rate Stabilization Reserve. This specific fund would be used to offset increases in future years. Concerns regarding line replacement and the use of Capital Reserves for the project were also discussed. The main line has a life expectancy for 75 years, as the lateral lines will need to be replaces sooner. The Commission asked that Administration update the long term capital plan to address these issues.

MOVED by Mayor Bonnett to approve the recommendation as presented by Administration for the 2015 Surplus and that the 5 year Operating Projections is update accordingly.

CARRIED

<u> 10 Year Water Forecast – Water for Life – Diversion License</u>

Mr. Minchin provided an update on the Commission's water diversion licence. Administration has prepared the 10 year projection as a requirement for Diversion License. This information will be submitted within the week to Alberta Environment.

MOVED by Mayor Stol to accept the reports as information.

CARRIED

•	in Camera	
	MOVED by Councillor Matejka to move In Camera at 9:50 am to discuss the business on a water line proposal.	case
	, ,	CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Wigmore to move out of Camera at 10.20 am.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Bonnett that Administration provide an update to the City of Red Deer on the projected water line proposal.

CARRIED

10. Next Meeting:

Monday, September 19, 2016 at 9 am, City of Lacombe Council Chambers.

11. Adjournment:

MOVFD by (Councillor Wiam	ore to adjourn	this Meetin	g at 10:25 am.

			CARRIED
Chairperson		Administrator	

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NORTH RED DEER RIVER WATER SERVICES COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2016

In Attendance: Mayor Steve Christie, City of Lacombe

Mayor Rick Bonnett, Town of Ponoka Mayor Melodie Stol, Town of Blackfalds Councillor Ken Wigmore, Lacombe County Councillor Mark Matejka, Ponoka County Michael Minchin, NRDRWSC Administrator

Others Present: Albert Flootman, CAO, Town of Ponoka

Myron Thompson, CAO, Town of Blackfalds

Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure, Town of Blackfalds Jordan Thompson, Engineering Manager, City of Lacombe

Chris Huston, Utilities Manager, City of Lacombe

1. Call to Order:

Chair Christie called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda:

MOVED by Mayor Bonnett that the agenda for April 18, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- 3. Adoption of the Minutes:
- 4. Presentation
- 5. Reports
- 6. Correspondence/Information
- 7. Old Business:
- 8. New Business:

City of Red Deer Water Service Agreement

Mr. Minchin provided the Commission with an update on the request from the City of Red Deer for water service. He asked the Commission for their approval for the sale/transport of water to the City of Red Deer.

MOVED by Councillor Wigmore to direct Administration to enter into a water supply agreement for the purpose of supplying water to the City of Red Deer subject to the conditions outlined in the existing agreement between the City and Commission dated October 4, 2004.

CARRIED

9. IN Camera

10. Next Meeting:

Monday, September 26, 2016 at 9 am, City of Lacombe Council Chambers.

11. Adjournment:

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Chairperson	Administrator	



North Red Deer River Water Services Commission

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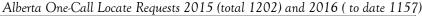
September 26th, 2016 Attn: NRDRWSC

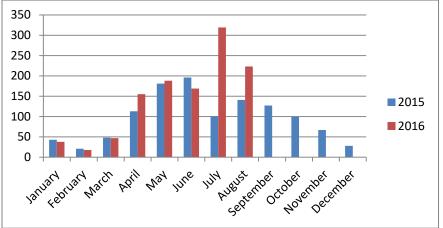
Re: Operational Report since April 18, 2016 to current

Since the last update provided to members of the Commission, the City of Lacombe has dealt with the following:

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Alberta One-Call Locate Requests:
 - April 155 locates
 - May 188 locates
 - June 169 locates
 - July 319 locates
 - August 223 locates





Repair response charges:

- ➤ <u>July 6</u> Brian R met Sauder Electric at the main vault to troubleshoot why the lighting was not working in the vault. They determined the problem to be an issue with the supply line. Fortis restored the power the following day.
- ➤ <u>July 20</u> Brian R at the main vault to repair the broken handle into the vault that was hit by the Hwy 2A grass cutting crew.
- ➤ <u>July 21</u> Brian R noticed that Lucas had no communication present, reset the modem onsite and restored communication.

Call-Out:

- ▶ <u>June 13</u> Brian R was called out to pumphouse "C" at 1:00pm to check level transmitter. Red Deer claimed that the reservoir was below fire level and they could not fill fast enough, Brian found that everything was operating normal and it must have been a bloop in the system that caused the false alarm.
- ➤ <u>June 15</u> Chris H was called out to pumphouse "A" at 11:00pm, to check the actuator valve, Red Deer was unable to open or close the valve. Chris arrived at the site and reset the valve, restoring normal operation. It was determined that

the Red Deer operator may have been impatient and was not allowing sufficient time delay for the station to respond to the master computer. This was explained to Red Deer to increase their time delay, to allow for the station to receive the message and respond accordingly.

- August 14 Brian R was called out for an emergency locate at 11:30am by Fortis to repair a power pole.
- August 28 Brian R was called out by Blackfalds at 3:00 pm to replace the UPS batteries at Railway.

<u>Crossing/Proximity Agreements</u> - Administration is processing a request from the City of Red Deer and Ipsco.

General Information:

- ➤ Continuing communication with City of Red Deer regarding ownership of the line to the Blindman River.
- Working with the NRDWWSC regarding the location of their soon to begin construction of the regional sewer line from Red Deer to Blackfalds to Lacombe.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the operations described above please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Sincerely,

Jordan Thompson, CET, PMP

Engineering Services Manager



TO: Commission Board Members

FROM: Michael Minchin, Administrator

DATE: September 23, 2016

North Red Deer Regional Water Services Commission

5432 56th Avenue Lacombe, Alberta T4I 1F9

REF: 47/117 Administrator's Report – 2nd Qtr 2016 RE:

(2016)

The following is a summary of items Administration has been working on since the Board's last meeting:

- 1. Administration has completed the draft agreement with the City of Red Deer for the supply of water to the City. Administration is waiting on a signed copy from the City before proceeding with the application to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.
- 2. Administration has presented a rate model for use in pricing water for the City of Red Deer as well as for setting rates with Commission members. Administration will use this model to provide alternative pricing strategies to the Board as part of budget discussions.
- 3. The Commission has had its water diversion license amounts confirmed for another 10 years by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP). The item is discussed further in the meeting agenda.
- 4. Administration is currently working a draft operating and capital budget. A working copy will be distributed at the October meeting.
- 5. Administration has confirmed with the City that the regional line within the City of Red Deer has been identified as a line that would service areas within the City and has been included in their offsite levy calculations with developers. The City has identified this as a 2017 budget item for possible acquisition. This knowledge will help shape conversations that will take place later this year.



North Red Deer Regional Water Services Commission

Lacombe, Alberta T4L 1E9

Memorandum

TO: Commission Board Members

FROM: Michael Minchin, Administrator

DATE: September 12, 2016

5432 56th Avenue **RE:** August 2016 Variance Report REF: 13/860

2016

Attached is the 2016 variance report as of August 31st for the regional water commission.

Water sales are right on budget overall, however, August volumes were significantly below the historical averages for the month due to the above normal precipitation in the area.

Expenses remain in line with expectations. No extraordinary expenses have been incurred. As expected the largest purchase to date is the purchase of water from the City of Red Deer.

Based on current projections, the Commission is line for an operating surplus of \$519,000 (including the 2015 rebate). Excluding the rebate the Commission would have a surplus of \$170,900 compared to a budgeted surplus of 137,087.

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GL Department Report

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Date: Sep 12, 2016 **Time**: 1:41 pm

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Budget: FINAL BUDGET

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Year : 2016 **Period** : 8

Account No.	Description	Current	Year To Date	Budget	Variance	% Used
	ATER REPORTING			. – – – – – –		
	L WATER COMMISSION					
1 REVENUE	S					
47 Reg	ional Water Revenues					
06-1-47-35110	Water Sales - City of Lacombe	-200,810	-1,737,430	-2,665,494	-928,063	65
	Water Sales - Town of Ponoka	-114,490	-964,500	-1,451,308	-486,808	66
06-1-47-35130	Water Sales - Town of Blackfalds	-119,299	-1,032,878	-1,431,375	-398,497	72
06-1-47-35140	Water Sales - Ponoka County	-1,636	-13,319	-19,592	-6,273	68
06-1-47-42200	Line Crossing Fee	0	0	-1,750	-1,750	
06-1-47-55100	Interest Revenue	0	-28,004	-42,000	-13,996	67
06-1-47-55500	Rebates & Dividends	0	-348,357	-50	348,307	696715
06-1-47-85140	Lacombe County Contribution	0	0	-70,000	-70,000	
06-1-47-85150	Ponoka County Contribution	0	0	-70,000	-70,000	
06-1-47-99000	Misc Revenue	-323	-323	0	323	
	47 Regional Water Revenues	-436,558	-4,124,812	-5,751,568	-1,626,757	72
	1 REVENUES	-436,558	-4,124,812	-5,751,568	-1,626,757	72
2 EXPENSE	s					
47 Reg	ional Water Operating Expenditures					
06-2-47-11110	Board Wages-City of Lacombe	350	700	1,400	700	50
06-2-47-11120	Board Wages-Town of Ponoka	150	300	600	300	50
06-2-47-11130	Board Wages-Town of Blackfalds	150	300	600	300	50
06-2-47-11140	Board Wages-Lacombe County	0	0	600	600	
06-2-47-11150	Board Wages-Ponoka County	150	300	600	300	50
06-2-47-21100	Board Travel Expenses	0	11	0	-11	
06-2-47-21110	Board Travel-City of Lacombe	0	0	500	500	
06-2-47-21120	Board Travel -Town of Ponoka	27	53	500	447	11
06-2-47-21130		15	30	500	470	6
06-2-47-21140	Board Travel-Lacombe County	0	0	500	500	
06-2-47-21150	Board Travel-Ponoka County	30	30	500	470	6
	Membership Fees	0	296	200	-96	148
	Postage & Freight	0	0	50	50	
	Telephone - Office	50	204	305	102	67
06-2-47-21701		1,345	5,381	9,084	3,703	59
06-2-47-23000	_	0	31,066	54,321	23,255	57
	Accounting and Auditor Fees	0	393	8,000	7,608	5
06-2-47-23200	3	12	278	1,250	972	22
	Other Professional Services	660	6,418	36,800	30,382	17
06-2-47-25300 06-2-47-25301	• • •	0	861 5 404	7,500	6,639 5,876	11
06-2-47-25301 06-2-47-27400	SCADA Maintenance Insurance & Bond Premiums	722 0	5,404 3,252	11,280 5,500	5,876 2,248	48 59
	Administration	828	6,624	10,135	·	65
	Purchase of Water	272,792	2,412,942	3,600,362	3,511 1,187,420	67
06-2-47-35100 06-2-47-35200		4,438	61,245	111,883	50,638	55
06-2-47-51000	·	0	0	500	500	00
06-2-47-51100	•	0	0	250	250	
06-2-47-51400		0	120	250	130	48
	General Materials & Supplies	178	212	500	288	42
06-2-47-54400	• •	170	1,833	4,500	2,667	41
06-2-47-56400	,	0	1,510	5,000	3,490	30
	Bank Charges & Interest	0	20	0	-20	
06-2-47-83100	_	0	318,828	630,473	311,645	51
06-2-47-83200	Debenture Principal	0	318,622	644,428	325,806	49
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GL Department Report

GL5330

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Time: 1:41 pm

Date: Sep 12, 2016

: 2016 Year Period: 8

LACOMBE

Budget: FINAL BUDGET

Account No.	Description	Current	Year To Date	Budget	Variance	% Used	
REGIONAL WA	ATER REPORTING						
06-2-47-99000	Amortization	0	0	465,610	465,610		
	47 Regional Water Operating Ex	282,066	3,177,235	5,614,481	2,437,246	57	
	2 EXPENSES	282,066	3,177,235	5,614,481	2,437,246	57	
	Surplus/(Deficit)	-154,492	-947,577	-137,087	810,490	691	
	6 REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION	-154,492	-947,577	-137,087	810,490	691	
REGIONAL V	WATER REPORTING Total	-154,492	-947,577	-137,087	810,490	691	



TO: **Commission Board Members**

FROM: Jennifer Peterson

DATE: September 19, 2016

North Red Deer Regional Water Services Commission

5432 56th Avenue Lacombe, Alberta T4L 1E9

REF: 47/117 City of Red Deer Water Conservation Plan RE:

(2016)

The City of Red Deer Council approved the Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Plan back in May of 2016.

As the plan is 127 pages you are encouraged to go online to review it at http://reddeer.ca/media/reddeerca/city-services/environment-and-conservation/The-<u>City-of-Red-Deer-CEP-Plan-Council.pdf</u> . The City of Red Deer will soon begin implementing the strategies that are outlined in the plan.



RE:

TO: Commission Board Members

FROM: Michael Minchin, Administrator

DATE: September 19, 2016

North Red Deer Regional Water Services Commission

5432 56th Avenue Lacombe, Alberta T4L 1E9

Review of Ten-Year Water Requirement REF: 47/921

(2016)

Reassessment Report

The Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development have completed their review of Stantec's report of June 23, 2016 and had the following comments:

- 1. The assessment of water requirement projection shows the original 2003 projection is more than 26% higher than current projection (13,391,000 m³ vs 9,658,170 m³). The reassessment also accounted for the projected increase of first nation's requirement even though they have not connected to the system yet.
- 2. Even though 26% is higher than the range that we would normally consider acceptable for population projection, we will wait for the next 10-year reassessment to decide whether;
 - a. An adjustment of the water allocation.
 - b. The decision on first nation's portion of the water allocation if, by then, the first nation still have not decided to connect to the system.
- 3. The next 10-year reassessment is due on and before January 31, 2026 and it is the Commission's responsibility of the licensee to ensure that the licensed Terms and Conditions are complied with.



TO: Commission Board Members

FROM: Michael Minchin, Administrator

DATE: September 22, 2016

North Red Deer Regional Water Services Commission

5432 56th Avenue Lacombe, Alberta T4L 1E9 RE: Agreement with City of Lacombe –

Operational and Administrative Services (2016)

REF: 47/117

PURPOSE:

To provide the Commission with options for the delivery of administrative and operational services.

BACKGROUND:

The current agreement between the Commission and City of Lacombe expired on June 15, 2016 of this year. The agreement was a three year agreement which covered all administration and operational services provided to the Commission by the City. The City has been providing services to the Commission since 2010. The 2013 agreement was the second contract signed between the parties.

ISSUE ANALYSIS:

On behalf of the City I have provided an updated rate schedule. In 2013, the City lowered its estimates for the number of hours required to deliver the administrative, financial and engineering services. The City has left this estimate unchanged. The City has proposed only one change: by altering the term from 3 years to 3 ½ years to provide for a calendar year worth of services for each contract yearly rate.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Attached is the proposed rate schedule. The City is proposing rates for the first period to cover 18 months with increases of approximately 2% for 2018 and 2019. The annualized increase for the 2016-2017 is 5% and reflects a market adjustment for wage costs incurred by the City.

Current Budget Administration, Engineering and Finance - \$64,456 Operational - \$111,883

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Total for 2016 - \$176,339

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:

• Clause 6.12 of the Commission's Bylaw 1 – Duties of Manager

SERVICE LEVEL IMPACT:

 There are no proposed changes to service levels based on the proposed agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Accept agreement as presented.
- 2. Propose changes for City's consideration.
- 3. Issue Request for Proposal for Admin and Ops Services that would be open to all service providers.

ATTACHMENTS:

• Rate schedule and cost impacts.

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board accept the City's recommendation.

City of Lacombe Regional Water Services Proposed Admin & Operations Rates

	Proposed			
	15-Jun-16*	1-Jan-17		1-Jan-19
	to	to	to	to
Monthly Changes*	31-Dec-16	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-19
Monthly Charges* Section 3.1 General Administration Duties				
(a) Management of Line Crossings				
(b) Communications				
(c) Water Rate Calculations				
(h) Water Conservation				
Subtotal	\$4,644	\$4,644	\$4,737	\$4,832
Section 3.1 (b) - Budget and Financial Supervision Subtotal	\$866	\$866	\$883	\$901
*All charges are billed monthly at the above flat rate.				
Operation Hourly Charges				
Section 3.1(i) Operational & Maintenance				
Operations Manager	\$68.00/hr	\$68.00/hr	\$69.36/hr	\$70.75/hr
Operations Supervisor	\$68.00/hr	\$68.00/hr	\$69.36/hr	\$70.75/hr
Utility Operator	\$36.50/hr	\$36.50/hr	\$37.23/hr	\$37.97/hr
On-Call Charges	\$4/hr	\$4/hr	\$4/hr	\$4/hr
4X4 ½ Ton Truck	\$14.85/hr	\$14.85/hr	\$15.59/hr	\$16.37/hr
Ancillary Charges On Call & Emergency – Cell Phones- Billed directly to Comn	nission by Ce	ell Phone Co	ompany	
		-		
Section 3.1 (f) - Emergency Services (Administration Staff on	ly) After Hot \$84.00/hr		\$85.68/hr	\$87.39/hr
<u>Annual Cost Comparisons</u>				
Monthly Charges (Admin & Finance)	\$33,060	\$66,120	\$67,440	\$68,796
		\$2,928	\$1,320	\$1,356
		3%	2%	2%
O and the Observe				
Operation Charges	\$52,987	\$121,300	\$123,637	\$126,053
	Ψ32,707	\$9,138		\$2,415
		5%	2%	2%
	40 - 2 (=	4.0		40.00
<u>Total</u>	\$86,047	\$187,420		\$194,849
		\$12,066 5%	\$3,657 2%	\$3,771 2%
		3%	∠%	∠70

^{*}Convert contract from mid year to calendar year increases. First increase will cover 18 months instead of 12.