



August 31, 2010

Dear Residents,

**RE: Central Water Project Update 3**

On behalf of the Town of Pilot Butte Council, I am pleased to provide you my third update on your Central Water Project. The Water Project is progressing well with some delays due to approvals -it is estimated we are now delayed by one month.

- The Notice of Intention to each property owner is proposed to be sent out in late September. The Notice of Intention states the Town intends to construct the water distribution system as a local improvement , with a charge against the lands that benefit. This charge is estimated at \$200 per meter as frontage plus the \$2500 connection charge. Watch for these notices in your mailboxes. Please contact me if you require clarification on the information in the notices.
- If you have an irregular lot, the Town uses a formula to calculate your frontage using the area of your lot divided by the depth of the regular shaped lots adjacent to your lot. A regular sized lot is generally rectangular in shape with equal sides, and equal front and back. The actual frontage is used for regular lots. If you have a corner lot, the frontage is the assessed on the shorter side, with the longer side(flankage) being exempt.
- In order to convert your frontage from feet to meters, divide the number of feet by 3.28.
- If you do not know the frontage that will be used for your frontage calculation for your property, please contact me and I will provide you the information.
- The Town is still on target to complete the construction of the capital portion of the project which includes the wells, booster pump house, raw water pipeline, water treatment plant with upgrades to accommodate an increase in population , 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. sewer trunk mains, and upgrades to the Butte Street sewage pump station, by March 31, 2013 to qualify for the total Canada Builds grant of \$12 million towards the project.
- Two of the water project wells have been drilled and the third well will be started within the next few days. The new wells are located in the Zehner aquifer. The water flows from NE to SW in the aquifer. Most of the Town's household wells are located in the Condie aquifer.
- The water treatment plant drawings are being finalized using the water quality and quantity analysis from the new wells, with tendering of the plant being proposed for mid October.
- The water mains could be started this October or delayed to spring depending on the contractor and prices for winter construction. Most of the water mains work is expected to commence in the Spring of 2011 with completion Summer/Fall 2011.

- The distribution system (water mains) are being installed in the front street , on the sides of the pavement to avoid as much damage to the pavement as possible. There will be one water main for each street. The engineer will select the most cost effective side of the street based on what other utilities are there and what surface constraints are evident , with Town input. The back lanes were considered but factors such as trees adjacent to the lanes, gas and electrical utilities located in most back lanes, ease of future maintenance , back yard encumbrances, and the area required for equipment mobility restricted the lanes use for water mains installation.
- The engineer home visits with individual homeowners for the connection options and locations will now be done when the contractor begins work on the water mains. The engineer visits with homeowners will now occur in early Spring 2011.
- It is expected hook up to the Town system will be required by the residents within a certain time frame, after the water mains have been installed and tested.
- All connections to homes should be able to be completed by the end of 2011.
- As to connections cost, the contractors contacted are giving a wide range of prices, due to each property being different and they need to look at the property before they can provide a definite estimate. The other factor is that the work is still one year away. I am continuing to compile a list of contractors. The contractor who can do the work in a timely manner at the least cost will be the one most residents will probably be using. The more contractors we have on the list, the better for everyone to get the work done and for the best price. The plumbing cost will depend on how much work is involved in your house.
- If you wish to pay a portion of the frontage and/or the connection charge upfront with the balance on your taxes over 10 years, this can be done. The upfront costs are estimated to be due in November/December 2011, and if not paid up front, the amount will be added to your taxes in 10 annual instalments including interest. The interest rate will depend upon the rate the Town can borrow at. The first instalment will be due in June 2012, with your 2012 taxes.

I will continue to provide you regular updates on the project on the Town's website [www.pilotbutte.ca](http://www.pilotbutte.ca) . If you do not have internet access, the updates will also be available for you to pick up at the Town Office, Library, Store and Gas Station. I will also be sending brief message phone updates using Synrevoice.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, at the Pilot Butte Town Office at 781-4547 or e-mail me at [pbprojectmgr@sasktel.net](mailto:pbprojectmgr@sasktel.net).

Enjoy the autumn season!

Sincerely,  
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Project Manager