

Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op NEWSLETTER & INFORMATION UPDATE

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op, shall endeavor to supply potable water to all residents of the Lethbridge North County, who wish to be supplied, at the most reasonable cost as can be achieved, for the good of all.

Letter from the President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Wow...What a Year. As 2009 began, the Co-op was planning how we could somehow manage to get the Little Bow phase underway. Unexpectedly, in late January the Provincial and Federal Governments each came through with \$3 million in funding under the Canada Build Grant Funding. This timely funding allowed the Co-op and Board to go full steam ahead as we make our "Pipedream" a "Pipeline Reality". When we optimistically planned for pipe in the ground by early November, I think most of us felt it was just another fantasy. A number of our Board members have been fantasizing about this pipeline since November 2003. With a lot of dedication and effort, from our Advisory Committee, our Board, the County officials and our Engineers, we actually had pipe going in the ground by the beginning of November in the Sundial area. Our Nobleford contract is scheduled to see pipe installation begin in early January. Due to the need to upgrade the pumps at Diamond City, our Picture Butte, Diamond City, and Monarch phases will be a year away. We are however planning final pipeline alignments and easement signings beginning in February for Diamond City and Monarch. We have been very fortunate with the downturn in the economy and have accepted tenders for the first two contracts from Canadian Utility Construction that are 25 to 30% under projected budget amounts. This will allow us to realize a tremendous saving in pipeline construction which will ultimately be reflected in a lower unit cost for all members. We are very thankful to Rae Lynne Friesen and Scott Jeffery who have done a superb job to ensure there are minimal membership hiccups.

We are now in the midst of obtaining interim financing, and appeal to all members who are in a good financial position to respond to the spirit of the Co-op and Community, and come forward to prepay their unit. This will ultimately save everyone additional interest and bank charges on each unit. It also helps us show the bank that we are committed to financial success of our project. If you are able to pre-pay, or partially pay towards your unit, please contact Rae Lynne Friesen 403-381-4789, and she can send you an invoice and receipt for your records.

By year end, many of us will be enjoying safe, high quality potable water just as our urban neighbors are enjoying.
WOW... It is exciting!!

- Bill Hamman

MEMBER INFO CENTER

Member Count
As of December 31, 2009: 502

Purchased Units
As of December 31, 2009: 710

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Project Engineers:

MPE Engineering Ltd. (Contract 2, Nobleford/Barons), and Associated Engineering Alberta Ltd. (Contract 1, Turin/Sundial)

Potable Water = 500 gallons/day

Cistern: recommend minimum 1000 gallon tank

Curb Stop: to be placed at the driveway, just inside the property line.

Contribution Cost = Approx. \$8000.00/unit

Monthly Cost: TBD, approx. \$60 - \$70/month

Unused curb stop: will still be charged a monthly fee of approx. \$17.00/unit...TBD.

Late sign up fee: Minimum \$150.00, plus additional construction costs.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tentative date set for March 31, 2010

Venue & times to be determined

Watch the Sunny South News for details

Check out our website:

For up to date details on how the Co-op is progressing, check out our web-site at

www.freewebs.com/lethbridgcountypwaterinfo/

Our administration duties are being handled by Rae Lynne Friesen, (403) 381-4789. Additional units can still be purchased at \$1250.00 each (Diamond City, Monarch, Coalhurst & Picture Butte areas only).

New members must include a \$1.00 membership fee to be a part of the Co-op.

All monies can be mailed to...LNCPWC, P.O. Box 426, Picture Butte, AB, T0K 1V0.



NEWSFLASH - Construction Has Begun!

It's true...Construction is under way in two areas of the North County of Lethbridge. Canadian Utilities Construction has been awarded the tenders in the Turin & Nobleford areas (Phases 1 & 2), and construction has indeed been started. The Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op & its team of executives, along with MPE Engineering & Associated Engineering are putting forth a continuous effort to get the pipe in the ground in all phases of our project.

The next phases of construction will be the Diamond City & Monarch phases. Area 2 & Area 1 (**see attached map**), and The LNCPWC will be scheduling the following easement signing parties...

Area 2 (Diamond City)	February 2 & 3, 2010 – Diamond City Hall
Area 1 (Monarch)	March 2 & 3, 2010 – venue to be determined

We will be contacting you soon with all the times & details for the signing parties in your particular area.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances as of Dec. 23, 2009 are as follows...
ATB Acct #24 = \$118540.43 ATB Acct #25 = \$330,763.93

We have a number of invoices to be paid out from these accounts, and so far we have had no funding drafts from the Govt. We are awaiting interim financing from the bank, and anticipate seeing some funding in the near future. However, until then we need to increase our operating funds in order to stay on top of all the invoices that need to be paid, due to construction & engineering of the project. We also want to avoid any major interest charges that may accumulate over time. If you can afford it, we encourage any members who can submit prepayment of their water units, to assist us at this time.

Pre-Payment Option: The commitment contribution cost for the water units is **\$8000.00/unit**. The **\$1000.00** deposits already collected from our members will go towards this contribution cost. Anyone interested in paying the remaining balance of **\$7000.00/unit**, or even half (**\$3500.00/unit**), please contact Rae Lynne Friesen, (403) 381-4789, for an invoice & receipt for your records. The money collected saves the Co-op any interest fees that may accumulate as a result of money owing on the pipeline project. We are also still accepting any new unit applications & deposits @ \$1250.00/unit. New members must submit a \$1.00 membership fee with their deposit.

Please make all cheques payable to...

L.N.C.P.W. Co-op, P.O. Box 426, Picture Butte, AB, T0K 1V0.

Message from Scott Jeffery – Project Facilitator

January 2010 - Happy New Year!

We're looking forward to a busy 2010 and wish to thank all of our members who came out to easement signing parties in 2009. We hope you'll let your friends know that we had a great time that included good food and fellowship with friends and neighbors to wet their appetite for future easement signing parties in 2010.

Please thank all of your neighbors who are non members for signing easements to allow us to place the water lines on their properties. Without their good will in allowing us to cross their land and taking the time to sign easements for us, we would not be in the position we are today.

We have had 100% support in Turin from non-members, and are nearly complete with easement signings in Nobleford. That should give all of you a real reason to feel great about being in your community, and speaks to the hearts of people in rural southern Alberta. I have to thank all of our board members who worked so hard in helping me, and giving their support, direction, and community input to keep this project going strong.

On the construction front, Turin is approximately 70% ploughed in. We may have been complete but for some rock encountered in the river valley and subsequent equipment issues. Canadian Utility Construction is bringing in additional directional drill units, backhoes, and crews starting the first week of January. As soon as plowing is complete in Turin, we are hoping to move to Nobleford and start construction ASAP. If you know people wanting water in any area, please note that there is a minimum \$150.00 late sign up fee once the tender is closed, plus possible additional equipment costs, materials, engineering, etc. - so timing is critical.

My wife Sandi and I will be opening our home for members wishing to sign easements who are not able to attend one of the signing parties. We live at 249 Heritage Crescent West, near Safeway in West Lethbridge. We can supply a Google map or directions if needed.

Please call my cell, (403) 332-2724 anytime or e-mail me at jeffer3@shaw.ca. We'd be glad to have you over for coffee/tea and a visit.

We are putting together a material list for customers with regard to construction from the curb stop to the cistern, and will be supplying emitters once the line has been pressure tested and chlorinated.

Looking forward to meeting with you soon.

Scott Jeffery
Project Facilitator



Membership and Deposit Submission Form

Applicant Name (printed) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Numbers & Email: _____

Legal description of property to be serviced (submit legal land descriptions for additional properties at bottom of page, if more space is required.)

Quarter _____ Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

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Lot _____ Block _____ Plan _____

Lot _____ Block _____ Plan _____

Total number of units applied for (1 unit = 500 gallons/day): _____

Fees to be submitted with application form...

New Members: All new sign ups must pay \$1.00 membership fee

Unit deposits: \$1250.00/unit

Contribution Cost: \$8000.00/unit. If you have already paid a \$1000.00 deposit/unit, then the balance of contribution would be \$7000.00/unit.

Please make cheques payable to the L.N.C.P. Water Co-op

Cheque for \$_____ enclosed.

**Any questions or inquiries can be directed to the Co-op Administrator
Rae Lynne Friesen - Phone (403) 381-4789 Email: raelynne@faithmarketing.ca**

**Water = 500 gallons per day. Minimum 1000 gallon cistern required.
Monthly usage cost = approx. \$60 - \$70/month...still to be determined.**

