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Annual General Meeting RM of Snipe Lake #259

June 20, 2019



Our focus today

- This afternoon, we wish to focus on a very specific project
- This project has been in the works for 10 years.
- We want to provide you with background
- We want to give you updated information
- We want to hear from you as you give your consideration to this project.
- The project is the Rural 44 Waterline.

History

- Original project was to include the municipalities of Snipe Lake, Newcombe, Chesterfield and the urbans of Eatonia and Eston.
- Project was reduced because it was considered “too large” to meet the funding criteria. Reduced to Snipe Lake and some of the easterly Newcombe subscribers
- Official funding announced on Friday, May 24
- Provincial and Federal funding will amount to almost \$12.6 Million dollars
- We believe this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to bring a potable water pipeline to this area.

What's changed

- In July 2018, the Rural 44 Board was informed that the supply source would require upgrades in order to meet the water requirements of Rural 44
- AECOM was commissioned to provide design recommendations to accommodate the increased demand.
- Later in the year, we were advised that upgrades to E-K Pipeline would cost approximately \$5,279,000

What's changed

- A second study has detailed the upgrades to the Eston Water Treatment Plant which are needed to provide potable water to the rural subscribers. Working with preliminary information there was \$2,000,000 included in the 2015 application. Current studies have resulted in upgrade costs of \$4,370,000. These enhancements to the Eston WTP will benefit both the citizens of Eston and lateral line subscribers.
- For that reason, the Town of Eston has agreed to a significant financial contribution.

Project Timeline

- Balance of 2019
 - Complete final engineering & design
 - Usage agreements & approvals with Town of Eston and E-K Water Board
 - Determine and arrange financing needs.
 - Call to tender
- 2020
 - Determine tender results and proceed to enter into contract
 - If all proceeds to plan....shovels in the ground in 2020
 - 2021 – construction continues.



Project Timeline

- 2022
 - Water flows!

What have we
been doing
since the
Subscribers
meeting on
May 30?

- The meeting on May 30th was intending to get the information into the hands of those had indicated their interest and those still considering, receiving water from the Rural 44 Pipeline.
- All who have expressed interest have been asked to affirm their commitment to the project and indicate the rate (gallons per minute) of water they need.



The steps forward

- Council has given many hours to this decision and feel that as ratepayers of the municipality, you deserve to be consulted.
- Our time frames have been tight as we could not proceed until funding was approved and announced.
- We desire to start towards the next phase as soon as research is done and we have heard from you and Council has reached their decision.

What are the costs?

- The project for the actual pipeline will actually cost approximately \$19 million.
- The additional costs needed to get the water for distribution (source) is about \$7.6 million
- Our grant from Federal and Provincial is about 12.5 million
- The numbers of people involved is not as many as initially had indicated. In 10 years, plans change.
- We welcome those still considering to voice their opinions soon!

Price Per Yardsite

Background information			Total	Original Plan	Additional
Total costs			26,686,440.00	19,027,440	7,659,000
Subsidies BEFORE Municipal/Local			(12,576,502.00)	(12,576,502)	(2,000,000)
Balance to be paid Locally			14,109,938.00	6,450,938	\$ 5,659,000.00
Cost per Yardsite - estimate	130		108,537.98	49,622.60	\$ 43,530.77
Subscriber Hook Up Fee			30,000.00	25,000	\$ 5,000.00
Balance per Yard Site to be paid locally			78,537.98	24,622.60	\$ 48,530.77

What might your water bill be?

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Proposed “Tap Rates”

Council has determined a price that each subscriber would pay in order to get the flow rate they desire.

- Rate 0.5 gallons per minute -
30,000.00 per connection
- 1 gallon per minute
 - \$ 35,000.00
- 1.5 gallons per minute
 - \$ 40,000.00
- 2 gallons per minute
 - 50,000.00
- 2.5 gallons per minute \$60,000.00 ...
 - 3 \$ 70,000.00
 - 3.5 \$ 80,000.00
 - 4 \$ 90,000.00

Financing on Taxes...?

- We acknowledge that financing of the “tap rate” was discussed from the beginning of the project.
- At the subscribers meeting, the desire for the tap rate to be financed on taxes was reaffirmed.
- Council again wants to hear from the ratepayers What is your feeling on this? Of those who replied, several have made this a condition of their participating in the project.



Will there be tax increases?

- It is not our intention to finance this project through tax increases. It would not be wise to state that there will not be tax increases because there are things beyond our control which may come into play in years to come.



How will it be paid for then?

Council has, for the past several years, seen budget surplus which they have informally seen as available when/if the water pipeline became reality. This would give \$3.2 million from previous years surplus.

Council is hopeful that with continued good planning we will be able to allocate approximately 1.5 to 2 million dollars in 2019 to 2021 without increasing taxes.

Questions?

We need your input as we consider our future!

