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Good Evening Kim & Harry,

Thank you for your catch-up email. Hope you are doing well!

As you noted, a few things were on hold waiting for the results of the grant application. The refusal was due to it being over-subscribed. So, we wanted to get back in line and are preparing the grant application for another shot at it, as you read in the Minutes. We hope we will be successful on this round! Additionally, we are looking at obtaining water licence, which is part of the mix to making this plan turn into action. I will request that an update (and future updates) on this topic be placed on our website. We will pull a meeting together as soon as we have something further to discuss.

Thank you for letting me know that you and your neighbours are still interested in obtaining water service!

With Best Regards,

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Suzanne,

I am contacting you on behalf of my neighbours and residents on Hwy 762 as well as everyone who expressed interest in water service by joining West Foothills Water.

We were very optimistic about progress on finally having a reliable water service when we reviewed the MPE plan for piping water from the Fish Creek plant on Hwy 762 to the

hamlet of Priddis. It detailed several phases of construction and we were pleased to notice we were included in phase 1. On hearing that the County purchased the reservoir and water treatment plant we were even more enthusiastic about the project becoming a reality and watched your website for more developments. We understood that the County had applied for a grant to install the pipeline from the plant to Priddis and that information meetings would be held to update residents. On checking your website recently I cannot find any new information on our water service.

When reading the Western Wheel of February 19, 2020 I read in the Council minutes that the application for the ICIP Fish Creek Regional Water Servicing Water Treatment and Distribution Expansion project was not successful and administration were directed to re-apply for the grant at the next opportunity. Was this refusal a political issue ? Our group had met a year or so ago with a water expert who installs water plants for local governments throughout Alberta and he advised that grant funding for projects that service rural areas and hamlets such as Priddis were usually successful. I am aware we are now in a different political climate but hope the County will be able to find a way to move forward with this grant application.

Many area residents are watching what is happening with this water service and funding opportunities. We have had our hopes raised and dashed many times and need to be kept informed. It would be really appreciated by those residents who are trying to plan their water requirements - do we drill a new well - or rely on marginal water wells and / or hauling water- if you could make a policy of keeping your website updated with information on the progress of this project and funding .

Thank you for helping us to obtain water service to our homes. With climate change considerations it is becoming more and more important and we do not want this issue to be placed on the back burner again. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

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