From: TRANS Minister <Transportation.Minister@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: water pipeline infrastructure project
Date: September 22, 2020 at 11:41:38 AM MDT
To: "fcrwater@gmail.com" <fcrwater@gmail.com>
Cc: MA Minister <Minister.MunicipalAffairs@gov.ab.ca>, "Banff.kananaskis@assembly.ab.ca" <Banff.kananaskis@assembly.ab.ca>

Dear Mr. Weston:

Premier Jason Kenney forwarded your recent email regarding water pipeline infrastructure to supply safe drinking water to residents in the vicinity of highways 762 and 22. As Minister of Alberta Transportation, I am able to provide the following information.

While I appreciate that the distribution system may be desirable for the residents, water distribution and/or wastewater collection are not eligible for grant funding under the department's Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership program. This program is intended to support water supply and treatment facilities for Alberta municipalities; rural residential developments are not eligible for funding under Alberta Transportation water programs.

Alberta Municipal Affairs advises that Premier Jason Kenney and the Honourable Kaycee Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs, invited municipalities to submit information regarding shovel-ready infrastructure projects. Municipal Affairs has been compiling a list of all infrastructure projects submitted by municipalities to guide further decisions regarding deployment of economic stimulus measures to support municipalities. Since the project you are writing about has not been submitted by a municipality, it has not been included in the Municipal Affairs tracking list. Municipalities have been asked to send all projects to the Minister of Municipal Affairs (at minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca) and copy ma.geptbranch@gov.ab.ca.

The Municipal District may also want to work with Municipal Affairs to determine if any potential Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding may be available. You can contact Municipal Affairs at 780-422-8453 for additional information.

Thank you for taking the time to write. I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister of Transportation

cc: Honourable Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta
Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Municipal Affairs
Miranda Rosin
MLA for Banff-Kananaskis

---------- Original Message ----------
From: Doug Weston
Received: Tue May 05 2020 12:49:40 GMT-0600 (Mountain Daylight Time)
To: ACCTS-Prem-Inbox S
Cc: miranda.rosin@assembly.ab.ca
Subject: water pipeline infrastructure project

Dear Premier Kenney,

Yesterday I sent the email below to our MLA Miranda Rosin to describe the water situation in our area in NW Foothills County. I feel it important to bring this to your attention for the reasons described within the email.

The project will bring clean water to many residents who are facing inadequate supply and unhealthy drinking water. The plant and reservoir are operational, albeit for now only supplying bulk fill tankers, the engineering has been completed and all it needs is a pipeline to the community. Residents are sure this is a shovel ready infrastructure project that ,while helping to kick start the Alberta economy, will provide relief to many landowners and the hamlet of Priddis.

Regards,
Doug Weston

From: Doug Weston <fcrwater@gmail.com>
Subject: water pipeline infrastructure project
Date: May 4, 2020 at 1:08:57 PM MDT
To: miranda.rosin@assembly.ab.ca

Good Afternoon Miranda,

I have been involved in the construction of the water treatment plant and reservoir located on Hwy 762. The plant has the capability to provide water service for upwards of 500 residents. In 2019 Foothills County purchased the system with a view to serving the area from Hwy 762 to Priddis.The plant is fully functional and is presently selling bulk water.

Foothills County applied for an Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program grant in 2019 but the initial application was rejected. They reapplied for the same grant in February 2020. The grant application is supported by an engineering study by MPE Engineering that Foothills County commissioned in 2018.

Water in this area has been of unreliable quality and quantity for many years. Over the last 15 years the then MD of Foothills held meetings with residents to investigate options for water service but , even when taxpayers felt they were making progress, no action was taken. Since then there has been a pipeline built to service Millarville and the County has supported Priddis

Greens with improvements to their treatment plant. Nothing has been done to help the Hwy 762 and Hwy 22 residents obtain a safe water service.

I am attaching a copy of some posts that have been made this past week on the Facebook site " Friends and Neighbours of 762". The posts describe "yellowish/brown" water "from particulates from sitting or fermenting organic matter", iron that destroys filters and turns laundry orange, "flooding and infestation of bacteria", "no potable water for 4.5 months" and collapsing wells.

Residents drive past the County owned facility daily but have no access to clean water that will improve their lives and may well prevent someone from becoming very ill due to the water they are presently drinking. We do not want another Walkerton in this constituency.

The water pipeline project is an ideal project for the Province during the restarting of the economy through infrastructure. It checks all the boxes. The plant and reservoir are fully operational, the need is there to supply safe drinking water, the engineering has been completed and all it needs is pipe in the ground to be a fully operational regional water system. It truly is shovel ready. As our MLA I urge you to investigate this further and to promote the construction as a recovery project.

If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,
Doug Weston
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