



This letter contains important information related to construction of private property water and wastewater systems within the Hamlet of Beaver Mines.

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Attention: Hamlet of Beaver Mines Property Owner

This letter updates property owners regarding the ongoing water and wastewater projects within and surrounding the Hamlet of Beaver Mines (Hamlet), and serves as a reminder on the process for hookup.

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 (MD) reminds residents that the Utility Services Guidelines (USG's) for construction of private water and drainage (sewer) lines within the Hamlet have been released along with the application process. An additional batch of site plans required for submission with applications was mailed to residents last week. Residents can request digital copies from the MD.

PROJECTS UPDATE

The following progress has been made on the Beaver Mines water and wastewater projects:

- Sanitary lift station and pipeline are “flow-ready”, awaiting treatment system completion
- Full completion for off-property work within the Hamlet remains on track for end of July (excluding deficiency and warranty work)
- Treatment system construction progress continues (70% complete)
- Pincher Creek Emergency Services (PCES) has completed (and passed) testing of fire hydrants and is currently updating the fire underwriters survey

Wastewater Treatment System Appeal

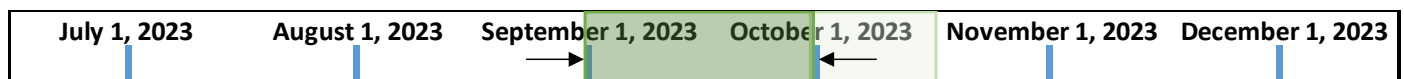
On July 14th, 2023, the Alberta Environmental Appeals Board acknowledged the withdrawal of the appeal on the Beaver Mines Wastewater Treatment System and closed the file. There are no barriers preventing the MD from continuing to construct and commence operations. The MD understands this has been a long process for all Hamlet and area residents. We thank the appellants for contributing to and verifying the strength of the design and look forward to safe water and wastewater operations in the Hamlet and surrounding area.

GETTING CONNECTED

Residents are reminded that the Utility Bylaw put into affect mandatory connection to the water and wastewater systems along with private property work being the responsibility of property owners.

Anticipated Flow Allowance Date

As of July 17th, the MD is anticipating acceptance of flow sometime between September 1st, 2023 and September 30th, 2023. We anticipate providing tighter dates in subsequent updates.



Previous Update (June 21st) shown for reference

Homeowner Connection Guide

This guide is intended to be the main resource to assist homeowners in navigating the connection process. It can be found on the MD website (<https://mdpinchercreek.ab.ca/content.php?p=730>).

Utility Services Guidelines

A copy of the Utility Services Guidelines can be found on the MD website (<https://mdpinchercreek.ab.ca/content.php?p=730>). These guidelines provide the minimal acceptable procedures and standards to be followed for design and install of private water and drainage (sewer) lines. They are intended to inform both contractors and property owners.

Please note that owners must not connect to the curbstops and stubbed sewer connection until the treatment system is able to take flows. The MD will issue the exact date when it is ready to allow final connection to the system. Owners MUST NOT connect before this date.

Service Connection Application

A private service connection application must be completed with a site plan and submitted digitally to admininfra@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca or dropped off in person at the MD office.

Blank copies of site plans with curbstop information have been mailed to the majority of residents, along with copies of the original service cards received by the MD in 2019 (where ownership has not changed) for ease of reference. There are a few residents whom have not been mailed site plans yet. We are working to have these out as soon as feasible.

If additional guidance is required in this process, please refer to the Homeowner Connection Guide as a first step. The Beaver Mines Water and Wastewater On Property FAQ has also been updated on the website. *Those having trouble accessing links or finding pages on the website may email the MD and request copies of the documents be emailed to them. Alternatively, hard copies of any documents (including site plans) may be picked up from the MD office.*

NEXT STEPS

- 1) Pre-Qualified Contractors;** The list of pre-qualified contractors webpage on the MD website is being continually updated with contractors and we are expecting more applications. Use of pre-qualified contractors is not mandatory, but meeting USG requirements is mandatory
- 2) Allowed Connection Date;** Final connection cannot be made to MD Water and Wastewater Service Lines until treatment system is able to take wastewater flows. The MD will continue to provide tighter timing windows in subsequent updates
- 3) Service Connection Application;** The MD has begun processing property owner private service connection applications. Construction may begin prior to the date of allowed connection (after receiving MD approval), but it is very important to note that this is at the discretion of property owners and contractors. If delays to the allowed connection date occur, property owners and contractors hold harmless and indemnify the MD of any and all actions, claims, demands and costs whatsoever, arising out of any act or omission with respect to the work being performed early.

We look forward to your continued engagement as we navigate this process together as a community.

Regards,



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