



**This letter contains important information related to construction of private property water and wastewater systems within the Hamlet of Beaver Mines and should be read in full.**

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**Attention: Hamlet of Beaver Mines Property Owner**

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 (MD) continues to thank you for your patience during the construction of the off-property water distribution and collection systems within the Hamlet of Beaver Mines (Hamlet). Since the November update, the following progress has been made:

- Continued construction of the wastewater lift station (60% complete), treatment system (25% complete), and related pipeline work
- 80% progress for off-property underground work within the Hamlet achieved
- Critical water connection required for “fire-flow” hydrant operation complete. Testing and deficiency work underway (as weather allows) prior to activation of fire suppression throughout Hamlet
- Supporting Utility Bylaw 1344-22 passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading Nov. 22, 2022. Public Hearing held January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading passed Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading passed Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Utility Bylaw puts into effect mandatory connection to the water and wastewater systems along with private property work being the responsibility of property owners.

The following critical changes to modifications proposed in the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 letter to property owners have been made:

- 1) Requirements regarding alternate water source decommissioning (i.e. wells) removed from bylaw. Connection to the water and wastewater system will still be mandatory and alternate water systems cannot be connected to the municipal system. *Refer to FAQ for more details regarding existing wells*
- 2) The utility bylaw waives the cost of supplying the meter for owners whom connect to the system **within 9 months of the MD’s allowed connection date** (previously 30 days)

The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document has been updated to reflect these and other common questions regarding on-property work. This can be found on the MD website. Copies can also be picked up in person at the MD office or emailed directly. Request from [adminutility@mdpincercreek.ab.ca](mailto:adminutility@mdpincercreek.ab.ca).

## NEXT STEPS

- 1) **Utility Services Guidelines;** The MD is planning to release Utility Services Guidelines (USG's) document clarifying guidance around procedures and requirements owners must comply with during installation of Private Water & Wastewater Lines after review with our Accredited Permit and Inspection Agency is complete. Details (including the process for application) will be sent via mail and to the Beaver Mines email distribution list
- 2) **Pre-Qualification;** Upon release of the USG's, Contractors may apply to the MD for pre-qualification. Note that the MD will not be checking financial stability, insurance, and safety track records regarding Contractors. Property owners maintain responsibility to make informed decisions regarding their use of Contractor. Pre-qualified contractors are not mandatory, but meeting USG requirements are. More details regarding the pre-qualification process and a list of Contractors will be made available on the MD website following release of the USG's
- 3) **Allowed Connection Date;** Once the USG's are released, property owners will be free to begin the application and permitting process with the intent of starting work. Final connection cannot be made to MD Water and Wastewater Service Lines until the lift station and treatment system are able to take wastewater flows. Despite supply chain delays and an ongoing appeal of the wastewater system approval, the MD remains optimistic that connection will be allowed in Autumn 2023. Tighter timing windows will be provided in subsequent updates

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

Regards,



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