



*To Enhance, Preserve & Protect
Pigeon Lake & Its Watershed*

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REGIONAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM

On June 14th, the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association met with Diana McQueen, MLA for Drayton Valley/Calmar to discuss funding for the Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater System. The Association also met with representatives of the summer villages who had outstanding concerns about the system.

On June 16th, the County of Wetaskiwin received the required resolutions from the remaining summer villages. They agreed to proceed with the option recommended by the Steering Committee from those in the Associated Engineering Report. All six passed unconditional resolutions supporting the expansion.

At its Council meeting on June 17th, the County of Wetaskiwin agreed to proceed as the lead municipality in the application for funding and planning of the regional wastewater system expansion around Pigeon Lake. With the addition of the six remaining summer villages, all ten summer villages around the lake would be provided wastewater service by the regional system.

The next steps in implementing the system are to:

- apply for funding
- complete the detailed engineering
- tender the contract and select the contractor
- commence construction on the regional transmission lines
- expand and upgrade the Mulhurst treatment facility
- establish a governance structure for the system expansion

Once funding is approved, it could take up to five years to complete the expansion.

The mayors of the summer villages of Grandview and Sundance have advised the Association that although they are working with the group, they will proceed with an assessment for the possible continued use of the Thorsby facility to process their wastewater. The PLWA met with the mayors and encouraged them to continue to work with the other summer villages to expand and improve the existing system and governance structure. The PLWA will work with the Regional Wastewater System Planning Committee and the Government of Alberta to expedite funding so that the expansion can commence as quickly as possible.

Additional information on the expansion will be posted, as it becomes available, on the Association's website at: <http://www.pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com/>.