

July 17, 2013

Ms. Sheila Kitz, CLGM
Chief Administrative Officer
County of St. Paul No. 19
5015 - 49th Avenue
St. Paul, AB T0A 3A4

Dear Ms. Kitz:

I am writing in regards to your letter of July 5, 2013 regarding the Ashmont Water Treatment Plant Upgrades/Lottie Lake Waterline project.

In your letter it appears the cost of the project has increased by \$2,733,847 from the original June 2011 approval. Because of the current program budget constraints, the department at this time is unable to process your request for additional grant funding in the amount of \$2,478,232.

From the information found in your letter, it appears these additional costs would be considered eligible for future additional funding under the Alberta Water/Wastewater Partnership program. Your request has been placed in the program database and will be reviewed at a future date when program budgets allow. In the meantime, the county can continue to advance the project with provincial funding remaining at the level of the current approval. Interim financing costs, starting from the time a project is substantially complete, are now considered an eligible project cost and can be included as part of this application.

I would ask that as the project advances the county would continue to provide periodic project cost updates. This will provide a more definitive figure that will then be used when future approvals are considered.

If you have any further questions regarding this issue please contact Mr. Dean Litke, Infrastructure Manager, at 780-305-2427; toll free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000, or e-mail dean.litke@gov.ab.ca.

Yours truly,


Michael Botros, P.Eng.
Regional Director

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cc: Dean Litke