



## County of St. Paul No. 19

September 19, 2013

To: Residents along the Elk Point/St. Paul Regional Water Commission transmission line

Re: **Update regarding the line and connections**

The Water Transmission Line from St. Paul to Elk Point has had some challenges as you have probably witnessed or guessed. The line was originally to be completed last fall, however the early winter hampered that effort. Additionally the contractor had other issues and challenges in completing the project. At this point, the line may be commissioned as early as next week. The contractor has yet to achieve substantial completion which would allow the Commission to assume ownership of the infrastructure and begin full-time operations.

Council realizes that you will want to be getting your work done so that once there is water available for customers you will be able to access it. The County asks that at this time any work being done on your property to prepare for connection to this line, be limited to your property and not affect the County's Road Right of Way. The contractor is still dealing with cleanup of the water meter vault sights and therefore any disturbance of the ground around the water meter vault is discouraged until such time that their work is substantially complete and the transmission line has been handed over to the Elk Point/St. Paul Regional Water Commission.

Prior to any connection to the water meter vault, residents will be required to review and sign the attached agreement. County Utility Staff will be out to inspect your connection prior to any water being allocated to your home.

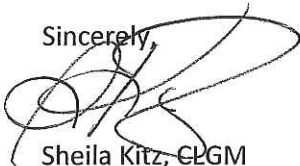
There are other outstanding issues affecting the accessibility of water to County residents or the Town of Elk Point. Alberta Environment still has some licensing issues to deal with. Additionally the Commission is still working out a water supply agreement with the Town of St. Paul.

The County Council has agreed to re-consider when residents along this line will be required to begin utility bill payments for this line. This decision has not yet been made, however no billing will commence until after water is readily available to residents. In some cases, it may be deferred to next year should that date be too late for residents to realistically connect to the transmission line. You will be notified of any decision of Council related to when billing will commence.

To date you have only paid a deposit for the water meter vault. At this point the County has not yet been invoiced by the Commission for the balance of the cost of these vaults. When the County has been invoiced, we will be sending out a final invoice less your deposit for you. This invoice will need to be paid prior to water being turned on.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or concerns regarding the above. I can be reached at (780) 645-3301 ext 208.

Sincerely,



Sheila Kitz, CLGM



# WATER FEES

## CONNECTIONS TO THE IRON HORSE TRAIL LINE

Council at their meeting of May 6, 2014 were informed that the water line running from the St. Paul Water Treatment Plant to Elk Point will be in use and available to County residents in June.

Council determined that all residents with a meter vault will start receiving a monthly invoice for the Service Charge amounting to \$51.65 effective October 1, 2014 or the date of connection to the line – whichever comes first. Consumption charges will only commence once the resident is using the water at a rate of \$1.55 per cubic meter.

Residents are required to pay the outstanding balance for their meter vault as per the invoice attached. As well in order to connect to the water meter vault you will need to complete and sign the Water Connection Agreement and arrange to have your connection inspected by the County's Utility staff.

If you have any questions regarding accessing the water, please do not hesitate to contact Paulette Mudryk at 780-645-3301 ext. 206.