

Sheila Kitz

From: Meghann Matthews [Meghann.Matthews@edmonton.ca]
Sent: February-24-11 12:25 PM
To: Sheila Kitz
Subject: NSWA 2010-2011 Funding Request
Attachments: Letter of thanks to County of S Paul.doc

Sheila Kitz,

I am writing on behalf of David Trew, Executive Director of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, as a follow up to the letter sent to your municipality in early August 2010. In this letter, we requested the consideration by Council of a \$0.50 per capita contribution to support NSWA's operations in 2011. A copy of this letter has been attached.

At this time NSWA would like to know if your council has reached a decision on this request. If so, we would be happy to issue a formal invoice. Please inform us as to the dollar amount and to whom should this invoice be addressed.

If you have any further questions regarding this request please feel free to contact us at any time. We would be pleased to assist you.

NSWA recognizes the importance of municipalities as primary watershed stakeholders and as important partners for implementing watershed management plans. We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Meghann Matthews

Meghann Matthews, BBA
Administrative Assistant
North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance
9504 49 Street
Edmonton, AB. T6B 2M9
Phone: (780) 442-6363
Fax: (780) 495-0610
Email: meghann.matthews@edmonton.ca
www.nswa.ab.ca



North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

9504 – 49th Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6B 2M9

Phone: 780-442-6363 Fax: 780-495-0610

water@nswa.ab.ca

<http://www.nswa.ab.ca>

August 3, 2010

Reeve Robert Bouchard
County of St. Paul No. 19
5015 – 49th Ave.
St. Paul, Alberta T0A 3A4

Reeve Bouchard:

I am pleased to send you this update on the planning activities of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) and to request your financial support for 2011.

As you are aware, the NSWA was appointed by Alberta Environment in 2005 as the ***Watershed Planning and Advisory Council*** for the North Saskatchewan River basin under the terms and concepts embodied in *Water for Life, Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability*.

The NSWA has made good progress under this mandate in developing an *Integrated Watershed Management Plan* (IWMP) for the North Saskatchewan River watershed. This major undertaking aims to protect the long-term supply and quality of water resources for future generations. The draft plan has now been prepared, and is under final review by the NSWA Board of Directors. The draft plan is comprehensive, and addresses a diverse range of water, land and development issues. It also incorporates stakeholder interests and addresses the current policy context for watershed plan implementation.

We anticipate that the plan will be released for stakeholder, sector and public review in September, 2010. Our intention is to submit the plan to the Government of Alberta in spring of 2011, following an extensive 6 month review process which will be open to all interested parties.

The NSWA is also making good progress on the Vermilion River Watershed Management Project (VRWMP). We are working closely with rural and urban municipalities in that sub-watershed to identify local management issues and develop a sub-watershed management plan.

It is our intention to identify and prioritize other sub-watersheds in the North Saskatchewan River watershed for future watershed planning, and to that end we would be pleased to work with rural municipalities to help shape NSWA's strategic work priorities for 2011-2015. NSWA has developed significant watershed planning capacity and knowledge, and is well positioned to lead regional collaboration on local watershed planning projects.

NSWA recognizes the importance of municipalities as primary watershed stakeholders and as important partners for implementing watershed management plans. Rural and urban municipal governments are represented on the NSWA Board of Directors, the IWMP Steering Committee and the VRWMP Steering Committee

The NSWA is requesting your support for the forthcoming calendar year. We would appreciate positive consideration by Council for a \$0.50 per capita contribution to NSWA's operations in 2011.

Ten of the 20 Counties in the North Saskatchewan River watershed have provided direct financial support to NSWA in 2009 and 2010 (Minburn, Camrose, Vermilion River, Thorhild, Lac Ste Anne, Two Hills, Brazeau, Clearwater, Beaver and Lamont). Part of this support has enabled us to hold watershed planning workshops in rural areas, and to provide briefings to County Councils. The City of Edmonton and EPCOR have also provided strong support for NSWA operations, based on the same per capita formula.

NSWA staff would be very pleased to discuss any watershed issues of concern to your County and to provide any further information requested by Council or Administration. Please feel free to contact Mr. David Trew, Executive Director (Phone: 780-496-3474 or email: david.trew@edmonton.ca) in this regard.

We have enclosed two copies of NSWA's 2009-10 Annual Report for your information. It can be found on our website at www.nswa.ab.ca.

We have also included a copy of the 2009 report entitled *Summary of the State of the Saskatchewan River Basin*, produced through our collaboration with the *Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin*. This report provides an excellent overview of the condition of the Saskatchewan River as it flows across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dr. Les Gammie
President
North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Society