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Dear Utility Account Holder:

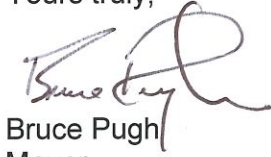
Re: Water Supply Update

In November 2025, the Town of Wainwright ("the Town") advised utility account holders that it is necessary to explore alternative sources of water supply due to the aging water plant infrastructure which currently services our community via the Department of Defence. Any future water supply will involve significant financial investment and as such, Bylaw 2025 – 07 effective in January 2026, established a new \$10.00 per month fee on each utility account to support water-related infrastructure, dedicating such funds to the Town's future water solution.

A Town of Wainwright Water Supply Strategy Report was completed by Select Engineering Consultants in December 2025 and an Executive Summary of this Report can be found at www.wainwright.ca/media/1p1p1wdj/water-supply-strategy.pdf. After evaluating different water supply options, the report recommended that the Town initiate pre-design and further investigation into the option of connecting to the Alberta Central East (ACE) Water Corporation system. The Town was recently notified in June 2026 by the Honourable Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, of approved funding for the Pre-Design of a Regional Waterline through the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors' Water for Life program. Provincial funding of \$568,863 enables the Town to work with ACE Water Corporation and Select Engineering Consultants to pre-design a regional waterline solution. Much information will be gathered during this stage which will provide the Town and the Government of Alberta with direction for the next potential steps of design and construction. The Town requires the approval and financial support of the Government of Alberta to be able to proceed with this project and as such, pre-design is the next critical step.

Water is an essential resource to all. Utility account holders can be assured that the existing water system continues to operate safely and reliably and there is no risk to the Town's current water supply or quality. Town Council and staff remain committed to obtaining a sustainable, long-term water supply for future generations. This letter is provided as a transparent update of the water supply situation. Once the pre-design stage is completed in 2027, further updates will be provided to utility account holders. It is important to recognize that the future water solution is a long-term initiative which requires significant time and consideration. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work collaboratively with multiple stakeholders to determine the best solution for Wainwright's future water supply.

Yours truly,



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