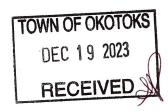


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Re: Town of Nanton Regional Water Study - High River Water Supply

Dear Mayor Thorn,

After years of work on the question of a sustainable long term water solution for Nanton, the Town this November submitted a \$14,951,000 proposal to the 2023 Water for Life grant program round focussed on a potable water pipeline from High River to Nanton. Your organization's participation and support in the research by the Town and MPE Engineering with respect to the *Regional Water Study — High River Water Supply* and the previous *Willow Creek Region Shared Water Distribution Study* was hugely appreciated and helped answer several questions concerning preliminary design and overall viability of the most sustainable and feasible solution.

If the Town is successful, it will be embarking upon a significant project that will impact our local community for generations. If unsuccessful, the Town will instead focus on the secondary option of the construction of an additional raw water reservoir and the renewal of Nanton Water Treatment Plant. While the latter option will not address the question of the sustainability of the Mosquito Creek raw water source, it will offer enhanced storage capacity for the community. Over time, it is estimated that the secondary option will likely cost the taxpayer considerably more in terms of multiple capital projects than the potable pipeline project proposal submitted.

At this juncture, the Town respectfully requests a letter of support in principle for the Nanton Regional Water Supply proposal from your Council and any additional technical or policy feedback that might further assist Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors in its decision.

Yours Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Resolution #174-2023 (Town of High River) Nanton-High River Regional Water Study (2023) Enclosures available for hardcopy viewing upon request.