

Water Works Advisory Committee
Facilitated Meeting per EAB Ministerial Order
March 30, 2016 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Heather Thomson, Admin TV	David J. Morgan, WWAC Member at Large
Mayor Kelly Tuck, WWAC appointed Member TV	Julie Walker, Turner Valley resident
Brock Rush, AB Environment and Parks	Barry Williamson, CAO TV
Maureen Nelson, WWAC TV resident	Jill Hardy, MPE Engineering
Randy Boras, MPE	Eric McAvity, MA Facilitator/Mediator
Garry Chan, WWAC, Member at Large	

Absent:

John LeBoutiller WWAC Turner Valley, Chair

Ms. Tuck in the absent of the Chair called the March 30, 2016 meeting to order at 4:58 p.m.

Ms. Tuck requested a motion to accept the agenda.

Ms. Nelson put forward the motion to accept the agenda has presented. CARRIED

1. Introductions

Mr. McAvity suggested round table introductions. Attendees introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their role, and interest in the WWAC.

2. Discussion: Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) Report and Recommendations (August 14, 2015) and the Ministerial Order (October 5, 2015); impacts on the work of the WWAC.

Mr. McAvity briefed the committee regarding his understanding of the EAB report and its recommendations regarding the works of the WWAC and impacts going forward.

3. Discussion: Environmental governance changes and transition to Sheep River Regional Utility Corporation (SRRUC) and status of the transfer of the Town's current approvals to the SRRUC

Mr. Williamson reviewed the governance steps taken to transfer the waterworks to SRRUC.

Ms. Walker questioned which assets are being transferred?

Mr. Williamson responded that the lands, the Water Treatment Plant, the reservoir and the approvals are included in the transfer. He further advised the Town's underground distribution system, nor the treated reservoir will be transferring at this time. Mr. Williamson went on to advise the WWAC will also be transitioning into the governance of the SRRUC.

Mr. Williamson then described why the WWAC was put into hiatus over the flood period. He explained the QUAD partnership was well into formation of the corporation when the flood hit, providing water to the residents of both communities was paramount and communications were taken over by the QUAD group. Our communities went into a Local State of Emergency for just over a year, and the residents of both communities also experienced restricted water use for an 18-month period.

Mr. McAvity questioned when the approvals might be expected to transfer to the corporation?

Mr. Williamson responded the assets as they relate to land are currently with land titles and it is expected those transfers will occur over the next two weeks.

Ms. Walker questioned what the benefit is to the residents of having the corporation?

Ms. Tuck advised it provides for greater efficiencies, we continue to build these partnerships and relationships; it has been proven to be beneficial when applying for grants. She further stated the focus of the Alberta Government regarding working together partnerships and is closely evaluating regional initiatives. The government prefers efficient and effective services. The AB government have tasked municipalities to find innovative ways to provide services to our residents. She then reminded the group that the water treatment and pipeline project was started well before the flood. We need to be celebrating our partnerships, continue working with our neighbours through the Friendship Agreement which was entered into in 2012, as well as the QUAD partnership.

Ms. Thomson further reminded the group, the Water for Life grant for the QUAD had already been applied for and the funding had been approved to go forward with the regional initiative prior to the flood event.

Mr. Rush confirmed the Water for Life grant had been approved, further suggesting it just makes sense to go with regionalization of these types of facilities, it promotes economic strength.

Ms. Walker questioned Mr. Rush regarding the Millarville pipeline.

Mr. Rush suggested the Millarville pipeline doesn't really come into play at this time.

Mr. Williamson advised the MD will have to bring water license to the Corporation per the agreement, for the water supply and will have to enter into an additional agreement to hook into the Turner Valley distribution system.

Mr. Morgan explained his experience suggests it is difficult to run small water treatment plants and difficult to get operators. Mr. Morgan asked several questions regarding test results and processes. Mr. Boras and Ms. Hardy advised there have never been any results that were of concern.

Mr. Rush suggested allowing MPE to make their presentations; this will help to tie all the pieces together.

Mr. McAvity agreed.

4. Technical presentation and update

Mr. Boras then began the Technical presentation by reviewing the flood affected facilities (WTP, and wells) on the map and explained the aquifer from which the TV wells are producing. Mr. Boras briefly reviewed where new well locations upstream are being investigated.

Following Mr. Boras's review Ms. Hardy provided a technical PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Thomson left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

5. Discussion: Communications strategies/policies of the WWAC and the transition of the advisory role to the SRRUC
(Already discussed/covered)

6. Next meeting dates

Discussion to set up next meeting date in September 2016. Mr. Williamson and Mr. McAvity will contact members accordingly.

Ms. Walker was advised of the engagement process for the committee, and to fully participate it would be beneficial for her to make application to sit as a member.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Morgan at 8:05 p.m. Carried