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VILLAGE AT PIGEON LAKE AND VILLAGE BUSINESS PARK AREA LOCAL WASTEWATER COLLECTION LINES PROJECT UPDATE

Over the past several months, the County of Wetaskiwin has been working closely with MPE Engineering Ltd. in establishing detailed design and cost estimates for several areas of the County that have been slated to be the first to commence construction of local wastewater collection lines.

Open Houses

On July 10, 2017 County of Wetaskiwin Administration, Reeve K. Rooyakkers, Councillor L. McKeever, and representatives from MPE Engineering Ltd. met with property owners of the Village Business Park and the Village at Pigeon Lake areas in two separate open houses regarding the proposed local improvement plans and details concerning the construction of local wastewater collection lines within the Village Business Park and the Village at Pigeon Lake areas. The majority of information presented during the open houses was mailed ahead of time to all affected properties within the Village Business Park and the Village at Pigeon Lake areas on June 16, 2017.

During the open houses, Administration and MPE Engineering Ltd. presented an update of the progress to date regarding the Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Project, details concerning the construction of the local wastewater collection lines that are proposed to be constructed, including the costs proposed to be allocated to property owners through the proposed local improvement process, how the local improvement process works, and also answer more technical questions regarding the Project both as a whole and on a more individual basis concerning specific properties. Additional figures were also placed throughout the meeting room for attendees of the meeting to view while asking further questions of County Administration, members of Council in attendance, and the representatives from MPE Engineering Ltd. Additionally, petitions in support of each of the local improvement plans for local wastewater collection lines for the respective areas were available for signing by property owners at the meeting, with Administration asking those property owners that were in support to sign the petition before they left the meeting.

At the conclusion of the open houses held on July 10, 2017, there were significant questions and concerns from property owners regarding the way in which the local improvements for the Village Business Park and the Village at Pigeon Lake areas were based upon. Further information regarding the four ways in which a local improvement can be based upon was requested by property owners and this information was sent to all property owners, whether they were in attendance at the meeting or not, on July 11, 2017.

Petition and Local Improvement Ratification

On July 19, 2017, a petition in support of a local improvement plan for local wastewater collection lines for the Village at Pigeon Lake area was formally filed with the Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Wetaskiwin, in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*. After reviewing the petitions submitted, it was determined that a total of nineteen out of the twenty-five properties or approximately 76% of the total properties in the Village at Pigeon Lake area had legally signed the respective petitions, therefore, making the petition valid.

At the Council General meeting held on July 20, 2017, County of Wetaskiwin Council was provided with all of the pertinent documents related to the local improvement and provided direction through three separate resolutions to accept the validation of the petition in support of the local improvement by the Chief Administrative Officer, direct Administration to proceed with the tendering of the local wastewater collection lines project for the Village at Pigeon Lake, Village Business Park, and Range Road 11 areas, with the Village Business Park and Range Road 11 area being a deletable schedule dependent on whether a valid petition for the area is received and the Village at Pigeon Lake area being deletable based on whether the tender costs are compliant with the cost maximums set forth in the petition submission, and instruct Administration to investigate options regarding the charging of a connection fee to vacant properties within the Village at Pigeon Lake area when they connect to the local wastewater collection lines and for Administration to report on their findings once information is available.

Next Steps

Now that County of Wetaskiwin Council has provided direction for these two areas to move forward, tendering of these portions of the Project can now move forward with construction hopefully completed in the fall of 2017. The County of Wetaskiwin will also be moving forward in establishing local support within other areas of the County such as Beachside Estates, Village Creek Estates, Woodwind Estates, and other areas through the local improvement process that has been shown to have worked successfully. Further details and plans will be announced at a later date once more information is known and residents will be informed through direct mail regarding their specific property.

Questions

The County of Wetaskiwin is committed to providing quality wastewater services for residents through the completion of the South Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Collection System Project and thank residents for their patience and support regarding the Project and local improvement process associated with it.

For ongoing updates and the most up-to-date information, please visit the County of Wetaskiwin website at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca on a regular basis. For any questions or concerns contact Jeff Chipley, Research Officer, at the County of Wetaskiwin Office at 780-352-3321 or by email at jchipley@county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca.