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## WINFIELD WATER SYSTEM

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Since July 2019, the County of Wetaskiwin has been working to resolve the issue of a failed Fire Pump at the Winfield Water Treatment Plant. Initially, a rented provisional fire pump was installed on the outside of the building to provide firefighting flows for the period in which it took to repair and/or replace the existing failed fire pump. Due to cold weather in mid-October 2019, the provisional fire pump was removed. As an alternative measure to provide firefighting support, a filled water tankard was stored at the County's Winfield Public Works shop if required.

The attempts to implement a viable new fire pump have been lengthy and fraught with delays. Many of the delays are attributed to the logistics of retrofitting a new pump into an existing and aged water treatment plant system. These logistics included engineering, electrical, mechanical, building adjustments, system controls, prefabrication, parts, and pump sourcing. All of this required considerable time, energy, and expense by multiple parties.

The delays have been regrettable but efforts to get the fire pump replaced as soon as possible remains a high priority. There have been many false starts but the County along with the Fire Department are hopeful that the new fire pump installation will be completed during the week of April 6 to 10, 2020. Following the installation, the County will ensure the new pump and systems work in all expected operational and firefighting scenarios.

The patience of the local residents and that of the Fire Department is noted and appreciated. The County is looking forward to the day in which there is a fully functioning fire pump to serve the local area.

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