

## MONTHLY REPORT TO THE CAO

For the Month of June 2023

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Director of Utilities

### Annual Operating Programs, Projects and Activities

Program/Activity/Project	Timeline	Comments
Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Maintenance	Oct/23	Maintenance programs have started in Fort Vermilion and La Crete. Sewer Flushing is being done first.

### Capital Projects

Projects	Timeline	Comments
FV-Frozen Water Service Repairs	Dec/23	Looking at using a new insulated pipe we found with option to put heat trace along it for these last few locations.
Potable Water Supply North of the Peace River	Dec/23	With new grant funds available, I will be looking at possibilities of grant applications. Had meeting with AE on this idea.
Waterline Blue Hills	Dec/23	Going to look into getting grant funding options on this project as well. Had initial meeting with AE on this idea.
Diversion License Review	May/24	Have licenses approved for the truckfills and the TDL for Norbord line. Working with AE to get that a permanent license on Norbord line. This will be ongoing until next year.
La Crete Future Water Supply Concept	Dec/23	Have started Phase 1 of this project with AE. Supplying them with data to compile a report on future water source for La Crete. Waiting on the follow up meeting once data is analyzed. Meeting scheduled for July 10 <sup>th</sup> .
LC – Well #4	June/23	Project has moved forward significantly this month. Onsite testing and inspections happened this month. Awaiting the testing phase for final approval in July.
LC – North Sanitary Trunk Sewer	Dec/23	Have been in meetings with HELIX and Byron on project. Project on hold as per Council motion. Design complete for now and looking at possible grants for a portion of the project.

ZA- Distribution Pump House Upgrades	Jun/23	Project is in the warranty phase and running smoothly so far.
ZA- Lift Station Upgrades	Dec/23	Will apply for grant funding in a future year as per council motion.

**Personal Update:**

June was a busy month of meetings for the Well 4 project with commissioning happening the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>. We made good progress on it and have gotten the well running and pumping water. I have had to play referee between the contractor and engineers but overall it is a good learning experience for me.

Our coverage of Zama during this month has gone smooth except for the fire situation around the town. Did create some concerns but for the most part it was handled well by our other operators who were covering for Shawn. It was a good opportunity for operators to do some cross training hands on.

The Telus fiber project in our communities is creating some work for me and my staff. Drawing reviews and locating our infrastructure for drilling companies has created some extra work for us this month.

**Personnel Update:**

We were happy to fill the summer staff positions this month in our locations. We had one summer staff leave this month but another one was hired at the end of the month to take his place.

Respectfully submitted,

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