

Event Milestones Of The QUAD Regional Water Partnership

DATE	EVENT DESCRIPTION
5/02/06	Town of Black Diamond Authorises BSEI to conduct an assessment of the existing potable water supply, treatment, storage and pumping systems, and to prepare a cost estimate of constructing a new water treatment facility that will meet current Alberta Environment standards and guide lines.
1/02/07	Alberta Environment amended water treatment facility operating approval
7/26/07	BSEI completes water study and the WTP upgrade cost consideration is \$ 3,256,000.00
9/20/07	The Town of Black Diamond requests funding from (AMWWP) Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater partnership and (AIMP) Alberta Infrastructure Program for treatment plant upgrades.
10/12/07	The Town Black Diamond receives a letter from Alberta Transportation stating the Water treatment plan upgrade funding will be deferred until completion of the Regional Water Study.
1/18/08	The Town of Black Diamond receives Alberta Environment approval for the Construction, Operation, and Reclamation of a water works system. The Town shall upgrade it's water works system on or before December 31, 2011.
2/15/08	Inter Municipal Partners (IMP) Consisting of Turner Valley, Black Diamond, MD Foothills, and the Village of Longview receives a proposal for a Regional Water study from MPE Engineering, Calgary.
3/19/08	The Town of Black Diamond council passes a resolution that the Town participate in a Foothills Regional Water System Feasibility Study and to submit a joint application to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.
4/16/08	CAO of Turner Valley sends draft copy of the original (IMP) water servicing study proposal to Alberta Transportation for their review and comments.
5/06/08	Due to the urgent needs of a wastewater facility for the Village of Longview and the urgent need of a potable water treatment plant for the Town of Black Diamond, (IMP) decided to separate themselves from a larger group of interested regional partners, namely the Town's of Nanton, High River, and Okotoks.
9/12/08	The Town of Black Diamond receives a letter from Alberta Environment stating that Alberta Environment will be conducting assessments of all municipal wastewater systems with the results of the assessment to assist Alberta Environment and Municipalities with future planning and investment.
9/24/08	(IMP) receives a revised proposal for Regional Water study from MPE Engineering, Calgary.
9/24/08	Inter Municipal Partnership (IMP) makes application for funding for a water servicing study, with Turner Valley being acting as lead administrator for the partnership. The Engineering cost estimate to provide this Regional Water Study linking Turner Valley, Black Diamond, Hartel, Naptha, and Longview will cost \$ 30,000

8/02/08	Alberta Transportation approves the Regional Water Study Funding, a grant of \$ 30,000
8/30/08	The Town of Black Diamond sends correspondence to Alberta Environment Municipal Approvals - Water Division, requesting an extension to the time line for Black Diamond Water Treatment Plant upgrades from December 2011 to December 2014.
1/28/09	(IMP) receives the Water Feasibility Study from MPE engineering. This study examines the requirements of each community to upgrade their own water treatment infrastructure and the alternative of implementing a regional water supply to service it's members.
	The conclusion of this study states, that there is a substantial cost benefit to utilising the "Water For Life" grant funding program to regionalize the potable water systems of the (QRWP), versus each member municipality continuing to fund their own water treatment facilities upgrades. This Document is available for council reviews.
2/10/09	At the (IMP) joint steering committee it was decided that applying for an Exploration Grant to fund the hiring of a Governance Consultant, which would then explore the many Governance Models used in the guidance of regional systems would be a timely venture. Black Diamond would be the lead administrative partner for this grant application of \$ 75,000.
3/06/09	Alberta Environment Municipal Approvals - Water Division requests a plan from the Town of Black Diamond on how they will be able to meet the needs of potable water demands if an extension to the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades are approved.
3/10/09	All four (IMP) partnership member councils have supported the newly named Quad Regional Water Partnership (QRWP) with council resolutions supporting the application for an Initiative Exploration Grant "Governance".
3/11/09	(QRWP) has received support from Alberta Environment and Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP) with it's endeavours to explore the various options of the Regionalization of Water and Wastewater.
3/26/09	The Town of Black Diamond completed the application requirements of Alberta Municipal Affairs and submitted this application for approval.
4/13/09	(CRP) Regional Servicing discussion paper, Identifies the Black Diamond / Turner Valley area as a urban node that may see Calgary water service by way of Okotoks in 30 - 35 years.
4/14/09	The (IMP) representatives discussed seeking a resolutions from all partnership councils authorizing the CAO or his / her designate to participate in the investigation and examination of the benefits of creating a Regionalized Water & Wastewater System.
4/15/09	Many discussions with partnership administrators and their respective engineers over the expansion of the existing Westend Sewage Commission to accommodate a larger partnership. The Alberta Water For Life strategy includes supporting wastewater partnerships for regionalization. The QRWP administrators would dearly like to place facility expansions of the existing wastewater system on the Water for Life funding wheel. What type of sewage treatment facility will be required when the existing permit to operate has expired 2015. This question will be posed to Alberta Environment

4/22/09	<p>Alberta environment responds to the future treatment process that will likely be required when the existing permit expires.</p> <p>"The Town of Okotoks biological nutrient removal wastewater treatment plant with effluent filtration and ultraviolet light disinfection likely reflects the level of wastewater treatment that a new or upgraded treatment plant will have to achieve".</p>
5/11/09	<p>The (QRWP) administrators and their respective engineers held a meeting to address an action plan that would ultimately provide the creation of a Waste Water Feasibility Study to be sent along with the existing Water Feasibility Study for " Water For Life Grant Funding".</p> <p>The partnership engineers will develop a scope of work and fee schedule to create this feasibility study. This information will be taken to the partnership respective councils for their support in having the Westend Sewage Commission apply for a grant to bring the Waste Water Feasibility Study to fruition.</p>
5/27/09	<p>The engineering partners of (QRWP) have identified the scope of works and fee schedules to produce a Regional Waste Waster Study. These are;</p> <p>Receiving Surface Water Body Assessment to be prepared by MPE: \$ 64,000</p> <p>Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Assessment to be prepared by BSEI: \$ 66,858</p> <p>It is the intention that the final Regional Waste Water Feasibility Study will then be submitted along with the Regional Water Study to the Alberta Water For Life grant funding program. It is anticipated that (QRWP) can demonstrate the need and urgency for this grant funding, to build a truly Regional Water & Wastewater System.</p>
6/05/09	<p>Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP) releases a report "Planning and Technical Study on Water & Wastewater Servicing" Servicing of water from Calgary by way of Okotoks, 2050.</p>
6/17/09	<p>(QRWP) member councils support a resolution to have the Westend Commission make an application to the Alberta Water For Life and Alberta Transportation to fund the Wastewater assessments as noted above.</p>
6/29/09	<p>BSEI, Black Diamonds consulting engineers confirms the efforts of the Town's leak detection program results, annual water audit results, and reduction in the anticipated population growth and makes application to Alberta Environment for and extension to the required construction of a new water treatment plant. Requested extension was three (3) years, to December 2014.</p>
8/13/09	<p>Alberta Transportation confirms receipt of the two study proposals above.</p>
11/04/09	<p>Alberta Union Municipal Association meeting Calgary, (QRWP) delegation met with representatives of Alberta Environment and Alberta Transportation informing these groups of the overall vision of how the (QRWP) falls into the Alberta Water For Life Strategy.</p>
11/19/09	<p>A letter addressed to all the Mayors of the (QRWP) from the Minister of Transportation Luke Ouellette suggesting that an evaluation of a stand alone wastewater lagoon be undertaken before they will commit to further studies of a regional wastewater line.</p>
11/26/09	<p>Mayor McCorquindale sends letter to Premier Stelmach, and five ministries requesting support for the funding of the wastewater studies submitted by the Westend Commission. (QRWP) is getting crossed signals. Alberta Environment states wastewater lagoons are a thing of the past, while Alberta Transportation wishes to have one built in Longview.</p>

- 11/27/09** A letter from Alberta Municipal affairs confirms that the Exploration Grant "Governance" has been awarded to the Quad Regional Partnership. \$75,000.00
- 1/11/10** Town of Black Diamond Engineer begins the process of creating a Request for Proposal that will seek qualified consultants interested in guiding (QRWP) in "Governance Options". A 16 page document was eventually developed.
- 3/08/10** The Quad Regional Water Partnership (QRWP) is requesting proposals from qualified consultants to develop and present a variety of governance options for the operating and management structure of local municipal water systems. Closing Date April 23, 2010
The RFP was placed into the Alberta Purchasing Connection system.
- 3/30/10** Town of Black Diamond receives \$ 75,000.00 from Alberta Municipal Affairs for the Exploration Grant " Governance"
- 4/23/10** (QRWP) receives 7 submissions to their RFP "Governance Options"
- 4/26/10** Town of Black Diamond Engineer develops the RFP Evaluation Criteria, for members of (QRWP) Evaluation forms were distributed to members of (QRWP) with the availability of the copies of the 7 respondents proposals.
- 5/19/10** At the joint steering committee held at Turner Valley, the RFP respondents evaluated were discussed. The Top two respondents were revealed, Urban Systems / BrownLee and MPE Engineering. A decision was made to have the top two evaluated respondents, provide a personal summary of their proposal to Staff Members of the (QRWP).
- 5/26/10** The Town of Black Diamond has been granted an extension to their deadline for upgrades to their Water Treatment Plant. Construction completion will be December 2014.
- 6/22/10** Presentations by Urban Systems team and the MPE team were given to staff members of the (QRWP) at the Town of High River. No concrete decisions were made at this time.
- 9/14/10** At this Joint Steering Committee meeting final debates and deliberations were made with regards to which respondent to the Governance RFP would best serve the Governance Options available to the (QRWP). Urban Systems Engineering and Brown LEE LLP. were chosen as the successful RFP Respondent. Respondents were contacted with the outcomes.
- 9/15/10** A letter addressed to Alberta Municipal affairs asking for an extension to the completion date stated in the original Exploration Grant "Governance" of December 2010. Due to the Municipal elections of 2010 (QRWP) has asked for a new completion date of December 2011.
- 10/08/10** A letter addressed to (QRWP) from Alberta Municipal Affairs has confirmed that an amendment to the completion date of the Exploration Grant "Governance" has been changed to 12/31/2011.