

# Councillor Request Inquiry

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The following is the response provided by our Utilities department in response to Councillor Smith's April 9, 2019 Information Request - Water Reservoir – Highway 15.

On September 22, 2009, Council approved a Capital Budget Amendment of \$1,000,000 for the Heartland / Josephburg Potable Water Servicing Strategy to be funded by the New Deal for Cities and Communities Grant program. The detailed design drawings were complete in September 2011 and (by Council direction) included water service to Alberta's Industrial Heartland (AIH) Area and a South Service Area (the Hamlet of Josephburg). The total estimated cost in 2011 was about \$24,000,000 (which included water mains to service the AIH and Josephburg).

The capital project has since been placed on hold due to limited growth in Josephburg and the lack of a major industrial customer in Alberta's Industrial Heartland. Through the Heartland Servicing Steering Committee, it has been determined that it would take a major industrial customer in the AIH in order for the County to consider investing in the potable water reservoir project. To date, discussions with interested AIH industries continues, however the "major potable water customer" requirement has not been met.

Enclosed is a map showing the location of the John S. Batiuk Regional Water Commission's waterline along Highway 15; please note other than the water main on Range Road 214 no water assets are owned by Strathcona County.

For additional information or clarification, please contact Lisa Knorr, Manager, Utilities Engineering, at 780-464-8037 or via email to [Lisa.Knorr@Strathcona.ca](mailto:Lisa.Knorr@Strathcona.ca).

Thank you,

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