

CLEARWATER COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENT

Council Moves Forward with New Lagoon - December 13, 2011

Clearwater County Council unanimously decided to proceed with an application for the development of a new sewage lagoon – located at SW 34-39-8-W5M – which is approximately 10kms west of the Town of Rocky Mountain House off Highway 11.

After reviewing options and several potential lagoon locations, Council chose to move forward with a new sewage lagoon located on crown land, with an estimated cost of \$6.1 million dollars.

“The lagoon location, design and environmental considerations were all significant factors in Council’s decision,” said Pat Alexander, Reeve, Clearwater County. “The fact that the lagoon will be located on crown land ensures the least amount of disturbance to the community while allowing options for future usage or expansion.”

Rick Emmons, Assistant Manager of Public Work added that “this location will best serve the majority of Clearwater County’s citizenry, providing a convenient location for external hauling thereby alleviating additional trucking costs.”

An application for this contained sewage lagoon has been submitted to Alberta Environment, and it is anticipated a review will be completed by February 2012.

Reeve Alexander continued to say, “this is a different system than you’d see in an urban setting – this facility will be built exclusively to receive external sewage hauling. This is the first development of its kind in Alberta.”

Clearwater County’s new lagoon design and facility will be distinctive, as external haulers lock into and unload into a contained system, mitigating nearly all odour concerns.

“We chose a location for the lagoon as close as practical to the Town of Rocky Mountain House, to allow the most opportunity for any potential future user groups,” Alexander finished.

Council is planning an informational open house on January 31, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Clearwater County office. This open house is intended to provide additional project details to interested members of the public.

The timeframe for lagoon completion and commissioning is late summer of 2013.