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**Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission Gets the Go Ahead**

*Stettler...*The Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services is moving ahead with plans to build a regional water line from the Town of Stettler to the Village of Consort. Approval was given to the design criteria by the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, Hon. Luke Ouellette, under the funding framework of the Water for Life Strategy, yesterday.

“This is excellent news for the small rural communities in East Central Alberta,” stated SMRWSC Chairperson, Wayne Richardson. “It is an incredible thing to be guaranteed safe drinking water in the future. Water is one of factors that will determine a communities growth potential, and having this water line run through east central Alberta ensures that this area is poised and ready for significant growth and prosperity in the coming years.”

Now that the Province has approved the design criteria, the SMRWSC can proceed with the design particulars and then prepare the tender documents, which are anticipated to available in mid-October.

The Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission (SMRWSC) consists of 16 municipalities (County of Stettler No. 6, Camrose County, Lacombe County, County of Paintearth, Special Areas Board, Town of Castor, Town of Coronation, Village of Bawlf, Village of Big Valley, Village of Consort, Village of Donalda, Village of Halkirk, Village of Rosalind, Village of Veteran, Summer Village of Rochon Sands, Summer Village of White Sands) whose objective is to supply potable water to its member communities. The Regional line heading east to the Village of Consort is Phase 1. Other phases, north, south and further east will occur in the future

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