

Central Peace Regional Water Supply Project



Progress Update June 20, 2024

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Background

The scope of the Central Peace Regional Water Supply System project is to provide a regional water system for the G5 group of municipalities consisting of:

- Birch Hills County
- Municipal District of Spirit River
- Saddle Hills County
- Town of Spirit River
- Village of Rycroft



Background - Continued

The overall project is divided into six phases:

- 1. Construct an intake on the Peace River close to the Dunvegan Bridge
- 2. Construct raw waterlines to the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft
- 3. Construct a regional hub water treatment plant
- 4. Convert raw waterlines from the regional hub to communities to potable waterlines
- 5. Extend raw waterlines from the Town of Spirit River to water treatment plants at Ksituan, Savanna, and Bonanza
- 6. Extend potable waterlines to Wanham and Woking and upgrade the pipeline from Wanham to Tangent





PEACE RIVER ALBERTA

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Background - Continued

- Saddle Hills County is the managing partner
- Funded provided through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)
- Original project budget for phase one and two \$40,000,000: \$16 million provided by ICIP, \$20 million by Provincial Government, and \$4 million by the G5 municipalities
- New project budget estimated at **\$103,430,000**
- Applied for an additional \$57,000,000 provincial grant
- Received an additional \$22,700,000 in June/2024

Background - Continued

Under the scope of work for the current project MPE Engineering Ltd. is providing Engineering Services for the first two phases of the overall project:

Phase 1: New Raw Water Intake on the Peace River and a Raw Water Pumping Station

Phase 2: Raw Water Pipeline to the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft

River Intake and Pumping Station Draft Design

River Intake:

- Designed to last 75 years
- Intake pipe is 400 mm in diameter
- Located approximately 1/3 of the way into the river
- Two intake pipes facilitate maintenance
- Inlet louvres installed to protect fish from entering the intake

Raw Water Pumping Station:

- The well is 27 meters deep
- Pumping pressure up the hill will approach 500 psi
- Purchased land from TransAlta



Permits

- *Water Act* permits for river geotechnical testing, ice bridge platform, intake design and pumping station
- *Public Lands Act* permits for the river intake, pipeline on Crown land, and crossing Dunvegan Creek
- Wetland restrictions around the pipeline and the Regional Water Treatment Plant site
- Restricted Activity Period (RAP) regulations to protect migratory songbirds
- Fish and Habitat Environmental Assessment
- Historical Resources Impact Assessment
- Water Diversion Licence

Pipeline Alignment

- Most of the pipeline located on private land
- Waterline is within a 20 to 30-meter easement
- There are four main sections:
 - 1. Peace River Valley 350 mm diameter steel pipe buried up to 40 meters to avoid the slide zone
 - 2. Top of Valley to Regional Hub 450 mm HDPE pipe
 - 3. Regional Hub to Rycroft 300 mm HDPE pipe
 - 4. Regional Hub to Spirit River 300 mm HDPE pipe

Challenges

- Designing pipeline through the Peace River Valley and its slide zones
- Land acquisition and waterline easements
- Engineers and contractors with limited experience building intakes in large rivers
- Working with five municipal governments to build and operate regional water lines
- Multiple engineering specialists to coordinate
- Dealing with various levels of government to acquire permits
- Meeting all the regulatory requirements
- Building a three-phase powerline from Rycroft to the pumping station at the river
- Designing a 27-meter-deep pumping station
- Designing an intake in a large river
- Substantial cost increases

Regional Hub Water Plant Location

Future Regional Hub facilities:

- Raw water storage reservoirs
- Water treatment plant facility
- Treated water pumping
- Alberta Water & Wastewater funded the design of the water treatment plant
- MPE Engineering Ltd. is designing the project and it is 40 percent complete
- Land has been purchased







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