



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Stakeholder Information Session Allows Residents and Local Industry Opportunity for Feedback in the First Step for Process Water Location and Construction

October 10, 2025 – LAMONT, AB: On October 9, stakeholders, including local residents and industry, attended a Stakeholder Information Night with Owner's Representative - WSP Canada and Lamont County Administration to discuss the proposed water intake project. The purpose of this session was to invite feedback and discussion from residents within two miles of the proposed process water intake.

This was the first step in public engagement for feedback around proposed concepts of design and construction of the process water intake for direct stakeholders. Further public engagement sessions are planned following the 2025 Municipal Election to more broadly engage residents from across Lamont County. The date(s) of these sessions are TBD and will be announced at lamontcounty.ca, lamontcountynow.ca, on social media and in further advertising. These sessions are both for awareness, next steps and feedback as the project progresses.

Lamont County's River Intake Water Supply project is a major infrastructure initiative focused on constructing a new river intake and pipeline system to draw process water from the North Saskatchewan River, to enable industrial development and other future uses. Construction of the water intake will proceed upon final approval of the licence with pipeline development proposed for the future – likely in partnership with industry as a P3 (Public-Private Partnership). Process water will attract new industrial investment to the region, diversify and expand Lamont County's tax base.

"Council is committed to long-term sustainable growth for Lamont County. The Process Water Line license is a key economic driver for Lamont County's future," said Lamont County Reeve, David Diduck. "Having received approval for the water license and construction, we are focused on ensuring all voices are heard, proceeding efficiently and in the best interests of all of Lamont County. This is the largest and most impactful project in our County's history."

Copies of the information boards presented at this session are attached with links below. The information discussed is a starting point only. Feedback provided will be incorporated into additional public consultation. Topics presented:

- Background Information;
- (Proposed) Project Location;
- Project Funding & Timeline; and
- Next Steps.

This water intake located off of RR201A adjacent to the North Saskatchewan River is critical infrastructure for the growth of Lamont County. Following public engagement and Council approvals, detailed design will occur in 2026 with the construction anticipated to start mid-2027 using the most feasible and efficient route (as the best approach for managing process water) intake.

Additional information related to the process water project is posted at lamontcountynow.ca/process-water-2025, including project timeline, updates and planning.



[PDF version & five boards as presented at the Stakeholder Session – enclosure]

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Background Information

Lamont County is developing a new river intake and pipeline system to draw and process raw water from the North Saskatchewan River. **This critical infrastructure will support industrial growth and future development in the region.**

The project addresses critical water access gaps identified in the 2022 Alberta Industrial Heartland (AIH) Regional Water Systems Feasibility Study, commissioned by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, which highlighted Lamont County, and surrounding areas for infrastructure investment.

What is a River Intake?

It's a regional raw water supply system that includes:

- river intake pond;
- river water pump station and sedimentation pond;
- distribution pump station;
- 16 km distribution pipeline; and
- metering station.



AIH Integrated Water Distribution Model from the Regional Water Systems Feasibility Study

Project Location



Next Steps

Lamont County and WSP are actively advancing several key components of the project. Work is underway to develop a Public-Private Partnership (P3) framework that will guide project funding and delivery.

A pipeline alignment options analysis is being conducted to identify the most feasible and efficient route, alongside a sedimentation pond options analysis to determine the best approach for managing raw water intake.

In parallel, the project team is preparing an updated cost estimate based on refined design inputs and is initiating regulatory applications to ensure compliance with all environmental and permitting requirements.





Learn more at www.lamontcounty.ca/departments/communications/community-engagement, or e-mail us at info@lamontcounty.ca for inquiries.

Project Funding & Timeline

The original cost estimate for the project was \$60 million in 2022. In late 2024, the project received \$16 million in grant funding from the Government of Alberta. The project's funding is expected to come from other third-party entities, with the **Province contributing a total of \$16 million toward the overall project cost.**

2022

Grant funding received from the Government of Alberta for the project.

April 2025

2025 approved funding from the Government of Alberta.

2027 Q2

Construction and completion of the project.

2023 Q4

Final design and construction of the project.

2025 Q2

Project completion and handover.

2029 Q1

Project completion and handover.

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By attracting new industrial investment, the project will help diversify the local economy, grow the tax base, and reduce the residential tax burden, supporting **long-term sustainable growth and improved services for residents.**

- PDF of the **Boards Presented at the Stakeholder Information Session on Oct. 9, 2025.**

