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Lagoon Upgrade Completion and Funding Celebrated in Diamond Valley

Diamond Valley, AB — The Town of Diamond Valley and the Westend Regional Sewage Services Commission are proud to announce a major milestone in local infrastructure: the completion of the Westend Lagoon Upgrade Project. The facility addresses critical infrastructure needs and is integral to supporting municipal growth.

Westend Lagoon Upgrade Nears Completion with Provincial Support

Through Alberta's Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership program, the Government of Alberta has awarded a maximum grant of \$1,969,781 to address cost escalation on the Black Diamond Wastewater Lagoon Upgrade. The project, administered through the Westend Regional Sewage Services Commission, will benefit from this additional funding, helping to reduce the Town's long-term borrowing and limit financial impact to local taxpayers. The grant will help offset the total cost of the project, which is anticipated to be completed this year. The cost of the lagoon upgrade will be approximately \$20 million, funded by grants, offsite levies, reserves and debentures.

"This is an incredible investment in our community's infrastructure," said Cindy Holladay, Chair of the Westend Regional Sewage Services Commission and Diamond Valley Councillor. "Upgrading the lagoon is a critical step in maintaining reliable and sustainable wastewater services for Diamond Valley. We are deeply grateful to the Province for recognizing the importance of this project."

The final grant amount received will be based on 59.51% of eligible costs at the time of project completion, up to the approved maximum.

"This funding ensures our community can continue to grow while protecting environmental health and ensuring long-term system capacity," said Adam Davey, Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Diamond Valley. "It's a great example of provincial and municipal collaboration at work."

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