



LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY AND VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH WEIGH WATER LEVEL MITIGATION OPTIONS

Municipalities work together to safeguard public infrastructure and landowner assets.

Sangudo, Alberta, Friday, July 26, 2019 – Representatives from Lac Ste. Anne County and the Village of Alberta Beach have met with Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland MLA Shane Getson regarding lake level of Lac Ste. Anne. During this meeting the possibility of lowering the lake level to a reasonable degree while not adversely affecting any neighboring municipalities.

While dialogue regarding the lake level continues, Lac Ste. Anne County has committed at this point to assess Sturgeon River via helicopter from Lake Isle to the County's east boundaries. The purpose of this aerial survey would be an attempt to identify the blockage issues affecting agricultural land, County infrastructure and lakefront properties.

Once Sturgeon River has been assessed, the County will propose measures to help increase its flow. Prior to any decisions made, the County will work closely with Alberta Environment and affected landowners to determine appropriate actions. The MD shall be considerate of all stakeholders involved when making decisions.

At this time the County has determined that the so-called weir at the mouth of Sturgeon River on the east end of lac Ste. Anne is not a cause or contributor of the high water level.

"I urge people to keep in mind that County resources have been severely depleted due to the widespread demand we have had to address in recent months," commented Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve Joe Blakeman. "We are working extremely hard to safeguard millions of dollars in County infrastructure and agricultural land. The County is doing its utmost to respond to these events as they occur, but we have no control over the environmental factors that are the root cause of situations like this."

Affected landowners are thanked for their patience and understanding as the County continues to work to find an equitable solution.

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