



## Press Release

December 1, 2022

Effective December 1, 2022, Utility operations will be contracted out to Aquacor Water & Environmental Inc. which is based in Rycroft. Working with Aquacor and their team will allow Birch Hills County to take advantage of efficiencies and cost-savings, while still ensuring we maintain a high standard as required by Alberta Environment & Parks for our regional waterworks as well maintaining/improving service delivery to our ratepayers.

Aquacor has successfully operated many utility systems within the Peace Country and is proud to be a local business. As a local company, they are able to respond in a timely and effective manner. Affected staff have been provided the option to take a severance package or potentially become employees of Aquacor, which will help in maintaining the historical knowledge of our systems as we move forward. We look forward to working with Chelsea and their team at Aquacor as they have already identified some potential opportunities for additional cost-saving.

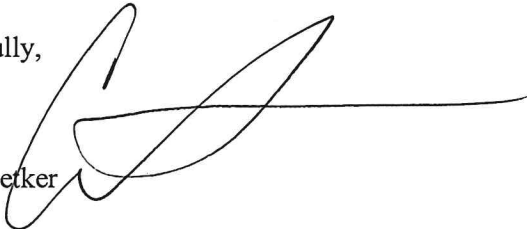
Moving forward, should you have a question related to our utilities or require service, you will still be able to contact the **On Call emergency number at-780-864-7480**. During business hours you may also contact the County office at 780-694-3793.

For additional information

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Respectfully,

  
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