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## LAC LA BICHE COUNTY POLICY

TITLE: WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION	POLICY NO: PI-40-001
RESOLUTION: 17.512	EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 12, 2010
LEAD ROLE: MANAGER, UTILITY SERVICES	NEXT REVIEW DATE: MAY 23, 2022
SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE: PROCEDURE PI-40-001	AMENDMENT DATE: MAY 23, 2017

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

Lac La Biche County deems it appropriate to establish the policy to determine cost and connection fees for existing residential subdivisions and developments where water and sewer services will be required within the water and sewer connection policy area and to ensure the servicing is fair and equitable and designed to encourage the connection to the County infrastructure system.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

1. Lac La Biche County is committed to providing water and sewer services, particularly to lands adjacent to Lac La Biche Lake and other environmentally sensitive areas. Council's goals are to improve the health of the natural environment and ensure the health of residents through investment in municipal infrastructure. In order to achieve these goals Lac La Biche County, in association with senior governments, has invested considerable funds to construct water and sewer trunk mains which traverse the municipality.
2. The Water and Sewer connection policy should result in practices, procedures and implementation strategies that treat County residents fairly and equitably in light of County's broader goals of infrastructure services to serve as a catalyst protecting the Lac La Biche watershed from the impacts created by on-site sewage disposal.
3. The Water and Sewer Connection Policy will be designed to encourage connections to County infrastructure systems. Lac La Biche County has invested considerable funds in the development of water and sewer systems which could potentially service large geographic areas within the County. The water and Sewer Connection Policy should serve as a platform which encourages land owners and existing developed property owners to connect their properties to the water and sewer systems.
4. The water and Sewer Connection Policy will be administratively efficient. Policy

implementation must be balanced with the County's ability to cost effectively administer the approaches developed.

5. The Water and Sewer Connection Policy will respect the *Municipal Government Act*. The MGA provides relatively clear authority for Lac La Biche County to enact a Water and Sewer Connection Policy as well as resulting implementation bylaws. The policy analysis and development process should be based directly on the authority vested in Lac La Biche County by the MGA.
6. The Water and Sewer Connection Policy will recognize the municipality's financial circumstances. Although the municipality has invested heavily in water and sewer infrastructure as a means to protect environmentally sensitive areas and important watercourses, Lac La Biche County also expects to achieve economic development benefits through these investments. Further, the County benefits from taxation provided through linear and machinery and equipment assessment. The combination of the County's beneficial tax position and the opportunity for economic development present the community with opportunities for additional investments necessary to connect larger scale existing subdivisions and new developments to the water and sewer systems. Council recognizes that economic and environmental benefits may accrue through cost sharing with those seeking connections to the water and sewer systems. This policy will guide Lac La Biche County's actions with respect to planning approvals and connections to the County's water and sewer systems.
7. Administration shall establish procedures for this policy and shall be responsible to ensure the spirit and intent of the policy and guiding principles.

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Chief Administrative Officer

June 16, 2017

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Mayor

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