

WHY EXTEND THE WATER MAIN?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. My well is fine, why should I support a water main extension?

We will only be paying 1/3 of the cost, as we have an Infrastructure Grant covering the balance. If we don't act now we may be forced to pay 100% of the cost, it is within the power of the Chief Health Medical Officer to mandate that water be provided to the area to mitigate health risk, a distinct possibility in a farming community where livestock can easily pollute an aquifer.

2. Will I save any money?

Yes! For many homeowners the savings will exceed the costs. With fire hydrants on the street you can expect home insurance savings of 10-20%. Additionally, homes supplied by wells use a well pump, holding tank with pump, and pressure tank to supply the home with water. Maintenance of this infrastructure costs \$500-700/year. For those with hard water, there are additional savings as appliances, water heaters, and plumbing fittings will not need to be replaced as frequently, if at all.

3. Do I have to hook up to the water main?

No you do not. If you are happy with your well water you can continue as you are. The water main will always be there when you need it and you will still receive the comfort of fire protection as well as the associated insurance savings.

4. Will the water main extension permit development?

No it will not. This is covered by zoning by-laws and has nothing to do with water.

5. Who will be able to hook up?

Properties with a Mt. Newton X Roads or Senanus Drive address.

6. What other costs will I have?

Property owners will be responsible for connecting the water main to their home and water usage will be metered and billed.

7. Will there be enough water pressure for everyone?

The District hired experts (Bullock Baur Associates) to advise us on the project and their study says that a 6" watermain extension will provide ample water and fire fighting capacity for the 60+ properties involved.

8. Will there be an impact on my property assessment?

Property assessment is government by the market value of your property. As residents were denied a reduction in assessment because of poor water, it is not expected that there would suddenly be an assessment increase because the water problem is solved.

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