

The Rural Municipality of St. François Xavier

2008 Annual Report – Water Utility

This report is written as directed by Province of Manitoba Regulation 40/2007 – Drinking Water Safety – section 32.

All the drinking water provided by the RM of St. François Xavier water utility comes from the Cartier Regional Water Co-op Inc. (CRWCI), from its water plant located near St. Eustache, in the RM of Cartier. This Co-op is jointly owned by the RMs of Headingley, St. François Xavier, Portage la Prairie, Cartier, and Grey. Two other RMs are considering joining. Overall, the Co-op has approximately 3000 customers. It is managed on a day-to-day basis by a combination of the initial private partner and by the Manitoba Water Services Board.

Within the RM of St. François Xavier, the Co-op not only provides water, it owns and manages the regional water lines and it owns the St. François Xavier reservoir and pumping station.

The municipal utility owns and manages only the distribution system which takes water from the reservoir to homes, as well as related elements, such as fire hydrants.

The Rural Municipality of St. François Xavier water utility currently serves 219 customers, representing over 600 persons, distributed as follows.

Local Improvement District (LID) #1 – village area	187
LID #2 – east of village area	32

In addition, the utility is responsible for billing of 26 regional water line customers. Construction is substantially complete on a regional water line extension which will in turn add 52 or more customers.

A small extension was made to the Rosser Road water line in January, 2009, to service a three-lot subdivision. No other construction activity was conducted affecting the water utility.

The current system operator's license expires in 2009. A memorandum of understanding has been agreed to with the Rural Municipality of Macdonald, with provincial concurrence, to have that RM's utility take responsibility for all aspects of our water utility except water testing, which remains the responsibility of the CRWCI.

The Drinking Water Safety Regulation mandates a series of items, discussed as follows.

- a. A brief description, contained above
- b. Disinfection methods are contained in the CRWCI report
- c. Summary of analysis of drinking water standard analysis results, CRWCI report
- d. Summary of incidents if any, CRWCI report
- e. Summary of records, CRWCI report
- f. Descriptions of safety orders issued, if any, CRWCI report
- g. Description of boil water advisories, if any, CRWCI report
- h. Summary of charges laid, if any, CRWCI report
- i. Description of major equipment expenses, CRWCI report
- j. Any other information, CRWCI report

Copies of this report are free upon request to the Municipal Office at 864-2092, and will be posted on the municipal website at www.rm-stfrancois.mb.ca.

A copy of the CRWCI annual report is attached.