



**Village of Rycroft**  
**Request for Decision**  
**Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2023**

**TOPIC:** Purchase of new water meters in the 2023 Operational budget

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That Council increase the 2023 Operational budget in the amount of \$26,000 in order to purchase a supply of new residential water meters for the Village Public Works operation.

**BACKGROUND:** We had 50 old (used/changed out) 11-20 years old water meter heads that we sent to Accu-Flo for prorated warranty - an applied discount that is offered for replacement only.

Neptune will give the us a credit of \$7,780 for the 50 returned meters. The total cost of the 50 new meters with the \$7,870 credit for our old meters is \$24,530 +GST. Time is of the essence because they have given us to mid April to take advantage of this extended credit.

We replace 2-3 aging water meters each month on average due to the failure of the meter to read, or other frozen or damaged meters. We have only 6 units in stock at present and will need to reorder more stock this year. We last ordered meters in 2009/10. By ordering 50 new Mach 10 water meters allows us to upgrade to the newest meter technology and take advantage of the \$7,870 in savings offered by Neptune for the return of our old meters. The 50 meters will give us ~2 year supply.

The current list price for these Mach 10 water meters for the Village of Rycroft is \$648/meter +GST. The new Mach 10 meters have a warranty of 100% for the first 10 years from the date of shipment, then prorated from year 11-20. There is a backlog in the supply change, and if we order the meters now, the supplier expects delivery in September/October.

This is a sole sourced purchase as Accu-Flo is the area distributor for the Neptune water meter system. We committed to them at the time we purchased the new water meter reader system. To date, we have been happy with the product and service of our new system.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Add \$26,000 to the 2023 operational budget for the purchase of new water meters.

**POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. Council could direct Administration to purchase water meters as required when needed.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

Peter Thomas  
Chief Administrative Officer

March 15, 2023  
Date