# **City Water Update:**

**Status:** State of Emergency



### **Update:**

An Ad hoc committee was formed to work on the state of our water infrastructure.

## Tasks to accomplish in order by priority:

- Replacement of the 10" pipe that was bypassed while fixing leaks late last summer. SIGNIFICANT outside water restrictions are in effect as of May 1st for all outside watering including lawns and gardens. Car washing etc. will not be permitted. The City mailed informational flyers to all water customers.
- The Van Daam leak; of which we received funding from the State Department of Water Resources to repair this leak.
- The grants for the Planning Report have been submitted, and we are awaiting an acceptance of award amount. Once we have the report, we can apply for further USDA Grants.
- Grant funding will not cover all costs for infrastructure replacement and repair. Low interest loans, or property tax special assessments will most likely be part to replace close to 75% of our city water system.

#### How YOU can help:

- Any water infrastructure grant opportunity you hear of, email them to the City of Loyalton at: sarah.cityofloyalton@gmail.com
- Attend the Water Committee community update meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month / 6:30PM
  - In the City Hall auditorium.
- Attend the regular City Council meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month / 6:30PM In the City Hall auditorium.
- Any questions you have regarding the city water infrastructure, planning, staffing, testing etc. please come to City Hall to request information. Our goal is 100% transparency with our community.

#### What to expect:

A definite increase in water/sewer charges

Possible disruption of water source, as well as street detours due to construction.

Grant Funding results still pending, we are hopeful to have results by the end of May.

Next Meeting: 6/1/2023 Ad hoc Committee 5:30 PM / City Town Hall meeting 6:30 PM

<u>Committee members:</u> Sarah Jackson, Joy Markum, Joyce Cameron, Dori Gayner (representing as school Board member), Pat McCarthy, Wendy Church-Bergstrom, Doug McCoy, William Mertton, and Kelly Champion.