


DEPARTMENT: Public Works	
	TOPIC: Request for Approval of New Utility Operator Position
REPORT PRESENTED BY: Wiaan Kruger, Director of Public Works	

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

Approval of a permanent, full-time Utility Operator position is required to safely and effectively operate the new Aldersyde Water Treatment Plant and maintain regulatory compliance.

DISCUSSION

Foothills County's Aldersyde Water Treatment Plant is scheduled to become operational this summer. Once operational, the plant will add a new facility to the County's existing water treatment system and will require qualified operators to ensure safe, compliant, and reliable operation.

Operation of a water treatment plant requires certified operators to meet provincial approval conditions, ensure water quality, and provide ongoing monitoring and maintenance.

As part of the engineering and design work for the Aldersyde Water Treatment Plant, operational requirements were reviewed and it was identified that an additional utility operator would be required.

Hiring an additional Utility Operator now allows the new operator to:

- Participate in the final stages of construction
- Be directly involved in plant commissioning
- Receive hands-on training specific to the Aldersyde facility
- Support knowledge transfer and long-term operational continuity

Bringing the position on before the plant is fully operational reduces operational risk and supports a smooth transition from construction to full operation.

REQUEST OF COUNCIL

THAT Council approve the creation of one (1) full-time permanent Utility Operator position within the Public Works Utilities Department.