



NEWS RELEASE JULY 30, 2019 WATER LICENSE APPLICATION

The Claresholm Golf Club first nine holes opened in 1978, and the golf club secured their own water license from Alberta Environment at that time to irrigate the golf course. In 2005, the golf course was expanded to 18 holes, however a new water license to cover the new 9 holes was not contemplated. Water for irrigation at the newly expanded golf course did not become an issue until 2017 when Claresholm experienced drought conditions for the first time since the expansion. A Water Needs Assessment was commissioned based on the “worst case scenario” and included an allowance for consideration of future climate change levels. It was determined that the golf course demonstrated an additional need for water during uncharacteristically dry conditions and a new/supplementary Water License Application was submitted to Alberta Environment.

The Water License that has been applied for by the Town of Claresholm on behalf of the Claresholm Golf Club does not affect the Town of Claresholm’s water license or allocation. The water used by the golf course will be delivered through the Town of Claresholm’s supply line from Pine Coulee, however the golf course will not be using treated water and will only need water as climate conditions dictate. It is the Town’s hope that usage of the allocation would be very minimal, however it is imperative to have an extra license in place to be prepared for adverse conditions.

The Bridges at Claresholm Golf Club is a municipal course that is run by a board on behalf of the Town of Claresholm. Town Council is supportive of the golf club, and having sufficient water for irrigation is crucial to the operation of the golf course.

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