

NEWS RELEASE – July 10, 2018



On Tuesday, July 10th, 2018, the Town of Claresholm hosted a Stormpond Wetland planting to commemorate Phase 1 of the Stormwater Management Facility nearing completion. This project was made possible through our partnership with Alberta Environment and Parks and the Municipal District of Willow Creek.



In attendance for the Stormpond Wetland planting were (from left to right):

- Grant Bishop, Acting Director of Infrastructure, Town of Claresholm
- Nancy Green, Associated Engineering
- Blair Bullock, Director of Corporate Services, Town of Claresholm
- Councillor Lise Schulze, Town of Claresholm
- Marian Carlson, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Claresholm
- Reeve Maryanne Sandberg, MD of Willow Creek
- Councillor Craig Zimmer, Town of Claresholm
- Councillor Gaven Moore, Town of Claresholm
- Jill King, K & S Growers
- Cody Shearer, K & S Growers
- Steven Bos, Bos Scapes Landscaping

In 2016, the Town of Claresholm secured over \$5.3 million in provincial funding through the Alberta Community Resilience Program for this project and enhancements to the 8th Street drainage ditch. Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks, had the following comment:

“Strong stormwater management is critical as our government works to improve the flood resiliency of communities in southern Alberta. Our investment in the Frog Creek Stormwater Management Facility will help protect families, homes and businesses in Claresholm while also ensuring local infrastructure isn’t overwhelmed during severe rainfall events.”

The official sod-turning ceremony for the construction of the Stormwater Management Facility was held on November 23, 2016. This facility will ensure that flood events are mitigated through the Town of Claresholm Stormwater Management Plan to protect the residents and be mutually beneficial to our neighbors in the Municipal District of Willow Creek.

Construction of the Frog Creek Stormwater Management Facility is scheduled to wrap up by October 31, 2018. When complete, it will provide up to 175,000 cubic metres of stormwater storage.

The number of plants being planted at the Stormponds is well over 100,000 with many trees, especially willow. The plants being used will help with treatment of the storm water downstream from the Town and help to alleviate erosion, making the run off from Claresholm much friendlier to our neighbours in the MD of Willow Creek. Once the project is complete, access roads will be in place for everyone to enjoy a stroll or a bike ride within designated areas.

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