

Preparation and planning for Marigold's new headquarters building and co-location with Western Irrigation District is proceeding with essential steps being completed in the second half of 2018.

UPDATES

CivicWorks Planning & Design was engaged by Marigold and Western Irrigation District [WID] to complete the urban planning processes required for subdivision of the facility land. On September 13, CivicWorks Planning & Design hosted an Open House at the Town of Strathmore Council chambers. Residents were able to view displays illustrating proposed areas for land use designation and a conceptual site plan for the joint facility. Marigold and WID representatives conversed with residents, Councillors and other guests during the well-attended event. The displays were exhibited at the Strathmore Municipal Library during October for the Town to obtain additional feedback.

Marigold received word in mid-September that Marigold's request for a loan of up to \$2 Million has been approved by Wheatland County after three Bylaw readings.

In September, it was determined that Marigold is not eligible for Community Facility Enhancement Program Large Funding Stream because of the ownership structure for the joint facility and because Marigold has already received \$3.022 Million for the project in Alberta Infrastructure money. CFEP guidelines state: *Other Government of Alberta funding may not be used as a matching resource for a CFEP grant. Maximum funding from the Government of Alberta cannot exceed 50 per cent of the total project cost.* Marigold will continue to seek additional funding sources as the build progresses.

MLA Leela Sharon Aheer (Chestermere-Rocky View) and Peter Tindall (Assistant to the MLA) were invited to tour the joint facility site with WID and Marigold on September 25. MLA Aheer heard more about why Marigold and WID are a good fit as not-for-profit, service-based organizations with approximately the same number of staff and with a shared goal to control costs by building together.

The Marigold Executive approved the Purchase for Sale Agreement on October 17 for half of the WID land where the joint facility will be built, pending subdivision and the approval of a Development Agreement between Marigold and WID. The Development Agreement is now in progress.

The Town of Strathmore approved first reading of the proposed Land Use Bylaw on November 7. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Council the evening of December 5.

Marigold and WID have been developing an RFP for Architecture Services, which will be posted on the Alberta Purchasing Connection site pending approval of the Town Bylaw. Project timelines are being met and Marigold is on track to build the facility and spend the Alberta Infrastructure money by the December 31, 2020 deadline.

The next Joint Facility Committee meeting with Marigold and WID will be scheduled for January.

PROJECT HISTORY: Background information and details on past progress including previous issues of ReNews are available on the Marigold website at <http://marigold.ab.ca/new-building>