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Public Meeting scheduled for water storage feasibility study results

The second phase of the North Saskatchewan Water Supply Feasibility Study to investigate surface water storage alternatives on the North Saskatchewan River in Northwest Saskatchewan has been completed, the North Sask River Water Resource Committee (NSRWRC) announced today.

The results of the study will be presented to the public at a public meeting at 7:00pm CST on February 27th at the Legion Hall in Maidstone, SK.

The first phase of the study was a scoping study to identify and assess water development alternatives and water use options for large scale development in the region. These alternatives include (1) no investment in infrastructure (status quo), (2) non- structural investments to develop the water resource with no storage, (3) the Highgate Dam, and (4) off- channel storage options.

In the second phase, the NSRWRC chose to further investigate on- stream storage options including the Highgate Dam and the development of a fifth option: a weir system.

The Canada Saskatchewan Water Supply Expansion Program has committed to contributing 90% of the cost of the study. The remaining 10% has been contributed by municipalities and organizations in Northwest Saskatchewan and Northeast Alberta.

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