

## News Release

Monday, November 20, 2017 (Shediac) - CBC recently reported on a new water tower being built in Shediac. This is to clarify the purpose of the town's new water tower.

The Town of Shediac wants to clarify that the purpose of the new water tower that is currently under construction on Ohio Road is to meet the existing needs of the town of Shediac as well as to facilitate new commercial projects on Ohio Road and Lino Road such as the imminent coming of a building materials store as well as the expansion of propane distribution centre. This project has absolutely nothing to do with the future campground projects in Shediac.

The Town's water storage capacity is currently 715 cubic metres, via the existing tower on Breaux Bridge Street. A report commissioned in 2014 entitled the Water Distribution Master Plan identified that the storage deficit at this time was estimated at 2200 cubic metres. The new water tower being built on Ohio road has an approximate volume of 2900 cubic metres.

Water storage is required for three main reasons:

- 1) To meet peak ordinary demands above production capacity (equalizing storage);
- 2) To supply water for fighting fires;
- 3) To supply water for emergency, when the supply is interrupted due to mechanical breakdown, power failure, etc.

The Town's water distribution system is divided into 2 pressure zones, all requiring storage. The first zone (gravity zone) is serviced via the existing water tower, and includes lower elevation lands within the Town. The second zone (boosted zone), is serviced via 3 domestic pumps and a fire pump. The limits of the second zone include higher lands within the Town's limits. The pumps were installed in the early 2000's, and served their purpose well while the development in the boosted zone was mostly residential. As commercial development continues mostly on Ohio Road and Lino Road, this increases the volume of water required to fight fires. These developments include a provincial detention center, the town's new municipal operations center, a new building materials store and the development of propane distribution centre, to name a few.

This new water tower is also required to allow for the existing water tower on Breaux Bridge Street to be brought off-line for extensive maintenance work. The work on the existing water tower is being postponed until the new water tower is completed. This sequence of work will allow for continuous and uninterrupted service to all water users.

Unlike what is being suggested by CBC, the water tower is not being built to serve the future needs of a campground. It is however being built as part of a long term plan to serve the needs of all users of the municipal water system.

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