



	<p>Title: Domestic Potable Water System Servicing</p>
<p>Legal References: Water Act Municipal Government Act Subdivision and Development Regulation Provincial and Federal drinking water quality guidelines</p>	<p>Policy Category: Infrastructure and Operations</p>
<p>Cross References: Supercedes Policy 302 & Policy 303 Procedures: (TBD)</p>	<p>Effective Date: April 20, 2010 Revision Date:</p>

Purpose:

In order to service a growing population, Rocky View will have clear policies, procedures, and expectations related to water servicing. The Domestic Potable Water System Servicing Policy provides direction for Council and Administration on protection of Rocky View’s potable water resources over the long-term.

Authority:

The *Municipal Government Act* grants Municipalities powers, duties and functions to fulfill their Municipal Purpose. The implementation of Policies to guide and direction Rocky View is provided for under Section 5:
“(b) Has the duties that are imposed on it by this and other enactments and those that the municipality imposes on itself as a matter of policy”.

Definitions:

- “*Council*” means the Council of Rocky View County.
- “*Potable Water*” means treated water that is fit for human consumption as per existing provincial and federal guidelines.
- “*Rocky View*” means Rocky View County.
- “*Water System*” means a system for the provision of water for human consumption or use through pipes or other constructed conveyances.

Policy Statements:

1. Rocky View is committed to taking all reasonable steps to support a long-term, safe and reliable potable water supply for its residents, and will consider this objective in all decisions related to planning, subdivision and development.
2. Rocky View may contract water delivery operations to private operators under agreement. In order to support a reliable water supply, all new and existing water delivery operators will be subject to clear expectations, operating procedures and standards.
3. In existing developments where Rocky View controls domestic water operations, Rocky View will supply water to residents through municipal water systems.
4. To support the long-term sustainability of a limited water supply, the municipal water rates will reflect the actual cost of water delivery, including the incorporation of capital replacement and other costs into user fees.
5. Prior to the approval of subdivision or development applications, an applicant must demonstrate the ability to provide a safe and reliable potable water supply. Rocky View shall also require a turnover strategy for the applicable water infrastructure and licensing.

6. Fire protection needs in proposed developments shall be taken into consideration and fire services shall be consulted with regard to fire protection flow requirements for the proposed developments.
7. In existing developments where Rocky View does not control domestic water operations, Rocky View will seek to negotiate a turnover strategy for water licenses and infrastructure that service its residents to achieve consistency in its domestic water supply systems.
8. Recognizing the importance of inter-municipal and regional cooperation with respect to water supply, the County will consider opportunities to partner with organizations, other jurisdictions and other levels of government on water strategies and initiatives to support efficient water servicing for its residents.