



Beaconia Well Project Costs - Update for Council

1. The Project Was Driven by Provincial Regulatory Requirements

The Beaconia well replacement project was not a discretionary upgrade. The Province identified compliance concerns with the existing artesian well and ultimately issued a Well Sealing Order requiring the RM to decommission the existing well and provide a compliant public water source. The original well, drilled in 1964, no longer met current regulatory expectations and was determined to present long-term operational and environmental risks.

2. Budgets Were Set Over Multiple Years, Spending Occurred When Required

A common misconception is that funds were spent continuously over several years while the project was delayed. The records indicate that although the project was discussed, studied, and budgeted over several budget cycles, the majority of expenditures occurred only after the Province ordered corrective action.

3. Total Costs Recorded to Date Are Approximately \$116,363.86

The financial records reviewed show:

- 2025 expenditures: \$71,5675.40
- 2026 expenditures to date: \$44,798.46

Total costs recorded to date: \$116,363.86

4. Additional Costs Are Still Outstanding

Based on information provided by Public Works, several invoices have not yet been received and are expected before project completion, including

Outstanding Item	Estimated Cost
Electrical service installation	\$6,236.32
Pitless unit and connection works	\$13,295.00
Security and camera system	\$6,831.50
Decommissioning of original well	\$2,500.00
Total Outstanding Costs	\$28,862.82

5. Expected Final Project Cost



When the outstanding work is completed and invoices received, the total project cost is expected to be approximately:

\$145,226.68 (plus applicable taxes)

Note: signage has not yet been installed, but an approx expenditure, should be ~\$500, additional cost.

6. The New Facility Provides a Long-Term Compliant Solution

The replacement project includes:

- New well infrastructure.
- Water treatment equipment.
- Electrical servicing.
- Security and monitoring systems.
- Proper connection infrastructure.
- Decommissioning of the aging original well.

These improvements are intended to provide a safe, compliant, and sustainable public water source for Beaconia residents while satisfying Provincial requirements

Council should note that the Beaconia Well project was undertaken in response to Provincial compliance requirements and a Well Sealing Order affecting the original 1964 artesian well. While project planning and budgeting occurred over multiple years, the majority of costs were incurred in 2025 and 2026 when the Province required action. It should be also noted the well continued to provide service to residents during negotiations with the Province. Current expenditures total an estimated final project cost of approximately \$145,226.68 (plus applicable taxes). The project now provides a compliant public water source for the community while eliminating the risks associated with the aging well infrastructure or environmental concerns.