

## Feature Sheet – Who Are We?

### What is the Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation?

The Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation (BPWTC) is a non-profit corporation which manages the Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant (BPWTP). The Plant provides water to the Cities of Regina and Moose Jaw, and surrounding regions, for use by communities, organizations, and households.

Located approximately thirty kilometres northeast of the City of Moose Jaw on Highway No. 301, the plant was commissioned in 1951 following extensive work with the federal and provincial governments, and the Cities of Regina and Moose Jaw. It began producing water in September, 1954. The plant draws water from Buffalo Pound Lake, a shallow man-made reservoir on the Qu'Appelle River. Water levels in Buffalo Pound Lake are maintained by the release of water from the Qu'Appelle Dam on Lake Diefenbaker.

### What is the role of the Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant?

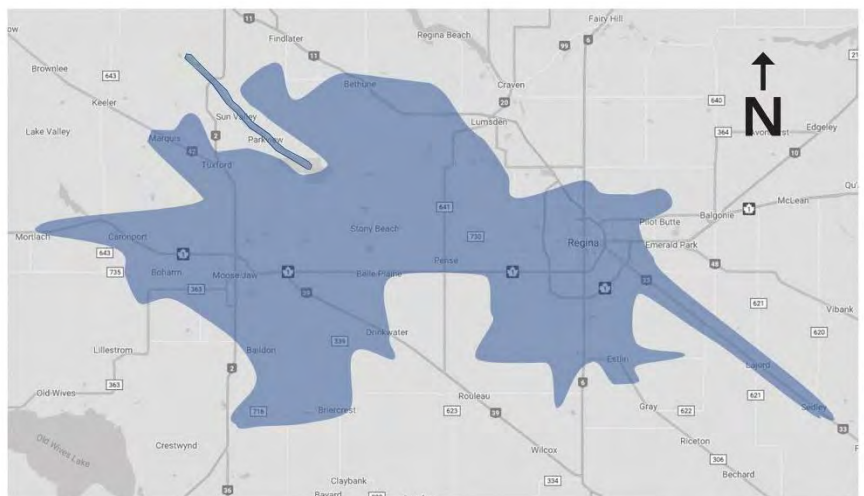
The Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant is mandated to improve the quality of water taken from Buffalo Pound Lake, it does this by passing the water through a series of processes which remove or reduce the concentration of undesirable contaminants and/or harmful chemicals in the water, so that the water becomes safe for drinking and other uses.

The Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant has been a leader in the delivery of safe, high-quality drinking water. It has received numerous Water Quality Awards and has made significant progress in improving the quality of water provided to its customers. In fact, it was one of the first plants in Canada to pioneer the use of the Granular Activated Carbon Filtration process for the removal of algae-produced taste and odour. The Corporation's quality water successes are due in large part to the water treatment expertise of its employees.

### Who does the Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation serve?

The Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation currently supplies water to the Cities of Regina and Moose Jaw, SaskWater, the Buffalo Pound Provincial Park, as well as to many communities in the region, extending as far west as Mortlach, as far east as Sedley, as far south as Briercrest and as far north as Bethune.

In fact, more than 260,000 people obtain potable water through the Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant.



## **How is the Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation Governed?**

From 1954 until 2016 the Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant was governed jointly by the Cities of Regina and Moose Jaw, under an Administration Board.

In 2015 a decision was made to set up a non-profit corporation to oversee the operation of the Plant, and as a result in January of 2016, the Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation was formed through the Unanimous Membership Agreement by the Cities of Regina and Moose Jaw.

An independent Board of Directors, made up of senior executives who work in the public and private sectors and have a wealth of governance expertise required by the Corporation, was also formed to govern the operations of the new Corporation.

BPWTC Board members are selected based on the expertise they bring to the board in the areas of: Water Utility/Public Utility, Capital Project Management, Risk Management, Finance and Audit, Legal/Regulatory, Environmental, Government Relations/Policy/Community, Human Resources/Health & Safety, Executive Leadership, and Governance.

The BPWTC Board is accountable to the Cities of Regina and Moose Jaw and reports to the Cities on a bi-annual basis.

## **What are the Goals Targeted by the Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation?**

The BPWTC is focused on providing a reliable and affordable supply of safe, high-quality, drinking water which meets the needs and expectations of citizens and water consumers in the Cities of Regina and Moose Jaw, and surrounding regions, while also meeting, or exceeding, all government regulated parameters.

The Corporation is judicious in its monitoring of treated water from the Plant to the end of the Cities' distribution systems, and in the monitoring of water in Buffalo Pound Lake, the Upper Qu'Appelle River and Lake Diefenbaker so that it can identify long-term trends and areas which might impact the water supply, enabling it to continuously meet its goals of delivering safe, high-quality, drinking water to all its customers.