



## **Town of Chestermere**

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#### **Town of Chestermere Appoints Municipal Utility Board of Directors**

Chestermere, AB, August 16, 2011 – The Town of Chestermere is pleased to announce the appointment of the Board of Directors of Chestermere Utilities Incorporated (CUI), as confirmed by Town Council on August 15. The Town's new arm's length municipal utility corporation will focus on sewer, water, wastewater, solid waste and recycling services for Chestermere. This utility corporation was approved by the Honourable Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs, on March 24, 2011.

"After many weeks of thorough searching and extensive interviews, Council is pleased to announce the appointments of Mr. Fred Clarke and Ms. Catherine Connolly to the Board of CUI. Both individuals are extremely qualified and will complement the four members of Council who have already been appointed," said Mayor Patricia Matthews. "We believe this is the best Board possible for the community."

Mayor Matthews, Deputy Mayor Kelsey Johnson and Councillors Patrick Bergen and Christopher Steeves were appointed to the Board earlier this year.

The Board Member recruitment process was initiated in June 2011 and, following good governance practices, focused on selecting members with the skills the Board requires. The two public appointees bring professional skills, board experience and a wealth of knowledge to the Board.

Fred Clarke's 25 year career in the oil and gas industry focused on sales and marketing management primarily with Okanagan Helicopters and Resource Services Group. He is President of Clarkco Investments Ltd. and Clarkco Marketing Services. Through Clarkco Marketing Services he served a number of clients in the areas of marketing and Government liaison, including Macleod Institute, Imperial Oil, Union Pacific Resources, Bovar, Chem-Security and Alberta Special Waste Management. Mr. Clarke has a lengthy and impressive record of public service including: Canadian Civil Aviation Tribunal in Ottawa; Chairman of the Alberta Students Finance Board; Chairman of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund; and, is completing a nine year commitment to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority.

Catherine Connolly, PhD, is also a proven leader with more than 20 years of management and executive responsibilities in a variety of finance and operational roles. Ms. Connolly is currently a Director with ThomasLloyd Capital LLC and a consultant with North West Capital, providing services in business development to medium to large companies. She has held the positions of

Assistant Treasurer and Director of Capital Markets with Canadian Pacific Railway and Vice President at Borealis Infrastructure. A committed volunteer, Ms. Connolly served on the Advisory Board for the construction of the new TELUS World of Science Centre and the Treasury Management Association of Canada (Canada) and she recently completed her term as Chair of the Board of Directors of YWCA Calgary.

“On behalf of Council and the community I would like to welcome Mr. Clarke and Ms. Connolly to the Board,” stated Mayor Matthews. “We are excited to begin work with a very robust group of people and are looking forward to our first mandate as a Board, hiring the Chief Executive Officer.”

Chestermere Utilities Incorporated is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Town and will provide safe and efficient water and wastewater, solid waste and recycling services to Chestermere residents and businesses.

For more information on Chestermere Utilities Incorporated, please go to [www.chestermere.ca](http://www.chestermere.ca) or contact Mayor Patricia Matthews at (403) 207-7073 or [pmatthews@chestermere.ca](mailto:pmatthews@chestermere.ca).

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