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Town Investigates Water Shutoff

The Town is investigating a routine water valve shutoff that left a large portion of the north side of town without water today for approximately half an hour.

AIC Construction Ltd has been contracted to replace sewer main and water main lines starting today, with construction continuing for approximately the next three weeks.

On Tuesday 6 May Town of Olds Utilities crews tested portions of the water line in a small area of town (one block) in anticipation of a planned shut off today for that area. No issues were identified at the time and a flyer was distributed to residents who would be affected by the shutoff. Once it was known that the shutoff was affecting a large area of homes and businesses, Utilities crews immediately set about rectifying the problem.

"It appears that there are some system valves outside of this small section of the line affecting the main trunk lines," says Larry Wright, Director of Operational Services, "Utilities crews will systematically test the valves to locate and solve the problem."

The valve testing process will result in intermittent short-term disruptions of service throughout the next two days. Residents and businesses are asked to be patient during this process.

Larry Wright comments, "We regret any inconvenience to customers experienced today, but the positive outcome is that we now know about this issue; we are working on remedying it and continuing with capital replacements of the water system. I would like to thank all those who quickly brought the problem to our attention."

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