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Mayor and Council Members-

Below is an update on key activities during the past month.

Replacement Extraction Well Near the Dump Site

On February 5, 2010, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA) sent a letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) with a proposal to install a new extraction well to replace extraction well EW-1A near the dump site. The MPCA approved the plan on February 16, 2010 (with minor logistical comments). CRA has a driller selected, but the work cannot begin until the road restrictions are lifted (typically mid- to late-April). Then, the installation and hook-up work will likely take 1-2 weeks to complete. In the meantime, extraction well EW-2 continues to operate at a higher rate to provide the necessary groundwater capture.

Replacement Well at 12 West Shore Road

After many months, the old well in the basement has been properly sealed. This was the original well, not to be confused with the current well (located outside) that is to be replaced. The old well was discovered in the basement last year and it was learned that the previous sealing work was not in compliance with the state well code. The homeowner was withholding permission for replacing the current well until sealing of the old well was resolved. With this issue now put to rest, replacement of the current well can commence. The agreements are in-place and CRA has a driller selected, but the work cannot begin until the road restrictions are lifted.

2009 Annual Monitoring Report

CRA will be submitting the 2009 Annual Monitoring Report to the MPCA this week. A copy will be provided to the City and to Wenck. I plan to complete my review by the end of March. I will then contact Administrator Coleman to discuss whether there are any comments that should be submitted to the MPCA on behalf of the City.

Groundwater Monitoring

The next scheduled round of testing will be in April. The list of homes scheduled to be sampled is posted on the City webpage.

Let me know if you have any questions, or if there is something else you would like me to do. Otherwise, I will report back before the April council meeting.

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