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Dear Thomson Lake Residents,

Protecting our source water is vital for us and for future generations. It is in everyone's best interest if we, as a region, become proactive in this endeavor. In 2013/2014 stakeholders in the Old Wives Watershed came together to develop a Watershed Protection Plan with the help of the Water Security Agency (provincial government). The plan is a guiding document with firm actions and desired outcomes for the entire broad watershed. OWWA, a non-profit entity representative of the area, is tasked with implementing the plan.

An action that came from the greater Watershed Protection Plan was to work with communities or smaller regions on **Community Source Water Protection Plans** that specifically looked at identifying and mitigating risks directly related to the water source of a community. These plans are community driven and developed through a small number of collaborative meetings. The Water Security Agency has developed an effective, quick process for community planning.

This fall, OWWA is beginning a Community Source Water Protection Plan for the water source of Thomson Lake. Water is directly used from the lake by the residents of Gravelbourg, Lafleche, and those surrounding the lake and on rural pipelines. Once a plan is completed, it provides a road map for action and is a strong supporting document used for applying for external infrastructure funding.

With that being said, I would like to invite you to join our very important discussion and planning group, along with other key partners such as municipalities, communities, the regional park, SaskWater and Water Security Agency.

OWWA's intention is to have a collaborative and inclusive community source water protection plan for the Thomson Lake area by early February. Your input and direction is vital to the success of this initiative. We will be starting with a meeting in early December (will provide a later date) and follow through with an additional meeting in January.

I look forward to your participation and ask that you confirm your seat at the table by November 24th, 2017. You can call me at 306-648-3220 or email me at

I appreciate that your time is valuable and understandably you are busy; however, sharing your concerns, ideas and experience in this joint effort now will pay off substantially in the future. Thank you for your consideration as I hope to see you at our table in December.

Sincerely,

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