

West Wetaskiwin Scholarship Application Deadline is **August 1, 2021**

Don't delay, apply now!

Annually, the West Wetaskiwin REA offers 2 (two) scholarships to children of members (in good standing) for the amount of \$1000.00 each.

The selection of scholarship recipients is open to students in either diploma or degree granting programs. The applicant must be entering their first year of post-secondary study in a designated program and be a high school graduate of the current, or at most, previous calendar year.

Additional considerations for acceptance include the applicant's involvement in their community, financial need and academic achievement and submission of an essay-style letter outlining details supporting the aforementioned considerations.

The Scholarship Application Form, with complete instructions and checklist for necessary documentation,

is located on our website: www.westwetaskiwinrea.com <Power Points>.

The completed application form must be mailed to

West Wetaskiwin REA, R.R. #1 Main
Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 1W8

postmarked on or before August 1, 2021. Alternatively the application and supporting documents may be emailed to westwet@telus.net no later than **midnight on August 1st.**



Battle River Power Coop Assumes West Wetaskiwin REA Distribution System Operations – **November 15, 2021**

In the last newsletter we announced an expansion of our Co-operative Agreement with Battle River Power Coop as of November 15th this year.

This means that FortisAlberta will cease all work for West Wetaskiwin REA and all operations will be transferred to Battle River Power Coop.

We will continue to provide updates on timing and new contact numbers, but want to provide members with an overview of the operational responsibilities that Battle River Power Coop will assume and an outline of their various departments.

System Planning

System planning is active in providing information and costing for new quotes, upgrades and/or line relocates within the current system.

Strategically, Battle River Power Coop will meet with the West Wetaskiwin Board of Directors on a regular basis to discuss any modifications that may be necessary for the distribution system to either maintain current system integrity or to respond to potential new services that might require an upgrade.

For power troubles or service requests, contact: FortisAlberta (the distribution system operator for West Wetaskiwin REA): Toll-free: 1-855-333-9473 or 780-310-9473

For REA inquiries contact:
West Wetaskiwin REA
R.R. #1 Station Main,
Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 1W8
Phone: 780-335-9378 (WEST)
E-mail: westwet@telus.net
www.westwetaskiwinrea.com

For billing or account inquiries contact:
Battle River Power Coop
Box 1420
Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972
E-mail: brpc@brpower.coop
www.brpower.coop

Vegetation Management

Battle River Power Coop has always recognized the critical importance of pro-active vegetation management to support distribution system safety and reliability.

The department team is led by Mitch Stevenson, Vegetation Manager, who has been working in the industry for over 13 years and is an I.S.A Certified Arborist and a U.V.M.A.A Certified Utility Arborist.

The Coop executes different control methods from one property to the next, always evaluating the costs involved and the long term control that can be achieved. To accommodate cost effective vegetation control, the Coop's integrated vegetation management program includes the following methods: tree trimming, brushing, mulching and spraying of selective herbicides to complement other approaches. In some instances a combination of methods are used.

Battle River Power Coop will work with our members to implement the most efficient vegetation management practices possible and designated areas, in advance of their annual trim cycle, will be patrolled and sections needing vegetation control will be identified.

Pole Testing and Replacement

Another key program that Battle River Power Coop will take over is the pole testing and replacement.

West Wetaskiwin REA's records of pole testing and replacement will be provided to Battle River Power Coop and they will integrate that activity into the current schedules.



Operations

Two key employees in the Operations Department are Curtis Bauman (Manager & Operator in Charge) and Matt Noble (Operation Supervisor).

Services provided by operations include, but are not limited to:

- New service construction – after system planning has signed off on quotes and plans. The West Wetaskiwin REA Board of Directors was impressed with the new service costing discussed with Battle River Power Coop and feel advantageous new service costs will better position us to appeal to new members
- Energize/de-energize requests
- Moving high loads – advice and assistance
- Upgrades/downgrades
- Ongoing maintenance of the West Wetaskiwin REA distribution system to maintain our system reliability
- Power restoration for emergency outages
- Information on planned outages in the West Wetaskiwin REA area will be available on the Battle River Power Coop website under <Outage Map>.

Emergency Outages

Battle River Power Coop will be available for power trouble calls 24/7/365.

Power troubles can be reported anytime to their toll free number and also on their newly launched App which will allow members to report any troubles via the mobile phone. The mobile App also provides real time information on power outages and estimated repair time.



Regulated Rate Option



The Regulated Rate Option (RRO) may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather is a default rate. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you are on the RRO. For June 2021, the RRO is priced at \$0.07665 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For July 2021, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.10123.

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Information on West Wetaskiwin REA's Code of Conduct Regulation Compliance Plan can be found on our website: www.westwetaskiwinrea.com