



## Proposal Summary

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### Proposal Description

SaskWater proposes to purchase, own and operate the water treatment plant (WTP) in the City of Meadow Lake, its reservoirs and the non-potable water supply. As the owner, SaskWater would invest in any necessary upgrades or refurbishment of these facilities.

The City of Meadow Lake would continue to own and operate the water distribution system.

SaskWater also proposes an agreement to provide certified operation and maintenance services for the city's wastewater distribution and collection. SaskWater would not own the wastewater infrastructure. The City of Meadow Lake, as the owners, would retain responsibility for upgrades or refurbishment of the wastewater infrastructure.

### Proposal Benefits

SaskWater prides itself on having the expertise and resources to help communities ensure the highest quality of water service to their residents. SaskWater offers a wealth of experience that would ensure safe, reliable and sustainable water and wastewater services for the City of Meadow Lake and benefit the water supply services in the following ways:

- Reduced Risk to the City
  - SaskWater would be responsible for all regulatory compliance, and is committed to delivering safe, reliable drinking water that meets or exceeds regulatory requirements. SaskWater also provides 24/7 monitoring by a live operator.
  - SaskWater would assume the risk of equipment failure, building maintenance, equipment upgrades, treatment process failure or upgrades at the WTP.
  - SaskWater's asset management system reduces the risk of costly unexpected repairs and upgrades.
- Improved Water Quality and Reliability
  - SaskWater engineers have experience in designing solutions for the treatment of challenging water sources.
  - SaskWater operations staff provide the expertise and knowledge to optimize infrastructure design and operations to improve efficiency and water quality.
- Staffing Solutions
  - All current WTP employees would be offered employment with SaskWater.
  - SaskWater employs a number of certified operators qualified to oversee the complicated water treatment process and satisfy regulatory staffing requirements.
  - SaskWater's network of relief operators are available to cover holidays, sick time and vacancies, ensuring employee well-being and reducing overtime costs.