



West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd.
Presentation to Parkland
County Council

July 5, 2022

What is a rural co-operative?

- ▶ West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. is a rural cooperative, created under the *Rural Utilities Act*, which was established in 1972 to distribute natural gas to its members.
- ▶ Cooperatives, like West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd., are associations formed to meet a common economic, social, or other local need. As such, they are not focused on profit. In our case, we focus on providing excellent service, competitive rates, and managing our finances to maintain our infrastructure and ensure long-term sustainability.
- ▶ Cooperatives have a community focus. For West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd., this means a wide range of community initiatives, including charitable donations, support for community activities and other community support.

History of West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd.

“Fueling the Flame for 50 years”

- ▶ We are very excited that this is our 50th Anniversary Year!
- ▶ On May 12, 1972, there was a public meeting in Stony Plain with the intent of forming a natural gas co-op. A board of directors was elected and that board proceeded to be granted approval for the establishment of the West Parkland Natural Gas franchise area.
- ▶ By December of 1973, construction was completed to serve 104 members with natural gas. In the 50 years since it's inception, West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. has grown at a steady rate - now serving over 5000 members and customers.

Vision:

We are a socially responsible and innovative cooperative and are a recognized and valued leader in the community.

Mission:

We are member-owned and provide safe, reliable, cost-effective, and community focused services.

Values:

- We value good relationships with our members, customers, community, and other stakeholders.
- We value fairness and equality through excellent financial stewardship.
- We value excellence in service provision.
- We value the history of the rural natural gas co-operative movement and the visionary thinking and efforts of our founders.

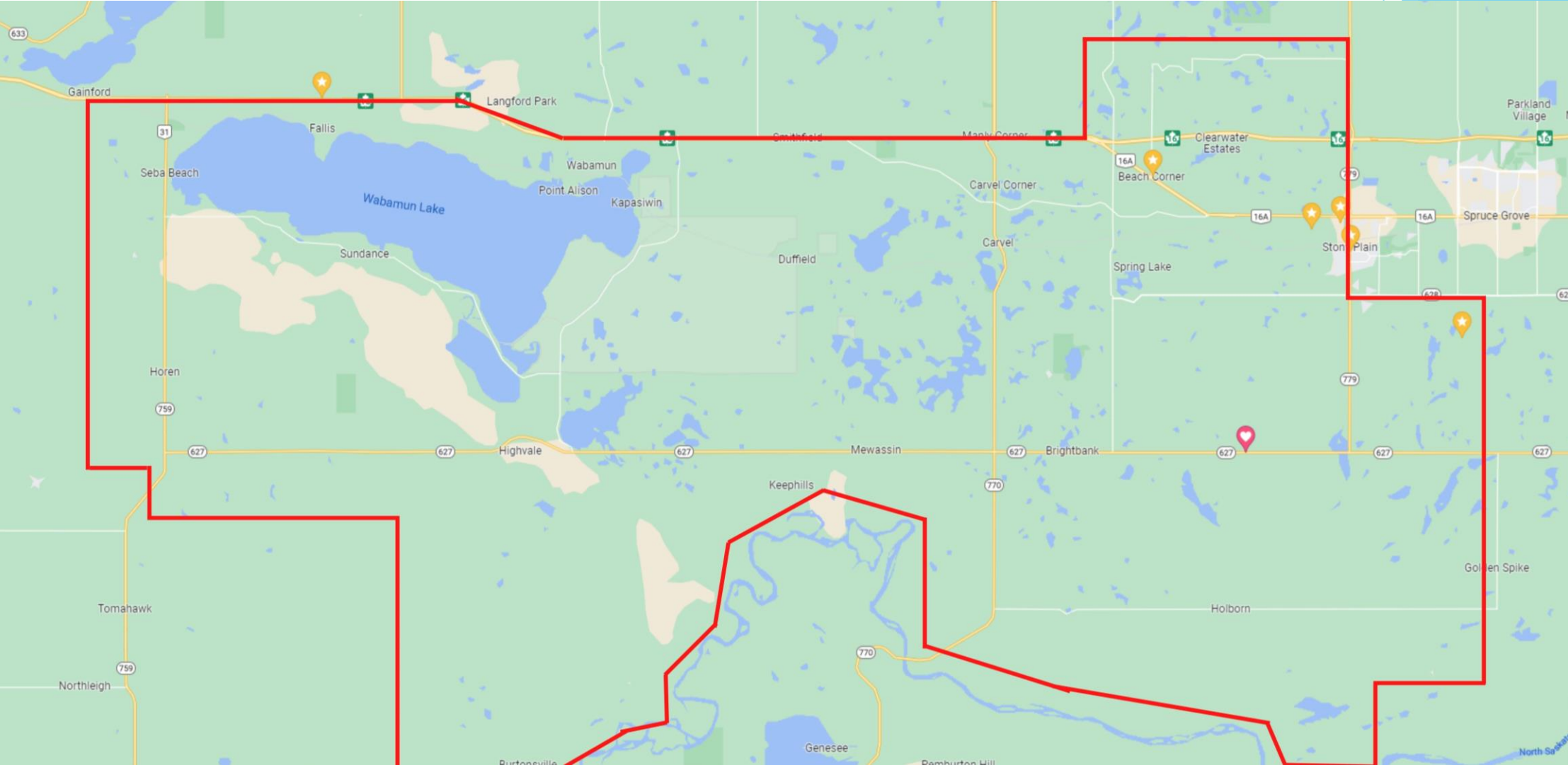
Our Board of Directors and Employees

- ▶ West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd.'s board of directors is comprised of nine cooperative members (all of whom are residents of Parkland County).
- ▶ Our General Manager is also a resident of Parkland County.
- ▶ West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. and West Parkland Propane Ltd. collectively have over 30 employees who are local to Parkland County.

West Parkland Gas Service

- ▶ Currently, West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. has a service area of 1,260 square kilometres. In addition to our rural franchise area, we also serve the Village of Spring Lake and some residential subdivisions in the Town of Stony Plain.
- ▶ On average, we replace over 10 kilometres of high pressure line in Parkland County every year.
- ▶ Additionally, new services are trenched for anywhere between 40 and 50 new homes and an average of one subdivision per year.

West Parkland Gas Co-Op Ltd. Franchise Area

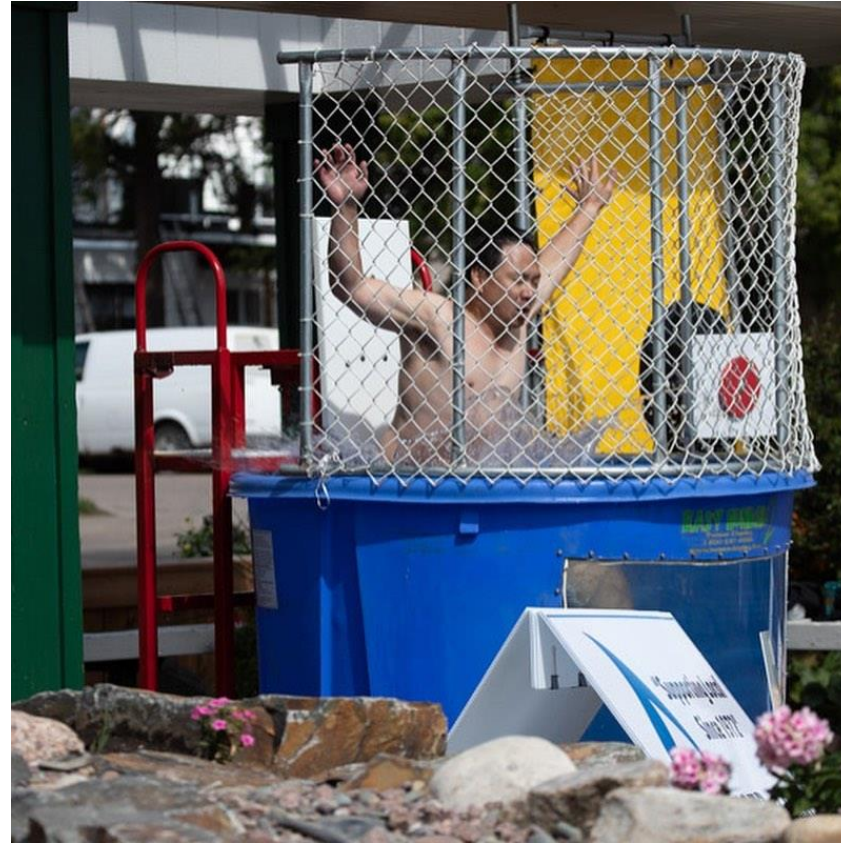


Community Involvement

- ▶ West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. prioritizes community involvement and charitable initiatives. We were proud to be the recipient of the 2021 Ambassador of Action award from the Town of Stony Plain in recognition of our contribution to the community.
- ▶ In 2021, West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. donated over \$50,000 to charities, foundations, and causes within our community such as:
 - ▶ The Parkland Food Bank
 - ▶ Sponsorship of “Sunday Free Public Swim” at the Stony Plain Public Pool
 - ▶ The Coordinated Suicide Prevention Program
 - ▶ Participation in the local emergency preparedness week with demonstrations that provide safety information to the general public
- ▶ Additionally, our community involvement extends beyond financial contribution to hands-on volunteer work from West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. employees, including:
 - ▶ Reading to children at Blueberry School
 - ▶ Participating in Pitch-In week (cleaning up litter in local communities)
 - ▶ Collecting Christmas Hamper Donations
 - ▶ Having a West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. employee sit on the board of the local Rural Crime watch association



West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. raised \$10,000.00 for the Parkland Food Bank with the 2021/22 "Support Local" Tri-Region Coupon Book Fundraiser



The 2021 Summer Dunk Deep-Freeze raffle for a chance to dunk the Mayor of Stony Plain raised \$6,000.00 for the Coordinated Suicide Prevention Program

West Parkland Propane Ltd.

- ▶ In 2020, West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. established another branch of business - West Parkland Propane Ltd. This venture offers bulk propane as well as twenty and thirty pound bottle exchange programs. West Parkland Propane Ltd. has quickly become a staple propane provider in Parkland County and surrounding areas. West Parkland Propane Ltd. maintains the same core values as West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. and is active in its community involvement in the areas it serves.



West Parkland Propane recently sponsored the 2022 Heritage Days Parade

Questions ?