



## **NOTICE TO ALL IRRIGATORS**

On Friday July 24th Western Irrigation District (WID) shut in flow to Chestermere Reservoir as a precautionary measure, due to a hydrocarbon sheen observed by Western Irrigation operations personnel, in the Western Headworks canal. After notification to both Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation (AGI), and the City of Calgary, it was found that hydrocarbon release had occurred and had been discharged through the City of Calgary's Stormwater system, and into the Western Headworks canal.

Emergency protocol was initiated and the release was able to be contained relatively quickly. A coordinated effort between CoC, AGI and WID ensued over the next 24 hrs to clean up the canal.

WID was able to reopen the irrigation system inlet on Saturday July 25th at approximately 12pm. WID had hopes to return to normal operating levels in Chestermere throughout the day on Saturday, but due to significant irrigation demand, more slack in the system than estimated and reduced inlet flow rates, WID was unable to do so, and Chestermere water levels lowered by approximately 13 inches.

WID was able to increase inlet flow rate significantly Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, and have brought Chestermere back to normal operating levels at 12 pm July 27th

There was no disruption of water delivery service to WID farmers and clients.