8 RECOMMENDATIONS

The present study has been based on information available from the groundwater database. The database has three problems:

1) the quality of the data;
2) the coordinate system used for the horizontal control; and
3) the distribution of the data.

The quality of the data in the groundwater database is affected by two factors: a) the technical training of the persons collecting the data, and b) the quality control of the data. The possible options to upgrade the database include the creation of a "super" database, which includes only verified data. The level of verification would have to include identifying the water well in the field, obtaining meaningful horizontal coordinates for the water well and the verification of certain parameters such as water level and completed depth. An attempt to update the quality of the entire database is not recommended.

In addition to the quality of the information in the database, there is only a limited understanding of the distribution of individual geological units, both in the bedrock and the surficial deposits. The complexity of the depositional environment and a limited amount of subsurface control exacerbate the problem of trying to develop digital surfaces. The best example of this is the indication of significant yields for water wells completed in both the Oldman Aquifer and the Milan Aquifer. This anomaly can only be explained by conducting a detailed investigation of the local conditions, for example, the meltwater channels. This would require a detailed program involving geophysical techniques and test drilling. Because of the broad nature of the condition, a study would need to be completed to better define the anomaly and provide direction for a field program.

One of the main shortages of data for the determination of a groundwater budget is water levels as a function of time. Two observation water wells are totally inadequate to obtain meaningful values for the groundwater budget. One method to obtain additional water-level data is to solicit the assistance of the water well owners who are stakeholders in the groundwater resource. In the M.D. of Rocky View, for example, water well owners are being provided with a tax credit if they accurately measure the water level in their water well once per week for a year. A pilot project indicated that approximately five years of records are required to obtain a reasonable data set. The cost of a five-year project involving 50 water wells would be less than the cost of one drilling program that may provide two or three observation water wells.

In general, for the next level of study, the database needs updating. It requires more information from existing water wells, and additional information from new ones.

Before an attempt is made to upgrade the level of interpretation provided in this report and the accompanying maps and groundwater query, it is recommended that all water wells for which water well drilling reports are available be subjected to the following actions:

1. The horizontal location of the water well should be determined within 10 metres. The coordinates must be in 10TM NAD 27 or some other system that will allow conversion to 10TM NAD 27 coordinates.

2. A four-hour aquifer test (two hours of pumping and two hours of recovery) should be performed with the water well to obtain a realistic estimate for the transmissivity of the aquifer in which the water well is completed.
3. Water samples should be collected for chemical analysis after 5 and 115 minutes of pumping, and analyzed for major and minor ions.

In addition to the data collection associated with the existing water wells, all available geophysical logs should be interpreted to establish a more accurate spatial definition of individual aquifers.

There is also a need to provide the water well drillers with feedback on the reports they are submitting to the regulatory agencies. The feedback is necessary to allow for a greater degree of uniformity in the reporting process. This is particularly true when trying to identify the bedrock surface. The water well drilling reports should be submitted to the AEP Resource Data Division in an electronic form. The money presently being spent by AEP and Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) to transpose the paper form to the electronic form should be used to allow for a technical review of the data and follow-up discussions with the drillers.

An effort should be made to form a partnership with the petroleum industry. The industry spends millions of dollars each year collecting information relative to water wells. Proper coordination of this effort could provide significantly better information from which future regional interpretations could be made. This could be accomplished by the County taking an active role in the activities associated with the construction of lease sites for the drilling of hydrocarbon wells and conducting of seismic programs.

Groundwater is a renewable resource and it must be managed.

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10 GLOSSARY

Aquifer	a formation, group of formations, or part of a formation that contains saturated permeable rocks capable of transmitting groundwater to water wells or springs in economical quantities.
Aquitard	a confining bed that retards but does not prevent the flow of water to or from an adjacent aquifer.
Available Drawdown	in a confined aquifer, the distance between the non-pumping water level and the top of the aquifer.
	in an unconfined aquifer (water table aquifer), two thirds of the saturated thickness of the aquifer.
Facies	the aspect or character of the sediment within beds of one and the same age (Pettijohn, 1957).
Fluvial	produced by the action of a stream or river.
Friable	poorly cemented.
Hydraulic Conductivity	the rate of flow of water through a unit cross-section under a unit hydraulic gradient; units are length/time.
Kriging	a geo-statistical method for gridding irregularly-spaced data.
Lacustrine	fine-grained sedimentary deposits associated with a lake environment and not including shore-line deposits.
Surficial Deposits	includes all sediments above the bedrock.
Transmissivity	the rate at which water is transmitted through a unit width of an aquifer under a unit hydraulic gradient: a measure of the ease with which groundwater can move through the aquifer.
	Apparent Transmissivity: the value determined from a summary of aquifer test data, usually involving only two water-level readings.
	Effective Transmissivity: the value determined from late pumping and/or late recovery water-level data from an aquifer test.
	Aquifer Transmissivity: the value determined by multiplying the hydraulic conductivity of an aquifer by the thickness of the aquifer.
Yield	a regional analysis term referring to the rate a properly completed water well could be pumped, if fully penetrating the aquifer.
	Apparent Yield: based mainly on apparent transmissivity.
	Long-Term Yield: based on effective transmissivity.

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Appendix B

MAPS AND FIGURES ON CD-ROM

CD-ROM

A) Database
B) ArcView Files
C) Query
D) Maps and Figures

1) General

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Location of Water Wells
Depth of Existing Water Wells
Depth to Base of Groundwater Protection
Bedrock Topography
Bedrock Geology
Cross-Section A - A'
Cross-Section B - B'
Geologic Column
Generalized Cross-Section (for terminology only)
Risk of Groundwater Contamination
Relative Permeability

2) Surficial Aquifers

a) Surficial Deposits

Thickness of Surficial Deposits
Non-Pumping Water-Level Surface in Water Wells Shallower than 15 metres
Non-Pumping Water-Level Surface in Surficial Deposits
Total Dissolved Solids in Groundwater from Surficial Deposits
Sulfate in Groundwater from Surficial Deposits
Chloride in Groundwater from Surficial Deposits
Piper Diagram - Surficial Deposits
Amount of Sand and Gravel in Surficial Deposits
Thickness of Sand and Gravel Aquifer(s)
Apparent Yield for Water Wells Completed in Sand and Gravel Aquifer(s)

b) First Sand and Gravel

Thickness of First Sand and Gravel
First Sand and Gravel - Saturation

c) Upper Sand and Gravel

Thickness of Upper Surficial Deposits
Thickness of Upper Sand and Gravel (not all drill holes fully penetrate surficial deposits)
Apparent Yield for Water Wells Completed through Upper Sand and Gravel Aquifer

d) Lower Sand and Gravel

Structure-Contour Map - Top of Lower Surficial Deposits
Depth to Top of Lower Sand and Gravel Aquifer
Thickness of Lower Surficial Deposits
Thickness of Lower Sand and Gravel (not all drill holes fully penetrate surficial deposits)
Apparent Yield for Water Wells Completed through Lower Sand and Gravel Aquifer
Non-Pumping Water-Level Surface in Lower Sand and Gravel Aquifer

3) Bedrock Aquifers

a) General

Apparent Yield for Water Wells Completed in Upper Bedrock Aquifer(s)
Total Dissolved Solids in Groundwater from Upper Bedrock Aquifer(s)
Sulfate in Groundwater from Upper Bedrock Aquifer(s)
Chloride in Groundwater from Upper Bedrock Aquifer(s)
Piper Diagram - Bedrock Aquifers
Recharge/Discharge Areas between Surficial Deposits and Upper Bedrock Aquifer(s)
Non-Pumping Water-Level Surface in Upper Bedrock Aquifer(s)

b) Bearpaw Aquifer

Depth to Top of Bearpaw Formation
Structure-Contour Map - Top of Bearpaw Formation
Non-Pumping Water-Level Surface - Bearpaw Aquifer
Apparent Yield for Water Wells Completed through Bearpaw Aquifer
Total Dissolved Solids in Groundwater from Bearpaw Aquifer
Sulfate in Groundwater from Bearpaw Aquifer
Chloride in Groundwater from Bearpaw Aquifer
Piper Diagram - Bearpaw Aquifer
Recharge/Discharge Areas between Surficial Deposits and Bearpaw Aquifer

c) Oldman Aquifer

Depth to Top of Oldman Formation
Structure-Contour Map - Top of Oldman Formation
Non-Pumping Water-Level Surface - Oldman Aquifer
Apparent Yield for Water Wells Completed through Oldman Aquifer
Total Dissolved Solids in Groundwater from Oldman Aquifer
Sulfate in Groundwater from Oldman Aquifer
Chloride in Groundwater from Oldman Aquifer
Piper Diagram - Oldman Aquifer
Recharge/Discharge Areas between Surficial Deposits and Oldman Aquifer

d) *continental* Foremost Aquifer

Depth to Top of *continental* Foremost Formation
Structure-Contour Map - Top of continental Foremost Formation
Non-Pumping Water-Level Surface - *continental* Foremost Aquifer
Apparent Yield for Water Wells Completed through *continental* Foremost Aquifer
Total Dissolved Solids in Groundwater from *continental* Foremost Aquifer
Sulfate in Groundwater from *continental* Foremost Aquifer
Chloride in Groundwater from *continental* Foremost Aquifer
Piper Diagram - *continental* Foremost Formation
Recharge/Discharge Areas between Surficial Deposits and *continental* Foremost Aquifer

e) Milan Aquifer

Depth to Top of Milan Aquifer
Structure-Contour Map - Top of Milan Aquifer
Non-Pumping Water-Level Surface - Milan Aquifer
Apparent Yield for Water Wells Completed through Milan Aquifer
Total Dissolved Solids in Groundwater from Milan Aquifer
Sulfate in Groundwater from Milan Aquifer
Chloride in Groundwater from Milan Aquifer
Piper Diagram - Milan Aquifer
Recharge/Discharge Areas between Surficial Deposits and Milan Aquifer

f) Lea Park Aquitard

Depth to Top of Lea Park Aquitard
Structure-Contour Map - Top of Lea Park Aquitard
Non-Pumping Water-Level Surface - Lea Park Aquitard
Apparent Yield for Water Wells Completed in Lea Park Aquitard
Total Dissolved Solids in Groundwater from Lea Park Aquitard

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Appendix C

GENERAL WATER WELL INFORMATION