West St. Paul Community Bulletin: Wastewater Sewer Update

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Dear West St. Paul Residents and Stakeholders:

On behalf of the Mayor, Council and CAO, we hope this finds you happy, healthy and enjoying a beautiful fall season.

Over the past few months, work with our engineering partners, the Manitoba Water Services Board, and local residents has continued in order to move forward with the West St. Paul wastewater system project in a way that is fair and cost-effective for everyone. This newsletter contains updates on wastewater system developments that have occurred since our July 31 email update.

Thank you for your continued interest in this important project that will support greater well-being for all in our growing community.

## **New Project Developments**

Tenders issued for main trunk line construction

Two bid opportunities have been issued inviting proposals for the construction of the main trunk sewer line along Main Street as part of the wastewater system project. Both tenders close within the next month. The first tender covers construction from Fernbank Avenue to Balderstone Road (tender closes October 18, 2013). The second tender covers construction from Balderstone Road north to Riversprings Drive (tender closes November 1, 2013). Dividing the construction into two tenders will make it possible for construction to proceed at a faster rate once contracts are awarded.

Once bids have been received, we will work with our partners to evaluate proposals and award contracts for construction. Construction is expected to begin as early as December.

Plans for new wastewater service for Riverdale and Area Residents are currently underway – Riverdale residents can find out more at public hearing on October 21, 2013.

This includes all residential properties in the Riverdale subdivision, all properties located on Maddock Avenue, on the north side of Drury Avenue, properties on the east side of Main Street north from Drury Avenue to Riverglen Drive and the vacant property located immediately to the North of the Riverdale subdivision.

Work planned involves the installation of sewers to service and connect streets in the area with the main trunk line of the new wastewater system. Once installed, residents will connect directly to these lateral sewers for service. Improvements will ensure the Riverdale area comes into compliance with Provincial regulations for sewage treatment, and enhance the health and wellbeing of residents.

As part of our commitment to bring wastewater infrastructure to residents at the lowest possible cost, we are pleased to have secured 1/3 funding from our partners at the Manitoba Water Services Board for these improvements. The remaining cost will be shared by residents in the service area via a local improvement by-law.

Residents in the Riverdale area are invited to attend a Public Hearing planned for Monday, October 21, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Sunova Centre, 48 Holland Road to learn more. At the hearing we will share details of the planned improvements and associated costs, listen and respond to your questions and concerns.

Additional information about the hearing and the proposed local improvement bylaw can be found on the <u>project webpage</u>, and we encourage you to contact us directly should you have any questions at <u>wastewaterproject@weststpaul.com</u>.

## **Next Steps**

With construction of the main trunk line now tendered, our work on planning for localized wastewater service throughout our community continues in earnest. It has been our commitment since the start of this project to bring permanent sewer infrastructure to our community at the lowest possible cost to all homeowners and businesses. We remain committed to this task and are confident that through our work with partners to secure additional grant funding, revenues from surplus land sales and fees for new development, we will continue to make this possible.

We will keep you updated as this work moves forward and will share all new information with the community as soon as it becomes known to us.

## **Questions?**

If you have a question about this update or the wastewater system project in general, you may wish to review the <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> document posted on the Wastewater System Project page of our website. This document is updated as project work moves forward.

If your question has not been addressed in the FAQ document, please send an email to <u>wastewaterproject@weststpaul.com</u> to ensure a timely response.

Thank you again for your interest in an important project that will enhance the longterm health and growth of our community.

Our project partners:



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