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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 you are ready for a safe and relaxing summer.

Following the last wastewater sewer update in 2014, we have continued to work with our engineering partners, the province's water services board and local residents to move forward with the West St. Paul sewer project.

Information on the website remains current regarding future phases of the wastewater project. Until new funding is announced by Federal and Provincial governments, West St. Paul Council will continue to work as per our previous public information sessions and information provided to the community regarding this long term project. Council will continue to focus our efforts on Phase 1 completion.

This bulletin contains updates on project developments and resolutions passed by Council since our last update.

We extend our thanks to all West St. Paul residents and businesses for your continued interest in a project that will significantly enhance the quality of life and economic prosperity for everyone in our growing community. We remain committed to communicating with residents as new information becomes available.

## **Project Schedule**

Currently Phase 1 is on budget and on time! Completion of the main trunk line pipe to North of Balderstone Road is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> and South of Balderstone Road for September 30<sup>th</sup>. The City of Winnipeg must approve the final by-law for

West St. Paul as required from our contract with them for servicing.

Meter installation for the residents in Phase 1 will occur in the coming months. Notices will be sent to those residents who will be required to install meters.

Plans for new wastewater service for Lister Rapids, River Springs and Rivercrest Area Residents are currently underway – residents can find out more at public hearings on April 7 and 8, 2015.

Work planned in Lister Rapids involves the replacement of an existing wastewater treatment plant with a wastewater lift station and forcemain, including surface restoration and decommissioning of the existing wastewater treatment plant and installation of sewers to service and connect streets in the area with the main trunk line of the new wastewater system.

Work planned in River Springs and Rivercrest involves the replacement of two existing wastewater treatment plants with interconnecting gravity sewer, a wastewater lift station and forecemain, including surface restoration and decommissioning of the two existing wastewater treatment plants.

Improvements will ensure the Lister Rapids, Riversprings and River Crest areas come 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 Lister Rapids area are invited to attend a Public Hearing planned for Tuesday, April 7 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.

Residents in the Riversprings and Rivercrest areas are invited to attend a Public Hearing planned for Wednesday, April 8 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.

## Plan to minimize financial burden for West St. Paul residents

Our highest priority is to do everything we can as an RM to ensure that the financial burden on West St. Paul families is minimized. On March 19, Council passed a resolution authorizing the sale of a parcel surplus land at 393 Kapelus Drive. This revenue will be used to lower the anticipated levy on existing homeowners.

Council remains committed to working diligently to secure additional grant funding and generate revenue via new lot fees for new developments to bring these numbers down even further.

## Our project partners:



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