
CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BEGINS**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

THOMPSON, July 4, 2017 – Construction on the City of Thompson’s new Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) has begun, with construction expected to extend until the end of March, 2019.

Mandated by the Province of Manitoba, the new plant is designed to replace the aging current Wastewater Treatment Plant and sewage lagoon, which were originally commissioned in 1958 and 1970, respectively, and no longer meet the Province’s environmental standards. The new plant will introduce secondary treatment to remove biological impurities from wastewater discharged into the Burntwood River, as well as eliminate the need for an independent sewage lagoon.

The 35, 511 square foot facility is designed for a population of 15, 000 residents, and is expected to output 6500 cubic meters of wastewater per day, with a maximum flow capacity of 13, 700 cubic meters per day. The facility has also been designed to easily accommodate facility expansions in the event of a population increase over 15, 000 residents. The construction will also include a new lift station at Cree Road, a new sanitary force main connecting the lift station to the wastewater treatment plant, and the decommissioning of the old sewage lagoon.

Residents can expect a significant reduction in the smell of sewage being emitted from both the wastewater treatment plant and its associated lift stations upon completion of the project. In many cases, it may be entirely undetectable.

“As residents of the boreal forest, we take great pride in the beauty and well-being of our natural surroundings,” said mayor Dennis Fenske. “With the construction of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant, the City of Thompson is taking steps to secure the future health of our community, not only for our residents, but our environment as well. We look forward to the opening of this new facility, and its operation for years to come.”

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