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## Council Tours Wastewater Treatment Plant

**October 3, 2017** – Mayor and Council joined City of Thompson Manager of Infrastructure Harkamaljeet Gill and Stantec Resident Inspector Perry Piwinuk on the construction site of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant, where they had the opportunity to witness the construction of the facility first-hand. The project in its current state provides an ideal overview of the facility’s lower levels before they’re buried underground, outlining the processing stages

Along with an overview of the site, Piwinuk and Gill took council through blueprints of the facility, outlining how the Wastewater Treatment Plant will function, including the filtering of grit and sedimentary waste and the Sequence Batch Reactor (SBR) system, which removes most toxic substances from the incoming water.

The SBR tanks feed into one of the new features of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is a disinfecting stage, which uses ultraviolet light to destroy foreign bacteria and viruses before the effluent is returned to the environment. The new filtration system will also eliminate foul smells, addressing a long-standing issue with the City of Thompson’s existing wastewater infrastructure.

New force mains and lift station upgrades are also taking place, primarily the Cree Road lift station and the installation of a new force main along Cree Road: The new main will carry sewage and run-off that previously would have fed into the sewage lagoon on the south side of the city. The main will render the sewage lagoon obsolete, eliminating another source of sewage smells due to wastewater treatment.

“Setting this project in motion has been one of the flagship achievements of our council, and it’s exciting to see this massive investment becoming a reality,” said Mayor Dennis Fenske. “This facility is a key step in securing the future of Thompson’s infrastructure and the community as a whole, and I’m proud to say that this facility will be part of the legacy of our current council.”

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