



Municipal Staff Responding to Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Odour

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The Municipality of the County of Kings is responding to recent odours at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in New Minas.

Municipal staff and engineering consultants are on site reviewing the situation and taking corrective action. The system is presently experiencing odour in the first of the five lagoons.

It appears the smell is being caused by an inadequate amount of oxygen in the first lagoon. Staff are diluting the lagoon with the contents of two healthy lagoons and monitoring the amount of oxygen being pumped into the lagoon. The problem might be compounded by the annual spring turnover as the lagoon comes out of its hibernation state and flips with temperature changes from colder nights to warmer days.

Unfortunately, this is happening despite significant system upgrades that were completed over the last several years, including the replacement of aerators and diffusers, air compressors, and a significant desludging of the lagoons. The Municipality and its funding partners - the Town of Kentville, Village of New Minas, and Pepsico - are continuing with a multi-year plan of upgrades and apologize for the smell presently being experienced in the community.

Updates will be posted to www.countyofkings.ca/regionalsewerupdates