



Year-End Update on Regional Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades in New Minas

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We are writing today to share a progress update about ongoing upgrades at the Regional Sewer Treatment Plant in New Minas.

The series of upgrades scheduled for 2023 and early 2024 were planned around two key focus points: address common causes of problematic odours by removing sewage sludge and improving airflow in the main processing lagoons at the Treatment Plant.

Here is the latest update on work planned for the winter:

- Contractors are installing new aeration equipment in the main processing lagoons (Lagoons 1 and 2) following a successful sludge removal operation completed this summer and fall. The removal of sludge combined with new aeration equipment will increase airflow and improve odour management systems in Lagoons 1 and 2.
- Crews installing new air lines and aerators in Lagoon 2 expect to finish this work by the end of the year. When the aeration upgrades are completed in Lagoon 2, the berm on the edge of Lagoon 1 will be stabilized. It is anticipated this work will be completed by the end of January.
- When the berm is ready, crews can start installing new air lines and aerators in Lagoon 1. We expect this phase of the work to be done in early 2024.
- The remaining treatment ponds - Lagoons 3, 4, and 5 - will be cleaned and serviced on an ongoing basis to prepare for the temperature changes in the spring.

The Regional Sewer Treatment Plant in New Minas services most homes and businesses between Greenwich and Coldbrook. It is funded under partnership agreements between the Municipality, the Village of New Minas, the Town of Kentville, and PepsiCo.

Regional partners are committed to improving odour management systems at the Treatment Plant to better serve communities in the Kings Region. Visit www.countyofkings.ca/regionalsewerupdates for more information about the ongoing multimillion-dollar upgrades.

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