



Community Update: Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

April 24, 2026

The Municipality of the County of Kings continues to work with Regional Partners to upgrade the wastewater collection and treatment system serving homes and businesses spanning Coldbrook to Greenwich.

Engineering consultants are working on a preliminary design examining the current and future needs of the Treatment Plant in New Minas and the related collection infrastructure supporting Plant operations. It is anticipated the report, including recommendations for process improvements and technology upgrades, will be submitted this summer.

Priorities for 2026-27 Fiscal Year:

The following projects are planned for 2026-27 to enhance the treatment process and extend the useful life of critical assets:

- Remove sludge from Lagoons 3, 4 and 5 to improve airflow in the treatment and finishing ponds, remove built-up biosolids (sludge) contributing to problematic odours, and expand the capacity of the lagoons
- Remove geotubes storing dewatered biosolids on site
- Upgrade the drum screens wash system to improve pre-treatment filtration processes
- Continue design efforts to support the completion of engineering studies considering the long-term needs of the Regional system
- Upgrade Regional lift stations to improve emergency operations, pre-treatment aeration and break up fats entering the collection system before the materials reach the treatment lagoons

The Regional Wastewater Treatment System is funded under partnership agreements between the Municipality, Village of New Minas, Town of Kentville, and PepsiCo. The priorities for 2026-27 could change based on unexpected events, emerging needs, and the findings of engineering studies.

For more information about upgrades completed to date and the next steps, please visit www.countyofkings.ca/regionalsewerupdates.