



MUNICIPALITY *of the*
COUNTY *of* KINGS

Regional Treatment Plant Update

July 5, 2021

Dear Resident,

We are pleased to report that work underway to address odour concerns relating to the Regional Sewer Plant in New Minas is progressing. The preparations required to start critical sludge and debris removal operations on or around July 10 are proceeding according to schedule. There will continue to be a significant increase in trucking and heavy equipment traffic in the Jones Road area, including at the Harvest Moon Trail crossing, until mid-August.

- Every truck is part of a long-term solution developed to minimize the unpleasant odours. The smell could potentially be more pronounced at times throughout this extensive clean-up process, but it is expected to subside.
- Equipment from other parts of Nova Scotia and beyond has been delivered to the Regional Treatment Plant, and more is expected to arrive during the week of July 5.
- The required desludging operations starting around July 10 will occur at the Regional Treatment Plant and gravel pit at the end of Jones Road. Operations will be 24/7 for approximately 4 weeks. Truck and heavy equipment traffic will increase in the mornings throughout this stage of the process.
- The gravel pit is being used as a temporary loading area for the trucks hauling to New Brunswick. Processing is done at the lagoon itself. Once desludging is completed, the temporary loading area will be removed. All of this has the approval of Nova Scotia Environment.
- The processed sludge will be trucked to an approved disposal facility in New Brunswick capable of accepting the volume of materials that will be transported from New Minas.
- In addition to addressing the main source of the unpleasant odour, this work is part of a forward-looking multimillion-dollar project that will enhance the performance and capacity of the Regional Treatment Plant servicing Coldbrook to Greenwich for years to come.
- Phase 1 was completed last year with the replacement of the aeration system for 3 of the 5 treatment lagoons. Once the sludge in Lagoon #1 is removed, work to replace the aeration system in Lagoon #1 can be done. Similar work is required for Lagoon #2. The remaining work is tentatively scheduled for 2022.

We sincerely thank residents for their patience and understanding as we work toward a resolution. "We're asking for their patience for a little bit longer, but we're hoping that we're getting to the end of this," said Scott Quinn, Director of Engineering and Public Works for the Municipality of the County of Kings.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions, comments or concerns.

Respectfully,

Municipality of the County of Kings

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