Henderson Sewer Project

South Henderson Wastewater Status

Download Henderson Highway Area Wastewater Plan infographic

We have been looking at options to expand wastewater capacity for the South Henderson Highway area, which has wastewater pipes in the ground with the potential to service 600 homes but a current capacity to service about 100 homes. The pipes are hooked up to the twenty-five year old Lockport Wastewater Treatment Plant (LWWTP).

Council has carefully considered five options for providing more wastewater treatment capacity to this area. In 2014, a feasibility study was completed to examine the option of expanding the Lockport WWTP. Shortly after this feasibility study was completed, the RM of St. Andrews signed an agreement with the RM of West St. Paul and the City of Winnipeg to pipe wastewater for treatment to the North End Sewage Treatment Plant in Winnipeg. Council then studied the possibility of joining this partnership an alternative to constructing a new wastewater plant.

Although this option was more attractive than the new treatment plant, the study showed high hook up and operational costs as well as limited capacity. We then looked at three other options including hooking up to the RM of East St. Paul's wastewater treatment plant, constructing a new wastewater lagoon near the Lockport Industrial Park and using the existing wastewater lagoon in East Selkirk. More details are available in our report titled Wastewater Collection and Treatment Options for Henderson Highway Catchment area.

After careful analysis, it appears the option of connecting the Lockport Treatment Plant to the new East Selkirk Wastewater Lagoon offers the best combination of price and operational costs as well as the shortest timelines. The next step is to undertake a preliminary engineering study to establish more exact estimate costs and develop tender documents. At the same time we will seek grants to help pay the capital costs for this important project.

Introduction

New sewage infrastructure along Henderson is an important part of the RM's commitment to protecting the health of our residents and our water supply, both for today's St. Clements families and for future generations.

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In the immediate term, the St. Clements Regional (Henderson) Sewer Project will allow the RM to permanently resolve a Health Order that has been in place since 2001 after testing revealed high levels of coliform bacteria in ditch water near Old River Road.

In future project phases, the new sewer line will also provide an option for other property owners along Henderson to connect, should there be interest in doing so. We are committed to keeping property owners fully informed at each stage of this important project and will continue to provide responses and information over the coming months. Information will be shared through updates on the website, emails and letters. Questions will continue to be answered to the extent possible on the project FAQ page.

Project Overview

St. Clements is building a permanent sewer line along Henderson Highway from the Old River Road area up to Lockport.

This new sewage infrastructure along Henderson is an important part of the RM's commitment to protecting the health of our water, both for today's St. Clements families and for future generations.

The type of low-pressure sewer system being installed has been used throughout Manitoba for several decades and is most commonly used to service existing low-density developments such as the Henderson Highway area. This approach was favoured over the gravity systems traditionally installed in dense urban settings due to less excavation and minimal disturbance to roads, utilities, trees and landscaping.

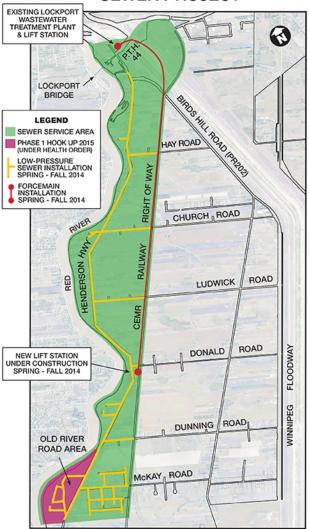
As the main sewer lines are installed, it will be important to determine the level of public interest in future hook-ups, which would need to be aligned with the processing capacity of the Lockport sewage treatment plant. Apart from the Old River Road homes affected by the current Health Order, the RM will not require any property owner to connect should they not wish to do so.

Background and History

In the late 1990's, Manitoba Conservation conducted tests on ditch water in the Old River Road area in St Clements and found that the water contained high levels of coliform, which would indicate that the septic field in the area were not functioning properly and were "breaking out" into the drainage ditches. In 2001, the Medical Officer of Health issued an order to the RM of St. Clements to develop plans to abate the insanitary condition. This order has been in effect ever since.

Originally most of the septic fields in the Henderson Highway, south of Lockport were installed in small lots with soils that are not suitable for fields. Current Provincial regulations require a minimum lot size of 2 acres for possible use of septic fields.

HENDERSON PERMANENT ___ SEWER PROJECT



Following the health order, and as part our commitment to protecting the environment, the RM of St. Clements has been working with the Provincial and Federal governments to develop and fund a sustainable solution to the problem in the Old River Road area and adjacent areas where sewage breakouts directly impact water health and public safety.

Project Funding and Costs to Property Owners

Roughly two-thirds of the \$6-million total project cost is being funded through grants the RM has secured through the federal and provincial governments. A connection fee of \$12,700 will apply to properties connecting to the new sewer. Only those who are connecting to the sewer will pay the connection cost or any other charges and there is no requirement for homeowners outside the Old River Road area to connect to the new service.

The connection fee funds the municipality's portion of the costs to design and install the main sewer lines. Initial engineering estimates determined the one-time connection cost to be between \$14,000 -\$19,000 per lot. A detailed engineering study completed this May, and construction tenders that came in below budget, have allowed the RM to revise the cost to \$12,700 per lot (cost subject to adjustment for inflation at time of connection).

Timelines

The new Henderson Highway sewer system will allow St. Clements to effectively and permanently resolve a public health challenge that has persisted for nearly 20 years.

Residents in the Old River Road area have been affected by odours and surface water with high coliform levels since at least the late 1990s. A provincial Health Order was issued in 2001. St. Clements has worked to secure \$4 million in federal and provincial funds to finally implement a lasting solution to a long-standing problem.

Fall 2016	Result of Stantec's feasibility study on partnering with the RM of St. Andrews for sewage treatment at Winnipeg WWTP.				
Spring 2016	Applied for 50/50 funding from the Manitoba Water Services Board for expansion of the Lockport WWTP. MWSB suggested instead that we do a study to determine the feasibility of joining with the RM of St. Andrews in their project to install a sewage system in their south end and hook it up to the Winnipeg Wastewater Treatment plant. Council decided to explore this option and awarded a tender to Stantec Consulting to conduct this study in the spring of 2016. Results are expected in the fall of 2016.				
March 1, 2016	Sewage system start up for Old River Road residents. Sewage service now available. All sixty-six homes in the ORR have the option to hook up now. All ORR residents MUST hook up within five years, by March 1, 2021.				
February 8, 2016	Lump sum payments of \$12,700 due from Old River Road residents.				

Fall 2015	Homeowners can start sewage installation work on their property restored. At the request of residents, the RM provided a shortly qualified contractors and detailed installation specifications. damage from pipe installation completed on Danko Drive, Miller (Old River Road.	ist of three Restoration of
Summer 2015	Connecting forcemain to Lockport sewage treatment plant: Also m electrical and mechanical works.	odifying
Spring 2015	Connection cost determined: Determined Lockport sewage treatment capacity to connect to homes in Old River Road at this time. By was passed, establishing a connection cost for residents of Old	-law no. 8-2014
2014-2015	Construction of main sewer lines: Crews install pipe along Henderson beginning in spring 2014. Work to be followed by installation of lateral collector pipes along the east-west roads from the Lockport sewage treatment plant and McKay Road, between the Red River and the rail line during summer and fall 2014. A sewer lift station will also be installed at the municipal fire hall.	
Spring 2014	Sewer levy study and public consultation on hook up, sewage processing capacity and future phasing: A sewer levy study was completed to determine the costs for residents to connect to the new sewer system. Public consultations were held to share information on project progress and gather public input to support decision making on sewer hook-up, future project phasing.	
Winter 2013 - 2014	Tendering of construction for main sewer lines: Construction tenders for the main sewer lines were tendered and awarded.	
2013	Sewer system design: Detailed engineering designs are completed for public tendering to construct the sewer project.	
2012 – 2013	Approvals and grant funding secured: RM received final approval from the Canada Manitoba Build Canada Fund, indicating that the Regional Sewer lines along Henderson Highway will receive \$4.0M in grants (\$2.0M each from Canada and Manitoba)	
2009 – 2012	Preliminary study and public consultation: Preliminary planning for a joint public sewer system to service St. Clements and East St. Paul. Subsequently East St Paul chose to leave the project; RM efforts ensured \$4-millon in federal and provincial grant funding for the project remained in place for use on the St. Clements plan (\$6-millon total).	

Frequently Asked Questions

Throughout this project we anticipate citizens will have questions and we are committed to providing a timely, considered response to all queries we receive. As questions are received, we will answer them on this webpage so that citizens can see what others are asking, and understand the answers that are provided. We won't attribute questions we receive, and if we are asked the same question by more than one person, we will let you know where it may have already been answered.

If you have a question, please review the information below.

About the Sewer System

How will the new sewer system work?

See video on our website

What type of sewer is being installed?

There are two types of permanent sewer lines that are used in populated areas: gravity-fed and low-

pressure. Gravity-fed sewers are used in areas that are densely populated, primarily in urban neighbourhoods in cities. Low-pressure systems are used in less-populated areas such as rural or exurban environments, or in areas where development already exists. Consistent with the approach taken in other communities with similar population density and land usage, the Henderson project will be a low-pressure sewer.

The primary benefit of a low-pressure sewer is cost to the property owner. A low-pressure sewer is far more affordable when servicing a lower-density area. The second benefit is that low-pressure system pipes can be installed using a tunneling method that requires minimal excavation and is less disruptive to roads, utilities, trees and landscaping than the gravity sewer systems typically found in urban areas. As in other lower-density areas, a low-pressure sewer requires the property owner to have a new submersible pump installed to bring household wastewater from the home to the sewer connection at the property line. This equipment is normally installed at the time that the homeowner connects to the sewer line.

My property has been damaged by the installation of the main sewer lines. When will it be fixed?

Construction clean-up, including restoration of damaged property, will be done as major construction comes to a close. Under the terms of their contract the contractors are required to complete these tasks within a reasonable time after the installation and pressure testing of the sewers.

Although the significant summer rains posed challenges for clean up in the short-term, most of the landscaping repairs will be complete before winter. The contractor will return in summer 2015 to do a final clean-up and restoration.

Will you be providing water service?

At this point there is no plan to provide water service for this area.

Hook-up timelines & phases

I live in the Old River Road (Phase I) area. Will my property be affected?

Property owners in the Old River Road area will benefit most directly from the Henderson sewer project and will be required to have their homes connected to the new sewer line. Homeowners in this area have been under a provincial Health Order for the past 13 years after testing revealed high levels of coliform bacteria in surface waters in the area. The sewer project will deliver a permanent solution to a significant human and environmental-health challenge that has persisted for years.

I do not live in the Old River Road (Phase I) area. Will my property be affected?

Only homeowners included within the Phase I Old River Road area (properties under the Provincial Health Order) are required to connect to the new sewer or pay any fees.

There is no requirement for homeowners outside the Old River Road area to connect to the new service and no part of the Henderson sewer project is being paid by general tax revenues or homeowners who are not hooking up.

The sewer pipe installed along Henderson is of sufficient size to accommodate new installations as our community grows, although there remains no requirement for property owners beyond Old River Road to connect. A sewer curb stop is required in front of each property to facilitate connection to the sewer. Curb stops are only being installed at homes within Old River Road.

Future connections: The RM is aware that there is strong interest among some homeowners in the Henderson area (outside of Old River Road) to connect their properties to the new sewer line. Properties located south of Lockport between the river and the railroad tracks can expect to have the option to hook into a sewr system by 2020. The sewer is not a guarantee, as it may be subject to approvals of a local improvement district process, if that's what is deemed best for that particular neighbourhood.

Do I have to hook up?

Only property owners included within the Phase I Old River Road area (properties under the Provincial Health Order) are required to connect to the new sewer or pay any fees. Property owners in this area will have up to five years to complete the necessary work on their property and connect into the system under Provincial requirements.

There is no requirement for homeowners outside the Old River Road area to connect to the new service and no part of the Henderson sewer project is being paid by general tax revenues or homeowners who are not hooking up.

I live in the Old River Road area (Phase I). When will hook up begin?

All required infrastructure will be in place by the end of 2014 to allow for individual connections to commence in the Old River Road area under the Public Health Order. It is anticipated connections will begin following the spring thaw in 2015.

I own property east of the tracks. Can I hook up?

The priority focus of the current project area is water protection. As such, the current project area includes those properties that are closest to the river. The area between the river and the rail line is also sufficiently populated to make permanent sewage infrastructure feasible. In the future there may be opportunities to extend the sewer line to accommodate additional properties, should population density and the processing capacity of the Lockport treatment plant allow. At the current time, however, the project area includes only the area between the river and the rail line.

Costs for property owners

What will it cost me to hook up?

Only property owners included within the Phase I Old River Road area (properties under the Provincial Health Order) are required to connect to the new sewer or pay any fees. Only those who are connecting to the sewer will pay the connection cost or any other charges. The following costs will apply only to properties connecting to the new sewer:

- Connection fee: \$12,700* The connection fee funds the municipality's portion of the costs to design and install the main sewer lines. Initial engineering estimates determined the one-time connection cost to be between \$14,000 \$19,000 per lot. A detailed engineering study completed in May 2014, and construction tenders that came in below budget, have allowed the RM to revise the cost to \$12,700 per lot.
- Cost for work on your property: Approx. \$3,000 \$6,000* (contracted and covered directly by property owners) All work required on the homeowner's own property (to connect their homes to the main sewer line) must be contracted, and costs paid, by homeowners directly. Although the RM will inspect each connection to ensure it conforms, homeowners are responsible for the installation and maintenance of required equipment on their side of the property line. Ongoing utility charge: \$67* per month, billed quarterly The rate for ongoing sewer service is unmetered (no meter will be required on your property). A quarterly flat rate approved by the Public Utilities Board will apply for all

*2014 costs and rates are shown above. Costs subject to adjustment for inflation and actual cost of borrowing at time of connection.

What are my options for paying the connection fee?

homes connected to the sewer.

Property owners have two options for payment. You may choose to make a single payment, financing this cost through your own cash reserves, mortgage or by other arrangements through your financial institution. Property owners can also choose to pay the cost of the connection fee via installments on their municipal property tax bill over 20 years at an estimated interest rate of 4.625%*.

*Subject to adjustment for actual cost of borrowing at time of connection.

What would payment for the connection fee be due? (Old River Road/Phase I area)

Property owners in the Old River Road area will receive a letter with notice of a pre-payment option of the \$12,700 connection fee early in the new year (2015). This option is for property owners who wish to pay the connection fee in full or arrange financing through their bank or credit union. Homeowners who wish to instead finance the connection fee through installments on their annual property tax bill will make their first installment payment when taxes are due in the fall of 2015. Though payment for the connection fee is required in 2015, property owners will have up to five years to complete the necessary work on their property and connect into the system under Provincial requirements.

What if I sell my property? Do the sewer connection costs stay with the property?

If you have chosen to pay in installments with your annual municipal property taxes, the cost of the sewer would become the new property owner's responsibility.

I own more than one property. Do I pay more?

The connection costs are per lot. If you were to subdivide a property into multiple lots, a connection fee would be paid for each serviced lot.

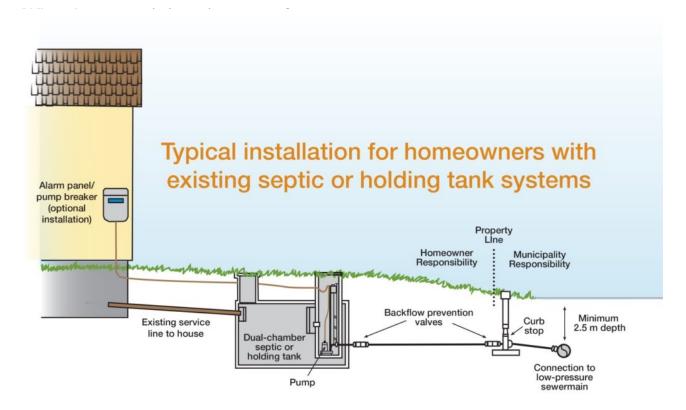
What factors will determine equipment costs on my side of the property line?

Costs will vary depending on the specific requirements of each property, such as the distance from the home to the property line and whether an existing septic tank will be compatible with the new system. Two-cell tanks in good condition and shown to be water-tight will be compatible with the new sewer. Holding tanks in good condition can often be converted into a fully compatible two-cell tank. If you have an older tank you may need to have a new septic tank installed.

I don't live in this area. Am I paying for the sewer?

No. The majority of the \$6-million total project cost is being funded via the provincial and federal governments. The remaining municipal portion is being paid by those properties who are connecting to the service, capital development levies and the federal gas tax grant. No costs associated with the project are funded by general municipal revenues.

Installation on your property



For most homeowners, the sewer system will connect to existing septic systems. The main change to the homeowner's system will involve installing a pump in the septic or holding tank, and running a service pipe to the sewer connection valve at the property line. If you have a two-cell/dual-compartment septic tank in good condition and shown to be water-tight, it will be compatible with the new sewer system. If you have an older tank, you may be required to have a new septic tank installed. Holding tanks in good condition can often be converted into a compatible two-cell tank.

If you currently have a septic field, it will be disconnected from your septic tank and left as is. The liquid that was being discharged to your septic field will now be pumped to the Lockport sewage treatment plant.

What type of contractor should I call about having the required equipment installed on my side of the property line?

Low-pressure sewer systems are common in Manitoba, and many local contractors who advertise sewer services will be qualified to install the piping, pump and related equipment needed to connect your home to the new sewer system. As with any project, the RM recommends that property owners receive several written estimates from prospective contractors.

At the request of several residents at last year's Henderson Highway Sewage Project Open House, we have compiled a short list of three qualified contractors who understand the work requirements of this project. You are not required to use these contractors.

Contractor	Contact	Phone	Email
Buus Construction East Selkirk	Kyle Jonsson	204-482-5031	buus@mymts.net
CLD Excavating Ltd Clandeboye	Peter Jakabek	204-485-5750	cldexcavating@live.com
Joe Janssen Construction Ltd Ashfield Road	Joe Janssen	204-799-2476 or 204-338-9585	janssenconst@mymts.net

Will my new system be inspected after installation?

The municipality will inspect the system once equipment is installed and your property has been connected to the sewer line.

What about impacts on landscaping on the homeowner's side of the property line?

How disruptive is the work likely to be to my yard? Because the equipment and pipes connecting your home to the new sewer are located underground, there will be some disruption to your property when the installation is performed. Your local contractor may be able to use horizontal tunneling to install the piping, which would limit the disruption to existing landscaping.

After I'm connected to the new sewer will I still need to have my septic tank pumped out? How often?

The new sewer system will carry liquid waste to the Lockport treatment plan. Solid wastes will be collected in your septic tank and will be pumped out approximately once every 12-15 months, depending on volume of use.

I heard that I won't be able to sell my property with the septic field still in use. Is this true?

Manitoba Conservation requires that properties in the Old River Road area (Active Phase I area) must connect to the sewer prior to the sale of the property. Properties outside of the active Phase I are not subject to the same requirements.

Here is the relevent excerpt from Conservation Manitoba's Regulation 83/2003:

Requirement to connect to new wastewater collection system

- **8.1(1)** If a wastewater collection system is installed in an area not previously serviced by a wastewater collection system, an owner of land in that area must
- (a) connect his or her wastewater sources to the wastewater collection system; and
- (b) take any onsite wastewater management system or privy located on the land out of service and decommission it;

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- (c) the passing of a period of five years from the day that the wastewater collection system was installed; or
- (d) the transfer or subdivision of the land.
- 8.1(2) If land in an area referred to in subsection (1) is transferred, and despite that subsection either or both of the actions described in clauses (1)(a) and (b) have not been completed, the owner of the land following the transfer must complete the action or actions, as the case may be, within two years after the transfer.

When will the RM have detailed specifications for installation work on my property available?

Installation of the main sewer line and laterals are underway and expected to be complete by the end of 2014. Once completed, individual properties Old River Road area under the Public Health Order can begin to connect. Further specifications for work or equipment required on your property will be provided later this year once curb stops are installed and prior to any requirement for individual hook-ups. If you have questions specific to your property, you can contact us directly at utility@rmofstclements.com.

Open House

Thanks to all who took the time to participate in the May 2014 Open House, ask questions and share their views on this important project. A summary report on what was heard during consultations has been prepared and is now available:

Henderson Sewer Public Consultation, July2014 [pdf]

The RM has reviewed the comments, questions and input received during the public engagement program, and is taking action in several areas as a result of the feedback received. We are also committed to further considering the public input received as part of future planning and decision-making related to the Henderson Sewer Project.

As of July 2014 actions taken by the RM of St. Clements as a result of public input are:

RM is now pursuing arrangements in order to extend a 20-year financing option for the sewer

- connection fee to those homeowners in Phase I who wish to finance the hook-up cost through installments on their tax bill.
 - Clarity on costs and timelines for Phase I (Old River Road area) property owners provided in a July
- 2014 letter to residents and posted on the website.
 - The RM will assist with pre-screening contractors qualified to do the installation work on the homeowner's side of the property line. This information will be available to property owners in late fall 2014.
- The RM will develop a detailed specifications sheet with the project engineers for equipment and work required on the homeowner's side of the property. This information will be available in late fall 2014.
- The RM will conduct further engineering study and explore grants to expand capacity at the Lockport sewage treatment plant in order to address the additional demand outside of Phase I. The RM is currently evaluating whether there is any opportunity for property owners outside of the
- Old River Road area to connect to the system as part of Phase I. Once a decision is made, it will be shared with residents of the RM of St. Clements.

Grand Marais Boat Launch

The RM is committed to working with the Provincial Sustainable Development department to develop a boat launch in Grand Marais. A committee will be formed and funding available to investigate various possible locations, costs and approval processes. The committee is looking for members from all three levels of government along with community representatives.

If you are interested in serving on this committee please send an email to <u>cao@rmofstclements.com</u> stating your interest and any relevant expertise you have.

South St. Clements Recreation

Spring 2017 Update

ft's been more than a decade since the old Donald School recreation facility closed its doors. Members of our community have worked hard to develop a replacement for this gathering spot. Over the past few years, a recreation needs assessment and a facility feasibility study gathered your input on what you would like to see for recreation in South St. Clements.

The project is budgeted for \$3 million and to be funded with a combination of grants, fund raising and borrowing.

Municipal owned land on Donald Road has been selected as the best spot to develop a new facility. A committee of Council is reviewing all your past input and expects to have a design for a building and property development this fall.

Winter 2016-17 Update

RM of St. Clements Recreation Manager Dave Harcus, 23 volunteers from south St. Clements and a consultant are working on recreation facility recommendations for the south to present to Council.

South St. Clements Recreation Survey

Thanks to the over 300 people who completed our survey about recreation options in south St. Clements in April of 2016. Twenty-three people from south St. Clements volunteered to be on a committee to make recreations recommendations to council.

The majority of respondents were unsatisfied or very unsatisfied with the current recreation options in the RM. The vast majority (65%) of repondents wanted money invested 50% in outdoor amenities and 50% in a building. Read more in the *pouth St. Clements Survey Report*.

You can also download the raw data here.

South St. Clements Community Recreation Forum

New recreation options for South St. Clements residents have been in the works for many years. Many volunteers, RM Councilors and consultants have thought long and hard about how best to proceed. Now is the time to refresh, regroup and decide how to proceed.

Background

1999/2000: South St. Clements Activity Centre (SSCAC) volunteers ran recreation programs at Donald School, surveyed 1200 homes in the community about recreation needs. Details about SSCAC can be found in the *South St. Clements Recreation Needs Assessment Report* on pages 8-15.

2006: Donald School becomes unusable. Residents can no longer use the facility where they run recreation programs.

2013: Dillon Consulting completed the pouth St. Clements Recreation Needs Assessment that proposed seventeen recommendations to meet recreation needs of South St. Clements residents. Download South St. Clements Recreation Needs Assessment Report (10.8 MB)

2014: Dillon Consulting undertook a feasibility study for planning the construction of a proposed activity centre. Plans were presented at public open house on September 24, 2014.

• Download RM of St. Clements Feasibility Study

About South St. Clements

South St. Clements has an area of about 29 square kilometres and it bounded by the Red River to the west, Lockport to the north, East St. Paul to the south and the floodway to the west with a small portion east of the floodway.

Population in 2011 was 3803. Using the growth rate of the RM, the projected population of the area in 2016 is 5444.

There are 4 centres of population: the villages of Narol and Gonor, Keaschell Trailer Park, and the area known as Old River Road.

Public Health Orders Lifted

On April 4th the municipality received a letter from the Medical Officer of Health stating she was satisfied that action has been taken to permanently abate the unsanitary condition in the Old River Road Area. A health

order had been placed on this area in 2003 as a result of numerous failing septic fields in this area.

This great news followed the January 2016 removal of the East Selkirk boil water advisory, which had been in place since 2001, following the successful completion of the East Selkirk Public water system.

The municipal efforts and investments in infrastructure has enabled the municipality to provide responsible wastewater and piped water systems in our most troubled areas.

St. Clements now has a clean bill of health!

All residents not serviced by a municipal water system should continue to undertake regular testing of their private well water supply. In a community setting, wells are at a higher risk from an increased number of contamination sources (eg. nearby leaking on-site septic systems).

Wanted – a citizen representative for Gaynor Regional Family Library

We are looking for a resident volunteer to sit on the board of the Gaynor Regional Family Library to represent the RM of St. Clements. If you are interested, please contact us by phone at 204-482-3300 or by email at info@rmofstclements.com.

2017 Annual Open House - join us

Don't miss our bigger-than-ever Annual Open House on a new date of Friday, June 23, 2017. This Open House will feature food, a bouncey castle for the kids, local firefighters, dozens of community groups with information on everything you might want to know about in your community and much more! Council and staff will be on hand to answer your questions. Watch our website for more details.

Join Us

Are you part of a community group that would like to reach out to the greater community? Join us at our Annual Open House! You are welcome to set up a table. If you are interested, call Monique at 204-482-3300 or email her at monique@rmofstclements.com.

2017 Budget

Conversations at various public events and surveys show a desire for the service level to increase to better match the long term needs of the municipality and its residents.

This budget proposes new initiatives to help improve the quality of life of our residents and enhance the protection of the environment. Some of the key improvements of contained in this year's financial plan include:

- Funding for a Community Center in South St. Clements and a boat launch for Grand Marais
- Nearly \$2 million for resurfacing roads and an increase in the road graveling program
- Improved drainage will begin throughout the RM, first with proper surveys, then prioritizing our aging system
- Efforts to increase capacity the Henderson/Lockport wastewater will move another step forward with a preliminary engineering plan
- Curbside pickup of trash and recycling for much of the RM beginning as soon as September
- Increased by-law enforcement in the cottage areas

The municipal tax rate increased 5.6%, or 0.5 mills from 8.9 in 2016 to 9.4 in 2017. This translates into \$22 per \$100,000 of assessment. School Division taxes range from 13.4 to 14.3 mills.

Download the 2017 Financial Plan

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing for the 2017 Financial Plan and general borrowing for South St. Clements Activity Centre and Drainage Works will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the RM of St. Clements Council Chambers in East Selkirk. Learn more about this event here.

If you have any questions or concerns please consider attending our Informational Open House on Monday, May 1 from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm where you can talk to Council and staff. Learn more about this event here.

Council considers borrowing for drainage works

Drainage continues to be more challenging each year. This is due to many factors, including climate change, increased development and more efficient private drainage. Truth be told, many of our ditches were not built to meet the current level of use.

In 2016, we completed two comprehensive studies of areas regularly troubled with drainage problems: the Bunns Creek and Gunns Creek drainage areas.

- Download <u>Bunns Creek and Tributary Drains Drain and Crossing Upgrades Hydrologic and Hydraulic Assessment</u>
- Download Gunns Creek Hydrologic and Hydraulic Assessment Drain and Crossing Upgrades

The reports identify millions of dollars in expenditures to redevelop these drainage areas. Further reports are planned for 2017 for other watersheds within the RM including. Correcting drainage is a slow and complex undertaking and we want to be sure we do it right. Planned work will require provincial approval before work can begin. In the meantime, we will be increasing work on the maintenance of many minor drains as provincial water regulations allow.

All this planning effort should put us in a position to make a significant impact on many problem areas, but the work is expensive. To ensure that the resources exist to fix these problems Council is considering borrowing \$1.5 million to get a good jump ahead.

Ten Year Hard-surface Road Plan

A paved (or hard surface) road assessment was completed in November 2016. This report classified each road based on traffic volume and the type of paving it has (either chip seal surface or hot mix asphalt). They were then graded from failed to excellent.

Based on this information, a 10-year road works plan was developed along with a budget that will provide the resources to properly maintain the roads for the lowest long-term costs. Click here to view the 2016 Hard Surface Road Assessment and Ten-Year Capital Plan report.

Hard surface road work in 2017 includes rebuilding McKay Road from Henderson Highway to the tracks, resurfacing a portion of Donald Road, applying a second coat of chip seal to Ferry Road and Marvin Gardens and several other small projects.

The gravel budget increased by 8% to \$600,000 while the dust control budget was retained at \$290,000.

No new hard surface roads are planned for 2017.



Libau and Area Schools Reunion

Did you or someone you know attend and/or teach in one of these country schools around Libau: Libau West, Libau East, Sheffield, Poplar Park, Brookside, Hoey West Hoey East or Arnhold? If so, consider attending the reunion this summer on Saturday, July 15, 2017. Register and learn more here.

Landfill & Transfer Stations

Landfill and Transfer Station Summer Hours (Downloads)

Download RM of St. Clements Landfill & Transfer Station Hours as of March 12, 2017

Location	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Libau Landfill	Closed	Closed	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
Dunning Road Transfer Station	9 am - 5 pm	11 am - 7 pm	Closed	Closed	11 am - 7 pm	11 am - 7 pm	9 am - 5 pm
Clark Road Transfer Station	9 am - 5 pm	11 am - 7 pm	Closed	Closed	11 am - 7 pm	11 am - 7 pm	9 am - 5 pm
Grand Marais Transfer Station	9 am - 5 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 am - 5 pm	Closed
Gull Lake Transfer Station	Closed	11 am - 5 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 am - 5 pm
Please note:	Please note: Gull Lake and Grand Marais Transfer Stations change to Summer Hours on May 14, 2017 with the hours below						
Grand Marais Transfer Station	10 am - 6	10 am - 6	Closed	Closed	10 am - 6 pm	10 am - 6	10 am - 6 pm
Gull Lake Transfer Station	10 am - 6 pm	10 am - 6	Closed	Closed	10 am - 6 pm	10 am - 6 pm	10 am - 6 pm

^{*} Effective Sunday, March 12, 2017

Recycling

- _ All recyclables can go together except glass, which must be separated.
 - Why? Because currently glass has a poor recyling market at the moment so we actually crush it and use it for road building, as it is a superior product for this.
- No plastic bags required! Just empty your recycling bags into the bin and reuse your bags.

What can I recycle?

- Food and beverage containers (eg. cans, bottles, cartons)
- Plastic containers and packaging with a recycling triangle
- Newspapers, flyers, mail, magazines, paper
- Boxboard/cardboard boxes (eg. pizza, cereal, laundry)
- Shredded paper can be plpaced in a full size (77 litre) clear plastic bag Cardboard
- egg cartons and paper tubes

What can't I recycle?

- Plastic bags, cellophane
- Plastics without a recycling triangle
- Plastics that are not a container (eg. laundry baskets, toys, plastic cutlery) Aluminum
- foil, foil pie plates, foil food containers
- FOAM: cups, food containers, egg cartons,meat trays, packing materials Mirrors,
- window glass, broken glass
- Light bulbs, drinking glasses, ceramics, cookware
- Steel pots and pans, scrap metal
- Waxed cardboard (eg. frozen food boxes, tomato boxes)

Tipping Fees

Libau Landfill Tipping Fees

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Type of Material	Resident Fees	Non-Resident Fees	Commercial Fees
Garbage bags of daily generated waste (food)*	Free	\$2.50 per bag	\$2.50 per bag
Pick-up truck load of miscellaneous garbage**	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$71.00/metric tonne
Small trailer load of miscellaneous garbage***	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$71.00/metric tonne
Large trailers of miscellaneous garbage (horse)****	\$43.50/metric tonne	\$43.50/metric tonne	\$71.00/metric tonne
One ton truck or larger load of miscellaneous garbage	\$43.50/metric tonne	\$43.50/metric tonne	\$71.00/metric tonne
Construction/demolition/renovation†	\$43.50/metric tonne	\$43.50/metric tonne	\$71.00/metric tonne
Fridges, freezers, A/C, water coolers (non decommissioned)‡	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Passenger tires- on rim	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Tractor or oversize tires on rim	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

^{*}please leave all lids on containers and bottles

Type of Material	Resident Fees	Non-Resident Fees	Commercial Fees
Tires - no rim	Free	Free	Free
Mattress/box spring or sofa chair	Free	\$10.00 per item	\$10.00 per item
Sofa or loveseat	Free	\$20.00 per item	\$20.00 per item
Clean burnables (grass, leaves, trees, branches, bales)	Free	\$2.00	\$71.00/metric tonne
Auto batteries	Free	\$2.00	\$2.00
Used motor oil	Free	Free	Free
Liquid agricultural containers	Free	Free	Free
Electronic recycling	Free	Free	Free
Household recyclables	Free	Free	Free
Propane tanks	Free	Free	Free

I car/truck and I trailer together: will be charged a minimum of \$25 for residents and a minimum of \$50 for non-residents and commercial vehicles

Garbage bag size: 26" x 32.5" (regular)

Boxes are not bags and are considered loose and will be charged for

*Daily generated waste (otherwise known as household): food scraps, tissues, kitchen waste, bathroom waste

Loose garbage: boxes of garbage or is not bagged

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*** Small trailer: single axle or equivalent to a 1/2 ton box (4 feet x 6 feet long x 2 feet high

*****Large trailer: double or triple axle and larger than a 1/2 ton box. This includes small, single axle trailers with extended sides

†Construction/Demolition/Renovation material: any material that comes from or goes into erecting, demolishing or repairing a structure. This includes but is not limited to: lumber, drywall, windows, doors, flooring, carpets, sinks, toilet, tubs, insulation, etc.

‡Decommissioned means that you have had a licensed technician come out, remove the coollant and stamp the unit

Transfer Station Tipping Fees

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Garbage bags of daily generated waste (food)*	1.25	\$2.50 per bag	\$2.50 per bag
Pick-up truck load of miscellaneous garbage**	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$71.00/metric tonne
Small trailer load of miscellaneous garbage***	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$71.00/metric tonne
Large trailers of miscellaneous garbage (horse)****	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
One ton truck or larger load of miscellaneous garbage	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
Construction/demolition/renovation†	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted

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Passenger tires- on rim	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Tractor or oversize tires on rim	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Tires - no rim	Free	Free	Free
Mattress/box spring or sofa chair	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
Sofa or loveseat	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
Clean burnables (grass, leaves, trees, branches, bales)	Free	\$2.00	\$71.00/metric tonne
Auto batteries	Free	\$2.00	\$2.00
Used motor oil	Free	Free	Free
Liquid agricultural containers	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
Electronic recycling	Free	Free	Free
Household recyclables	Free	Free	Free
Propane tanks	Free	Free	Free

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The Latest on Trash and Recycling Curbside Pickup

Trash and recycling curbside pickup is out for tender

Throughout 2016, we asked you what you would like to see to increase recycling rates and improve service levels. The surveys said 67% of folks south of road 83 north would like to see curbside garbage and recycling pickup. This is the largest service increase in the history of the RM, so we are moving carefully and waiting for your feedback. Throughout 2016, we asked you what you would like to see to increase recycling rates and improve service levels. The surveys said 67% of folks south of road 83 north would like to see curbside garbage and recycling pickup. See Proposed Garbage and Recycling Plan map for exact area.

This would be the largest service increase in the history of the RM, so we are moving carefully and waiting for your feedback. It's expected that the cost will range between \$60 and \$100 per household. The plan is that only the homes within the service area would be charged. At this time, there is no decision on the future of the transfer stations. If curbside pickup is implemented, we will monitor transfer station use to determine whether any changes are warranted

The next step is for us to get some prices from curbside pickup contractors. We then will price out a few service packages and survey residents on which service package they prefer. Be sure to sign up for email updates with us so we can send you the survey (External link)— you can sign up on the home page of our website, in the left-hand column.

Residents who live outside of the service area will see no change in service levels although some transfer station safety upgrades will occur.



