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### East Selkirk Civic Signs

In 2012, the RM of St. Clements decided to install civic address signs at no cost to homeowners for all homes in the municipality.

They adopted the provincial signage standard developed to improve 911 emergency service by making location signage consistent for emergency dispatchers and to help emergency responders find locations more easily.

The original plan was to have all the civic address signage installed within three years but due to the size on the municipality, as of 2017, this project is still ongoing.

The civic address signs have been installed in the following areas:

- South of Hwy 44
- Lakeshore Heights
- Gull Lake
- East Selkirk – installed fall 2017

Priority for installation was given to areas with higher density populations, areas suggested by emergency services personnel, and by community interest.

As outlined in By-law 4-2012, the RM has committed to pay for and maintain the signage as public property.

Property owners who have purchased and installed their own civic address signs that comply with the by-law specs will receive a \$25 rebate on their property tax bill. The decision on whether a civic address sign conforms to the by-law specs will be made when signs are being installed in the area.

### Facilities for Ice Fishers

Ice fishing on Lake Winnipeg is a popular pastime that is growing more popular every year.

This growing number of fishers and a lack of sanitation facilities has caused a problem with unsanitary conditions along the shoreline.

To help protect the shoreline the RM is installing two portable bathrooms and trash cans at each of the Lake Winnipeg ice access points at Balsam Bay and Sunset Bay.

The RM will closely monitor the conditions of the portable bathrooms. If they are being abused, the RM will likely remove them. If they are useful, there is a possibility they will install more.

### From Mayor and Council

On behalf of Mayor, Council and staff, we wish you all the best for the holiday season and good health and prosperity for 2018. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Many long-term projects we have been working hard on are now coming to fruition.

We are improving our solid waste system with our new tracking system and the proposed trash and recycling curbside pickup.

We plan to improve drainage in trouble spots, we are expanding the capacity of the south end sewer system, and a building and site plan are ready for the South end Recreation Centre.

**Holiday Office Hours**  
**Municipal and Public Works**  
 • Closed Mon, Dec 25 to Tues, Jan 2  
 • For emergencies we have a 24 hour answering service @ 204-482-3300

### Landfill and Transfer Station Winter Hours

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Libau Landfill	Closed	Closed	9 am to 5 pm	9 am to 5 pm	9 am to 5 pm	9 am to 5 pm	9 am to 5 pm
Dunning Transfer Station	9 am to 5 pm	11 am to 5 pm	11 am to 5 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Clark Transfer Station	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 am to 5 pm	9 am to 5 pm
Grand Marais Transfer Station	9 am to 5 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 am to 5 pm	Closed
Gull Lake Transfer Station	Closed	11 am to 5 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 am to 5 pm

CHRISTMAS HOURS	Sun, Dec 24	Mon, Dec 25	Tue, Dec 26	Wed, Dec 27	Thur, Dec 28	Fri, Dec 29	Sat, Dec 30	Sun, Dec 31	Mon, Jan 1
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# Majority of Residents choose Curbside Pickup

Throughout 2016, when the RM of St. Clements asked residents how they would like to increase recycling rates and improve solid waste service levels, there was a strong interest in having trash and recycling curbside pickup in the southern part of the RM. Based on this, the RM requested quotes for service from curbside pickup contractors.

Tenders were sent out to curbside pickup contractors in October with a November 15, 2017 closing date. The RM chose the top options which were **manual** curbside pickup and **automated** curbside pickup.

## Survey Results

In December 2017, the RM of St. Clements surveyed residents in the proposed service area about which service options they preferred. This short survey was promoted on the RM website, via email to our mailing list, and on Facebook.

Residents were asked whether they would like manual curbside pickup, automated curbside pickup, or no pickup.

They were also asked if they would like the following additional services for an extra charge:

- weekly compost pickup
- once-a-year-pickup of bulky items
- yard waste pickup for 6 months a year

We also collected their address so

we could map the responses. No particular area stood out with the majority of respondents not wanting curbside pickup; those who don't want curbside pickup are spread throughout the service area

**68%** of respondents said they would like curbside pickup

Of those that said they would like curbside pickup:

- **23%** would like manual pickup
- **45%** would like automated pickup

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Many thanks to the 565 residents who took the time to respond.

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**74%** of respondents said they do not want any additional services for an extra charge.

Read the *Summary Report of Curbside Pickup Service Options Survey Responses* on our website at [rmofstclements.com/trash](http://rmofstclements.com/trash).

## Next Steps

The RM is now creating a automated curbside pickup plan and refining the service area based on map of survey responses.

Before a decision to go forward

is made, a **public hearing** will be held where residents can learn more, voice their concerns, and register their support or opposition.

The proposed plan and service area will be available to view on our website before the hearing.

All residents in the service area will be notified by regular mail about the upcoming hearing at least 21 days before.

The RM is expected to hold the hearing in late January but it is dependent on the availability of the hall to hold the hearing.

Be sure to sign up for our email list to receive updates on curbside pickup. You can sign up on [rmofstclements.com](http://rmofstclements.com) under "Sign Up".



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## Grand Marais Boat Launch

In 2017, a committee of four Grand Marais community members and a Provincial Sustainable Development representative was formed, coordinated by RM of St. Clements Economic Development Officer, Garry Marshall.

The committee has met several times and has identified several potential locations for a boat launch in or near Grand Marais.

Various factors will be considered through engineering and

environmental studies. Findings will be shared with the public in an open house early in 2018.

If you have any questions, you may contact Garry by email [edo@rmofstclements.com](mailto:edo@rmofstclements.com).

# South St. Clements Recreation Centre

## The Heart of the Community

### Winter 2017 Update

Building and site plans for the South St. Clements Recreation Centre are now complete.

The RM will now be applying for grants from the federal and provincial governments and other sources to secure funding to start construction. Council is also considering borrowing money.

The building and site are planned

as a community gathering place for connecting with friends and neighbours.

The building features a 'community living room', space for a daycare, a catering kitchen, a large space for volleyball, pickleball, fitness classes, social events and more.

The landscape features a pond with a 500 metre walking track around it and native plants to help control waterfowl populations.

In winter, the pond can be used for skating and tobogganing from the adjacent small hills.

An added bonus to the pond is that it will also assist with drainage in the area and remove nutrients from the water before draining into the Red River.

Stay tuned for more information in 2018.

### Building Plans and Conceptual Drawings

Below are building plans and conceptual drawings of the South St. Clements Recreation Centre.



# Fall 2017: Expanding Capacity to East Selkirk Lagoon Feasibility Study Report

The Henderson wastewater system has two components: moving the wastewater and treating it.

## Current system

Pipes along Henderson Hwy from Old River Road north to Lockport (known as the Henderson Catchment) connect via a pump (Donald Lift Station) to Lockport Wastewater Treatment Plant (LWWTP).

Twenty homes are now connected to this system. LWWTP is now close to capacity and cannot service the remaining 500+ existing homes in the area. At almost 30 years old, LWWTP is an aging facility that uses older technology.

## Best Expansion Option

A preliminary internal study determined that the best option for expanding the Henderson catchment sewer capacity is to hook up to the existing East Selkirk Wastewater Lagoon.

As a result, the RM hired an engineering consultant to further explore the feasibility of this option and get a better idea of the costs.

This report entitled *Regional Wastewater Study - Henderson Catchment Area Rural Municipality of St. Clements Final Report* was completed in December of 2017.

This report can be downloaded from our website at [rmofstclements.com/expansion](http://rmofstclements.com/expansion).

## About East Selkirk Lagoon

Currently has a capacity to treat wastewater from about 850 more homes

- Was completed in 2015
- Is state-of-the-art

- Is aerated so has literally no odour
- Has few residences nearby
- Underwent a lengthy environmental impact assessment before construction
- Undergoes regular, rigorous environmental testing
- Conforms to all current provincial environmental regulations
- Meets nutrient requirement levels for Lake Winnipeg, which are the most stringent they have ever been



## Feasibility Report Summary

The *Regional Wastewater Study - Henderson Catchment Area Rural Municipality of St. Clements Final Report* recommends expanding to the East Selkirk Lagoon in several phases that depend on different capacities being reached.

### Phase 1

Run two 7.5 km wastewater pipelines, using the existing pumps at LWWTP and the Donald Lift Station, to the existing cell of the East Selkirk Lagoon at a cost of approximately \$3.2 million.

### Phase 2

When a further 300 homes in the Henderson catchment connect to the system, the capacity of the pumps at LWWTP and Donald Lift station will be reached and a new regional pumping facility will need to be constructed at a cost of about \$1.4 million.

At this time the LWWTP will be decommissioned.

### Phase 3

When East Selkirk Lagoon is connected to 850 homes it will be at capacity and other options will be considered.

## East Selkirk Lagoon Benefits

Connecting with the East Selkirk Lagoon to expand the south Henderson sewage capacity over other options has many benefits including:

- Phase 1 cost is almost \$1 million less than the original estimate and phase 2 cost is over \$3 million less
- No environmental study is required as the lagoon has already had one
- Less disruptive - little excavation required as the forcemain (or waste water pipe) will be installed using directional drilling which means the pipes will be pushed underground
- Makes good use of existing capacity and equipment
- Is the quickest option to be up and running