

Mayor's Communiqué

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The next project – OUR Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade

All municipalities depend upon a sound and well planned “INFRASTRUCTURE” which includes our quality and quantity of drinking water, proper disposal of our waste water, proper disposal of our solid waste and proper road systems. We are about to do a major upgrade of our Waste Water Treatment Plant.



In 2009, the Town of Creston was successful in securing 2 Federal / Provincial Grants for \$4.8 million towards the major upgrade of our Waste Water Treatment Plant (our Sewage Plant), which is located just west of Highway #21 at Canyon Street. In August 2010, 2 tenders were received and because they were over the budget amount of \$7.2 million, a decision was made not to proceed at that time and the project was put on hold.

In August 2011, a new Pre-Design Study Report was presented to Council that recommended a new business model to meet our long-term objectives within our budget. It is important to know that the Town of Creston partners with the Columbia Brewery with some portions of the WWTP as their specific discharges require different treatments. Town of Creston staff was comfortable that the new business model would meet our objectives and a new Design Build (DB) method was approved.

In December 2011, a new Request For Expressions of Interest (RFEI) was released and 7 groups submitted proposals, these proposals were short-listed to 3 and during March 2012 after technical reviews by staff, a decision was made and presented to Town of Creston Council that the DB be awarded to Maple Reinders and Urban Systems Limited. (note: both firms are large national firms, MR has a Kelowna, BC branch and Urban has a Nelson, BC branch).

Project construction should commence in June 2012 with completion by mid 2013.

It is anticipated that the \$6,000,000 project will have a favourable trickle-down effect for local businesses.

I want to hear from you:

Please share your concerns, your experiences, and your issues (both positive and negative) on how we can improve the quality of life in our community (the Town and the Creston Valley).

Thanks
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