

Public Information Meeting-Low Pressure Sewer System - Jul 10, 2024
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Attended by Mayor and all council members, Acting Administrator Dodd and approximately 93 attendees.

During the meeting many questions were asked. Some of the questions will be answered at our next meeting once the site surveys are completed and we have more information. Below is the information that we have available to date.

The Engineering estimated total cost of the project is \$5.9 million with \$4.3 million covered by grants and the other 1.57 million covered by debenture, fees and reserves/surplus.

1. Will the installation of the Grinder Pump be covered by the grant? yes

2. Will the electrical work be covered by the grant? The electrical work inside the pump will be covered. Any electrical work to the home and inside your home will be the homeowner's responsibility.

3. Why are we just hearing about the grant now?

The original grant application was approved through council in 2022 and was recorded in the minutes. The Granting agency denied the village for funding at that time. In 2023 the Granting agency contacted us to let us know we were successful but to not communicate it out until they had an opportunity to do so.

4. Why weren't we told we were looking into sewer options?

The survey conducted in 2021 reflected that there was interest in full sewer service. When the grant presented itself and from a business perspective, Council took advantage of the opportunity to get 73.33% of the project covered. The original grant application was approved through council in 2022 and was recorded in the minutes. The Granting agency denied the village for funding at that time. In 2023 the Granting agency contacted the village confirming that the village was successful with their original grant application but to not communicate it out until they had an opportunity to do so.

5. Why no public consultation?

(see above)

6. 3 #'s please explain. (see below #9)

7. Why would seasonal residents consider opting in?

Having full service to your residence can increase the value of your property.

8. Do you pay the infrastructure fees if you do not hook on?

Yes

9. We need a better financial breakout.

HIGH LEVEL COST ESTIMATE

All 200 properties will be required to hook up to the Curb stop. Residents will have an option if they want to hook up the sewer service to their house, the full

cost if paid upfront will be \$7,600 or if financed will be \$9,800 (or \$81.00 month for 10 years @4.85%).

If you choose to not hookup to the system you will still be responsible for the infrastructure charge to the curb stop, which is approximately \$4,000 if paid upfront

or \$5,200 or \$38.00/mon if you pay monthly (just to hook up to curb stop).

This is a high-level estimate that was submitted by the Engineer when we applied for the grant. More details will be communicated after the Site survey is completed.

10. Where will the system upgrades be paid for?

The lift upgrades 73.33% will be covered from the grant the remainder through village surplus/reserves.

11. What is council doing to ensure fairness between full time residents and part-time residents. Can this be tied to water consumption?

Not at this time but may take this into consideration

12. Will there be a financing charge?

4.85%

13. Do we have to upgrade the lift station?

Lift upgrades are necessary regardless. This is an opportunity to have a good portion of the costs covered through the grant.

14. How will those upgrades to the lift station be paid for?

The lift upgrades 73.33% will be covered from the grant the remainder through village surplus/reserves.

15. Will there be a sewer disconnection fee?

Fees will be determined at a later date.

16. If I connect after the fact can I choose my own plumber?

Yes.

17. Are contractors going to be able to use the lagoon still.

Will be determined at a later date.

18. Costing – please provide. (see above)

19. Engineer should verify and guarantee numbers

The Engineer provided the initial quote.

20. Can Shayne continue to provide service?

Residents can use any service provider that they see fit.

21. Will the charges be “per owner” or “per property owner”

Each property will be supplied with a curb stop to which there will be a charge per property owner.

If there is a house that wants to be hooked up on the property, there will be the full charge as identified above #9.

22. Are we at risk of losing our suppliers? What is council doing to address this?

There has been no indication of losing our supplier.

23. What will do to ensure communication & honest conversations?

As we have more information, Council will share.

24. What will be the cost of sewer services after setup? What is the base fee?

The cost of this project will be covered by the owners of the properties effected.

25. What are the total costs? Land disturbance costs? Will there be remediation costs?

Directional drilling is the method being used in order to prevent land disturbance as much as possible. Upon completion of the site surveys the village will have more information to share.

26. If you start to pay monthly, can you switch to complete pay off?

At this time we do not see a problem.

27. Any change that the engineer could come back and opt not to move forward with the project?

We are already moving forward.

28. Will we require more lift stations? What happens now that ours are already obsolete? (see above)

29. What happens if the pumps go down? Will the system be completely down?

We will have a backup plan as we have now. Currently Thode is using this system and has a procedure for if the pumps go down.

30. Can we see the breakdown of Full-time residents vs. Part time residents. Could the full-time users be responsible for a larger portion of the financial burden?

These #'s will be reviewed.

31. Can seasonal users pay over a longer period of time?

For council consideration

32. Will the engineer be providing property specifics to each individual owner?

Site surveys are starting but the specifics will happen at a later date.

33. I will have to pay for someone else's use even if I am not participating?

Yes.

34. Is this system the same as Thode's? Any known problems?

Yes, none that we are aware of.

35. Intake pump vs. Above ground grounder pipe? Is that an option?

No above ground pump may freeze.

36. What guarantees are the engineers going to give to the system?

Will review and address at next meeting.

37. Is there a warranty of any kind on the original install?

Will review and address at next meeting.