

INFORMATIONAL SHEET FOR SHIELDS RESIDENTS-LOW-PRESSURE SANITARY SYSTEM

The village has recently been presented with a great opportunity to upgrade its septic system and allow all homes in the village access to the sanitary sewer system.

The village has been fortunate in securing a grant to cover 73.33% of the project costs for a low-pressure sanitary system and upgrades to the village's two lift stations. The \$5.8 M project will only cost the village \$1.5 M. with the remaining \$4.3 M being covered by the grant. The village is fortunate that this funding source will allow the remaining residents who are not currently hooked up to the sewer system to connect and also upgrade aging infrastructure with only having to pay \$0.27 on the \$1.00. If you are currently utilizing service once a month, your monthly payment will be only slightly more than what you are currently paying to dump your septic.

This is a great opportunity to increase the value of your property.

Q&A - What does this mean for me as a homeowner?

The village will be installing sewer lines throughout the village to a curb stop close to your home. If you decide to connect, you will be hooked up to the curb stop and use the low-pressure sanitary extension. There will be a sewage grinder pump installed in your existing sewage storage tank. The tank and pump system will have backflow prevention installed and will be connected to a small diameter service line that is run through the lot, front or back, in a route that best avoids disturbance and tied into curb stops installed at the lot line before final tie into the force main in the street.

Do I have an option if I do not want to connect to the system?

Yes, you have an option. If you choose not to connect, that is your choice. Just a note that if you decide not to connect now and decide later to connect you cannot take advantage of the grant and what costs approximately \$3,600 now will turn into \$13,000.

All homeowners in the project area will be responsible to pay for the new infrastructure even though they may not want to connect to the system.

What will my share of the costs be?

The estimate if you **do not wish** to connect is **\$43.00 per month**. **If you connect** to the system, your approximate monthly charge will be **\$81/month**. Depending on how many times you receive service in a month this charge may be less or not much more than your current septic costs with payments for the project coming to an end after ten years.

When will the project start and how long will it take?

The project will start end of July, early August with the Engineering company surveying the lots, and geotechnical investigations to inform the solid, groundwater and permeability conditions. This information will be used to determine the path of the directional drilling. The geotechnical investigation will be used to establish drill/pipe locations, elevation changes for pump sizing and areas to avoid disturbance. Detailed design can commence once the above information has been gathered. Early 2025, the tender and construction tasks proceed with prepared documents suitable for public Tender. Construction will follow (spring 2025) using the tendered contract to manage the work. The project is slated for completion in the fall of 2025.

What if I sell my property? Do I have to payout the loan or pass it to the homeowner?

The homeowner at the time of installing the service will be responsible for the cost. If you sell your property, you must pay out amount remaining on your share of the debenture.

What if I want to pay cash for my share of the cost of the project?

The homeowner may pay cash for their share of the project costs.