

May 28, 2025, Update on the Low-pressure Sewer Service Project.

Council has been actively working with Associated Engineering (AE) on the low-pressure sewer system (LPSS) project design and preparation work required to prepare for construction tender.

The following is an update on the low-pressure sewer system (LPSS) project:

1. **Project Overview:** The LPSS project has been actively communicated as available to residents since the informational meeting on July 10, 2024, with follow-up clarifications sent on September 10, 2024 and further communications on December 4, 2024.
2. **Engineering Assessments:** Associated Engineering (AE) conducted site surveys and assessments in September and October, producing mapped diagrams that include septic tank locations and proposed sewer pipe routing.
3. **Grinder Pump Specifications:** Residents were informed that each individual holding tank will be equipped with a 220-volt grinder pump. The pump selected by AE is 220-volt @ 2 horsepower. The pump and electrical equipment are to be supplied by the village, but the homeowner is responsible for the electrical installation outside the tank. Homeowners are recommended to consult with an electrician to determine their options for electrical installation, and in some cases may require an upgrade to the electrical panel if they do not have enough free space for an additional double pole breaker.
4. **Design Approval:** Council met with AE on December 3, 2024, to review the preliminary design report, which included three options for routing of the sewer mains. The design was officially approved on December 18, 2024.
5. **Tender Process:** The tender for Phase 1 closed on May 22, 2025. All submitted tenders were within budget. Council will review and select a proponent at the special meeting on May 29, 2025.
6. **Phase 1:** Includes all sewer mains, including the curb stop in the road allowance at each property, and if you choose to connect - the piping up to the septic tank. If you choose not to connect, work will cease at the curb stop.
7. **Timeline:** Indicated by the proponents and will be discussed at the public meeting after the tender is awarded.
8. **Funding Considerations:** A borrowing option will be discussed at the May 29 meeting to cover the \$1.5 million not funded by the grant for the overall \$5.8 million project.
9. **Upcoming Information Meeting:** An informational meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2025, where AE's engineer will present the sewer main line map and design recommendations.
10. **Property Owner's Agreements:** A draft agreement outlining the terms for property owners wishing to connect to the sewer system will be available and explained at the meeting, including payment options: full payment or a 10-year payment plan.
11. **Property owners** will have the opportunity to discuss specifics and ask questions.

Residents are encouraged to bring their questions to the June meeting for further clarification.