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VIOLA BEACH AND VILLAGE LANE CONDOS LOCAL WASTEWATER COLLECTION LINES PROJECT UPDATE

Over the past several months, the County of Wetaskiwin has been working closely with MPE Engineering Ltd. in establishing detailed design and cost estimates for several areas of the County that have been slated to be the first to commence construction of local wastewater collection lines.

Open Houses

On September 22, 2016, the County of Wetaskiwin and representatives from MPE Engineering Ltd. met with property owners of the Village Lane Condos and Viola Beach Subdivision in two separate open houses regarding the proposed local improvement plans and details concerning the construction of local wastewater collection lines specifically within the Village Lane Condos and Viola Beach Subdivision. The majority of information presented during the open houses was mailed ahead of time to all affected properties within the Viola Beach Subdivision and Village Lane Condos, which will be the process moving forward regarding other subdivisions slated to have local wastewater collection lines constructed.

During the open houses, the County of Wetaskiwin and MPE Engineering Ltd. presented an update of the progress to date regarding the Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Project, details concerning the construction of the local wastewater collection lines that are proposed to be constructed for the Village Lane Condos and Viola Beach Subdivision, including the costs proposed to be allocated to property owners through the proposed local improvement process, how the local improvement process works, and also answer more technical questions regarding the Project both as a whole and on a more individual basis concerning specific properties. A grinder pump demonstration and additional figures were also placed throughout the meeting room for attendees to view while asking further questions at the conclusion of the meeting. Additionally, petitions in support of each of the local improvement plans for local wastewater collection lines for the respective areas were available for signing by property owners at the meeting who were in support of the Project.

At the conclusion of the open houses held on September 22, 2016, a total of twenty-nine out of the thirty-two properties or approximately 91% of the total properties in the Village Lane Condos and sixteen out of the thirty-eight properties in the Viola Beach Subdivision had signed the petition in support of the respective local improvement plans for local wastewater collection lines. Over the next several weeks, the County of Wetaskiwin allowed for the petitions to remain open so that residents of both areas would still be able to sign in support of the local improvement plan and

through the support of numerous Viola Beach property owners, who acted as "champions" for the Project, were able to acquire additional signatures.

Petition and Local Improvement Ratification

On October 14, 2016, the petitions in support of a local improvement plan for local wastewater collection lines for both the Village Lane Condos and Viola Beach Subdivision were formally filed with the Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Wetaskiwin, in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*. After reviewing the petitions submitted, it was determined that a total of twenty-nine out of the thirty-two properties or approximately 91% of the total properties in the Village Lane Condos and twenty-seven out of the thirty-eight properties or approximately 71% of the total properties affected in the Viola Beach Subdivision have legally signed the respective petitions, therefore making both petitions valid.

At the Council General meeting held on October 18, 2016, County of Wetaskiwin Council was provided with all of the pertinent documents related to the local improvement and provided direction through three separate resolutions to accept the validation of the two petitions in support of the local improvement by the Chief Administrative Officer, accept the local improvement plans that were specific to the Village Lane Condos and Viola Beach Subdivision, and instruct Administration to bring forward local improvement tax bylaws during 2017 Budget deliberations.

Next Steps

Now that County of Wetaskiwin Council has approved the local improvement plans for these two areas, tendering of these portions of the Project can now move forward with construction hopefully completed by mid-2017. The County of Wetaskiwin will also be moving forward in establishing local support within other areas of the County such as Beachside Estates, the Village at Pigeon Lake Commercial, and other areas through the local improvement process that has been shown to have worked successfully. Further details and plans will be announced at a later date once more information is known and residents will be informed through direct mail regarding their specific property.

Questions

The County of Wetaskiwin is committed to providing quality wastewater services for residents through the completion of the South Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Collection System Project and thank residents for their patience and support regarding the Project and local improvement process associated with it.

For ongoing updates and the most up-to-date information, please visit the County of Wetaskiwin website at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca on a regular basis. For any questions or concerns contact Jeff Chipley, Research Officer, at the County of Wetaskiwin Office at 780-352-3321 or by email at jchipley@county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca.