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# COUNTY WASTEWATER EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

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Lac Ste. Anne County, the Darwell Lagoon Commission, and the North 43 Lagoon Commission are pleased to provide an update on the ongoing wastewater management initiatives aimed at enhancing environmental sustainability and supporting regional growth. Since the early 1990s, the County has successfully implemented and currently operates low-pressure wastewater systems in seven (7) Hamlets. The Darwell Lagoon Commission's low-pressure wastewater system has been in operation since the 1990s, and the North 43 Lagoon Commission's low-pressure wastewater system has been operational since 2018. These systems have proven effective in managing wastewater efficiently.

The County and Commissions are working collaboratively to expand wastewater services to connect more residents, protect local lakes, and support future growth while enhancing treatment capabilities. These systems provide a cost-effective solution for residents, ensure compliance with environmental regulations, and reduce heavy truck traffic—extending the lifespan of core infrastructure.

Provincial and Federal funding has now been secured for the installation of new wastewater lines to serve additional areas. These initiatives will provide broader access to wastewater servicing, benefiting various communities across the region. The advantage of securing 90% funding is crucial for these projects to commence and we applaud the Provincial and Federal governments for their approvals and support.

“By implementing these systems, we are ensuring a cleaner environment for generations to come, safeguarding the biodiversity of our lakes and water bodies, and enhancing their recreational value,” stated Joe Blakeman, Reeve of Lac Ste. Anne County and Chair of the Darwell Lagoon Commission. “These systems not only extend the lifespan of our infrastructure but also reduces long-term maintenance and repair costs.”

As these projects progress, we will provide additional information and updates—including opportunities for public engagement through regional open house events.

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