

Protecting the Environment

LaHave River Straight Pipe Initiative

- The District will continue to work with provincial and federal levels of government to launch a program where straight pipes in the area will be replaced with approved systems. The program will not use municipal tax dollars.
- Any costs that are not covered by grants will be repaid by the homeowners receiving the new systems.
- The proposed plan would achieve our goal of making the lower LaHave straight pipe free by 2023. The project application has been submitted to the Federal government, and will proceed if the funding application is approved.
- The District has been a leader in trying to get the province to change environmental regulations so that straight pipes can be eliminated once and for all. We will continue to advocate for point of sale legislation which would, in the long term, replace all straight pipes with appropriate septic systems.

Cleanup of Abandoned Schools

- \$526,000 is included in the budget for surplus school property remediation.

Flood Mitigation

- Coastal policy development to mitigate impacts on new construction, such as flood damage from storm surges and property losses from coastal erosion.
- Complete coastal building permit waiver, inland floodplain mapping and hold policy discussion regarding inland floodplains.
- Detailed elevation mapping and flood plan identification (\$100,000).

Customer Service Excellence Program

- The development of a customer service excellence program where residents and businesses can provide feedback to help us improve services such as the permit approval process.

Cookville Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Ammonia levels in the effluent discharged to the LaHave River were 97% compliant in 2016 and are expected to improve further from a low of 79% in 2015.



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