

Statement:

“Crystal Springs seeks your feedback on the New Wastewater Bylaw”

Announcement:**WASTEWATER BYLAW**

The Summer Village of Crystal Springs Council have had first reading of a new Wastewater Bylaw, developed to replace provisions formerly contained in the Land Use Bylaw (176). The current Land Use Bylaw 208 pertains to issues having to do with land use in the municipality; having provisions for wastewater in a separate bylaw will provide clarity and flexibility for future changes as wastewater systems are developed. Land Use Bylaws have different requirements under the Municipal Government Act, including provisions for public hearings and notices. If a portion of a Land Use Bylaw required changes, it has to undergo the same the process as for a complete replacement of the Bylaw. Therefore, it is easier to have a separate bylaw for Wastewater; if it requires changes, the process to make amendments is much simpler. This gives our community flexibility to address changes, if any are needed when the Sewer System is implemented.

Council welcomes community input on the new Wastewater Bylaw.

Documentation Developed

The new Wastewater Bylaw, policies concerning Wastewater Inspections and Wastewater Complaints, procedures, flowcharts and forms were presented at the January Council meeting of the Summer Village of Crystal Springs.

The Wastewater Bylaw was developed through analysis of similar bylaws for four other Summer Villages in the Pigeon Lake region. Differentiation between sections relating to bylaws, policies and procedures were noted, leading to the division of more comprehensive bylaws into these separate documents.

Community Input

Council believes that community engagement is vital to ensuring that ideas and experiences of property owners are included as regulations and policies are developed as well as ensuring concerns of residents are addressed.

Focus Groups

During the winter, Council invited some local property owners and residents to small group meetings. Their input provided valuable insights regarding wastewater management.

Your Participation

The idea of another focus group discussion has been suggested, and we can arrange a meeting prior to June 4th if two or three people are interested. As valued and respected members of our community, we invite you to participate. Focus groups, which have been comprised of two or

three property owners and one Council member, have been presented with the documents being considered, and feedback on the following questions has been recorded:

- Are the documents clear and concise, effective for the purpose
- Will the processes being contemplated achieve the objectives of the Summer Village
- Are areas of concern, contention adequately addressed
- Are there obvious omissions and/or improvements

Feel free to contact Doris Bell at 780-984-4994 **by May 23rd** to get details and join the discussion.

Your feedback can also be incorporated into the discussion by

- Emailing comments to Council by May 30th
- Talking to Council members by May 30th
- Attending the next Council meeting on June 4th at 10 am at the Village Administration Office.

Thank You

For taking the time to view this message, the new Wastewater Bylaw and providing any comments to Council as they work to provide clear and flexible wastewater management systems for our community.