

Rural Water & Sewer Servicing (RWSS) – March Update

RWSS project aims to strengthen regional service delivery quality for the residents of Wood Buffalo. The project will see residents of Anzac, Conklin, Gregoire Lake Estates, Janvier Sapræe Creek and Draper receiving either new or upgraded water and sewer service. This update will help you stay informed about RWSS preparation in your community.

Gregoire Lake Estates

Beginning in April 2016, ATCO Electric, ATCO Gas and Telus will be relocating utilities in the community of Gregoire Lake Estates. The expected timeline to completion is one month, barring any unforeseen complications. This work is required to clear a path for installation of sanitary and water mains by municipal contractors.

This work will involve realigning the currently existing power lines and replacing the utility poles with taller poles. As well as shifting the power lines, new gas mains will be installed on both sides of the road and temporary communication lines will be installed by Telus.

Following completion of franchise utility relocations, municipal contractors will move into the area and begin removing the road surface to install sanitary and water mains. A new ditch and culvert system will be put in place, as well. This work is expected to start in May 2016. As the project is completed, residents will see their new main lines installed, but service connections will not be made at this time. Completion of the main lines and road rehabilitation is expected by the end of the 2016 construction season.

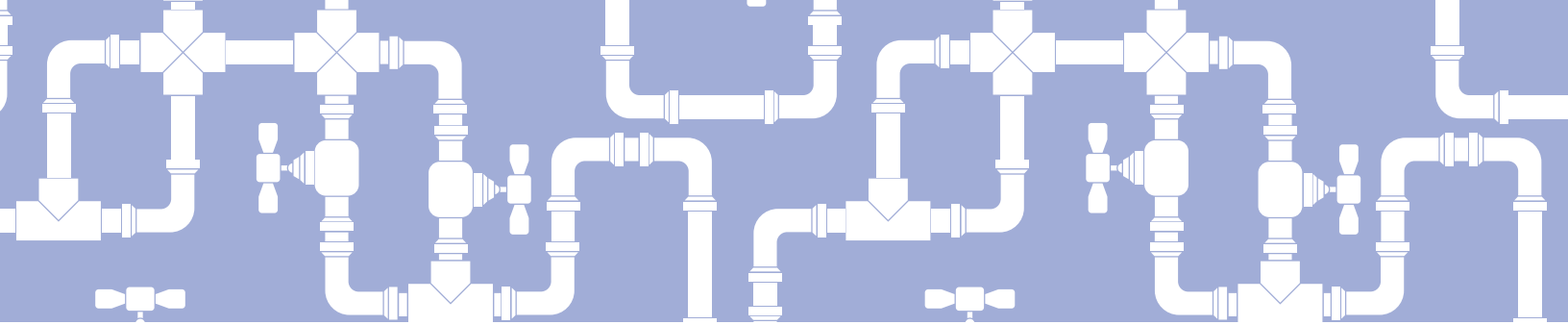
Anzac

In the last month, the RMWB has pushed forward to finish the designs for Anzac faster, allowing for an earlier start date and reducing the disruption to residents' lives caused by intense periods of construction. Work will begin on the Highway 881 and Stony Mountain lift stations in August 2016. These two installations are the first of seven new sanitary lift stations in Anzac.

Sapræe Creek

In May 2016, contractors will begin laying new sanitary mains and larger diameter water mains on Freestone Way and Sapræe Crescent. Contractors will also complete a final lift of the asphalt on Freestone Way and Sapræe Crescent. Completion of the initial section is expected by the end of the 2016 construction season, with final landscape cleanup in spring of 2017.

Following this initial round of construction, new sanitary mains and water mains will be constructed within the balance of Sapræe Creek Estates. The higher capacity water mains will provide full fire protection to the area.



Conklin

Tree clearing has been completed in preparation for new sanitary lines along Northland Drive, which will service the new Conklin Multiplex. Starting in May 2016, contractors will be laying new water and sanitary lines on Conklin Drive, Poplar Crescent, Spruce Drive, Poplar Drive and Pine Lane. This work will be completed as fast as possible in the 2016 construction season and all remaining work will be completed in the 2017 construction season. Before shutting down for the winter, all affected roads will be returned to a safe and drivable condition at the end of the 2016 construction season.

Two out of five new lift stations for Conklin will also be started, with full completion of all five stations expected by the end of the 2017 construction season.

Janvier

No construction is planned for 2016, however, the RMWB is putting significant emphasis on completion of the designs for Janvier so that work can start in Fall 2016.

A new Lagoon is proposed in Janvier near the Solid Waste Transfer Station. Construction is pending approvals from regulatory authorities but is tentatively scheduled for January 2017. The Lagoon will be in service by the end of 2017.

Draper

At this time, no construction is planned for 2016, but negotiation is ongoing to secure land for a new lift station to service this community and pave the way for future RWSS development.

More information

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