



# CUMBERLAND

## Wastewater Upgrades Newsletter

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Welcome to our first newsletter outlining the Village of Cumberland's Wastewater Upgrades project. We will produce these newsletters every few months to keep you informed about the project's progress. For more information, please sign up for our newsletter or check out our website at [www.cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades](http://www.cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades)



## CUMBERLAND LAGOON UPGRADE PROJECT MOVING FORWARD!

After years of planning and a wealth of community input, Cumberland is ready to begin upgrades on the outdated wastewater system to ensure it meets environmental standards. The new project will be a cost-effective plan to support future population growth while improving the quality of water released into Maple Lake Creek and the Trent River. Work is now set to begin - beginning with the preparation of site expected to start in September this year.

Some trees will be removed to make room for new treatment processes that will be installed, and walking trails will be redirected. This is an exciting step towards a project that has been many years in the making and is the Village's largest capital project to date.

Along with improving our wastewater treatment, these upgrades will also restore nine hectares of previously drained wetlands creating new public walking trails and lookout points. Feedback from the community will determine how to best use these new amenities, so don't miss out!

Stay updated via the project website, community events, signage, and these newsletters. More updates to come in the fall of 2021.

### WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Join us for an open house in the Council Chambers, drop-in for a facility tour at the Cumberland wastewater lagoon headworks or visit us online.

#### OPEN HOUSE

**Location:** Council Chambers

**Date:** Wed. Sept. 29, 2021

**Time:** 6-8 PM

#### SITE TOURS

**Location:** Wastewater Treatment site on Ulverston Ave.

**Dates:** Tues. Sept. 28, 5:30-6:30 pm  
Wed. Sept. 29, 2-3 pm

Look for the signs. Physical distancing protocols in place, masks optional in outdoor setting. See website for more details [cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades](http://cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades)

#### ONLINE

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## STAY IN TOUCH

This monthly update is issued by the Village of Cumberland to keep the community informed about the Cumberland Wastewater Upgrade project.

To stay updated about the project's progress:

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## A RECIPE FOR WASTEWATER UPGRADES

There are three main parts to the Cumberland Wastewater Upgrades project, which together will create a new system that exceeds environmental standards, reflects the community's goals around care of the environmental and restoration of natural spaces:



**Lagoon upgrades** -will repurpose the existing system, beginning with headwork improvements, construction of new site structure, instrumentation, storage, chemical disinfection, and security.



**Biochar media reed bed** - innovative technology to remove trace contaminants from wastewater.



**Wetland improvement** - reclaimed polished water will be redistributed to previously drained wetlands and will create exciting new opportunities for walking trails, lookout points, and interpretive signs for the public to enjoy while aligning with Cumberland's goal to protect the environment.

**Estimated date of completion is 2023.**

## LOOK FOR TRAIL CLOSURES

To protect public safety during construction and around the wastewater treatment facility, the lagoon area will be fenced off. Trails in the area will be reoriented to connect to Ulverston Avenue. See map below for more information.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Grants will pay for the majority of the lagoon upgrades.

The total estimated cost for the Village of Cumberland's wastewater project is \$9.7 million.

- Canada- BC investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Federal contribution \$3.9M
- Canada BC investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Provincial contribution \$3.2 M
- FCM Green Municipal Fund Grant \$0.34M
- FCM Green Municipal Fund Loan \$2.26M (To be repaid by wastewater user fees)

