



# CUMBERLAND Wastewater Upgrades Newsletter

A quarterly update on Cumberland's high performance lagoon upgrade

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Hello from the Village of Cumberland's Wastewater Upgrades Project team. This is our sixth issue of our project update newsletter which will keep you informed on progress on this important infrastructure upgrade. For more information and ongoing updates, check out the website at [cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades](http://cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades)

## ALTERNATE APPROVAL PROCESS NOW UNDERWAY

The Village of Cumberland is seeking approval from electors to borrow additional funds necessary to complete the critical Wastewater Upgrades Project.

The project - which is necessary to meet provincial treatment requirements and avoid significant fines - has been hit by a series of factors which have impacted the budget. These include increased material costs, unexpected site conditions and a required partial redesign to address climate resiliency.

The Village is looking to borrow \$2.5 million to cover the increased costs, and provide a buffer. For a local government to borrow funds, they require the community's approval. This Alternate Approval Process (AAP) - previously known as a counter-petition - seeks that approval. Residents opposed to the borrowing can submit a form to the Village by 4 p.m. on June 11.

Because the project is absolutely necessary, funds will have to be allocated for the work, one way or another. The Village would rather borrow the money instead of depleting reserves set aside for other important work, so there's still ability to respond to other needs in the community.

Have questions about the AAP? Visit the village's website at [cumberland.ca](http://cumberland.ca)

### KEY DATES IN THE AAP

#### May 1

AAP is officially open

#### May 14 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Office Hours #1  
(Council Chambers) - Drop in with questions about the project or AAP

#### May 31, (1:30-3:30 p.m.)

Office Hours #2  
(Council Chambers)

#### June 11, 4 p.m.

Deadline for submitting AAP form



**\$1.52 MILLION**

Borrowed funds used instead of reserves



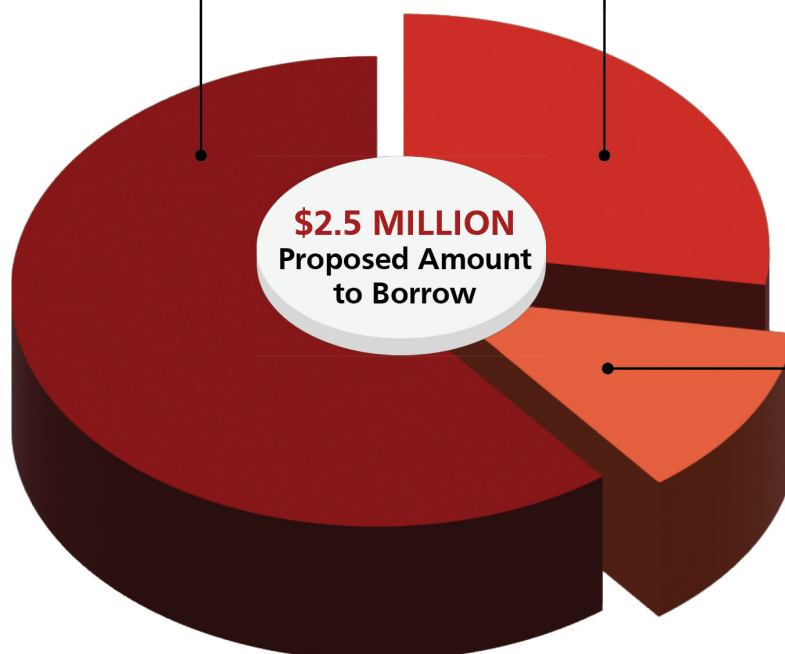
**\$0.7 MILLION**

Cover the remaining cost increase



**\$0.3 MILLION**

Buffer in case of further overages





The contractor is mobilized at the site, with equipment prepared for installation, laydown/storage areas built and operations building construction underway.

## SMALL UPDATES ON A BIG PROJECT

As construction is set to fully reactive next month (June 2024), here's some bite-sized updates on this project:

**SITE SECURITY:** Due to ongoing vandalism at the project site, security cameras are installed and operating 24/7, with security call response. Signage is posted.

**SANI-DUMP CLOSURE:** In April, Village Council approved the closure of the sani-dump station on Dunsmuir Avenue. Staff raised concern about the impact the waste deposited there was having on the wastewater treatment facility, and their ability to properly operate it.

**NECESSARY UPDATES:** In April, Council was also updated on a recent notification letter from Environment Canada showing that continued testing shows the current wastewater facility is not meeting regulatory requirements. Fines were not imposed in recognition of the proactive work underway to address the issue.

Follow along for updates about the project and progress at [cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades](http://cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades)



### RECENTLY COMPLETED

- ✓ Excavation and capping of mine shaft
- ✓ All road prep, grading and fencing
- ✓ Beginning of operations building construction
- ✓ Most treatment equipment and supplies have been received

### ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Here's the most current milestone schedule for the coming year.

#### Winter 2023/2024

Building Construction

#### June 2024

General Construction  
Reactivates

#### Q2 2025

Construction Completes

#### Q3 2025

Commissioning

#### Q4 2025

Completion

## STAY IN TOUCH

This 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:

 [Cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades](http://Cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades)

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