

Growing Better Together

The South Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant

Our Ask

That the Ministry of Infrastructure advocate, in partnership with Niagara Region, that the Federal Government reintroduce the Building Canada Fund – Major Infrastructure Component program.

Why is this Important?

Once completed, the South Niagara Falls Wastewater Solutions project will support significant economic growth, specifically larger employment sites along the QEW, and will provide greater flexibility in development serving in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Thorold, Niagara-on-the-Lake and potentially Fort Erie. However, without confirmation of external funding, the project cannot move forward.

Aligning with Provincial Priorities

Collaborating on this project will support the Province's Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, help protect our Great Lakes, and is in alignment with the \$184 billion 2023 provincial budget commitment for infrastructure projects.



Will protect the Great Lakes by reducing combined sewer overflows by approximately

60-70%



\$400 Million
Estimated total cost of project

Investment partnerships required



1. Regional investment
2. Provincial investment
3. Federal investment

Our Opportunity

- The Federal Building Canada Fund – Major Infrastructure Component (MIC) program ran from 2007 to 2014 and allocated \$8.8 billion to large-scale infrastructure projects that created a stronger economy, cleaner environment and prosperous communities
- Joint advocacy efforts have been endorsed by a number of Provincial Cabinet Ministers, including Premier Ford who also committed, in principle, to providing 1/3 funding for the project
- Niagara's Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC) representative in partnership with the Regional Chair have since sent the letter to the Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities requesting the reintroducing of the MIC program, or a similar program, to support this critical project
- The Region is also exploring opportunities to meet with Federal ministers in the winter of 2023 to further discuss the request

Our Challenges

- This project represents one the of the most significant Regional capital investments over the next 10 years; however, it cannot move forward without confirmation of external funding
- It is expected that development charges (DC) will cover approximately 50 per cent of total project costs; however, the introduction of Bill 23 has significantly increased the anticipated amount of time the Region will need to build the respective DC reserve
- This project does not qualify for any Federal infrastructure programs currently operating

The Impact

- Establishing a new wastewater treatment plant will support the Region's efforts to build sustainable healthy communities through:
 - Planning for future growth
 - Protecting the Great Lakes by reducing combined sewer overflows by approximately 60 to 70 per cent with new technology and system improvements
 - Strengthening our local economy by creating new jobs and providing the infrastructure needed to support new businesses and future investment in Niagara

Rendering of the South Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant



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Let's build the infrastructure we need to support new people, homes and jobs. Let's Grow Better, Together.