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Attention: Mr. Doug Herr  
Environmental and Facilities Superintendent

Dear Doug:

**Re: Fort Frances Wastewater Treatment Facility  
November 2016 Monthly Report**

As per the operating agreement, the attached document is the November 2016 monthly report for the Fort Frances Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The report highlights the influent and effluent quality and the process parameters. Additionally, the routine operation and maintenance activities conducted by the operators are summarized.

If you have any questions regarding this report do not hesitate to contact Mr. Larry Wachter – Operations Manager.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly CTD'.

Kelly Cunningham  
Senior Operator

For Larry Wachter  
Operations Manager

**The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances  
Wastewater Treatment Plant  
(Sewage Plant)  
November 2016 Monthly Operations Report**

## **INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the Agreement between the Ontario Clean Water Agency (Operating Authority) and the Town of Fort Frances, the Fort Frances Sewage Treatment Plant is required to prepare a monthly report. This document covers the reporting month of November 2016; the facility performance report summarizes important information regarding the quality of the effluent, wastewater, analytical test results, maintenance operations, and relevant activities of the WWTP.

## **DESCRIPTION OF WORKS**

Capacity of Works	9000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (average flow)
Service Area	Town of Fort Frances and Couchiching Reserve
Service Population	9000
Effluent Receiver	Rainy River
Major Process	Secondary treatment facility complete with a phosphorus removal system; ultra violet disinfection; aerobic sludge stabilization and dewatering

The Fort Frances Sewage Treatment Plant operates under *Environmental Compliance Approval Number 6786-A44PWG*. The ECA outlines the terms and conditions, and the report captures these terms and conditions in the following sections.

## **LABORATORY**

ALS Laboratory Group – Thunder Bay is contracted to conduct the required analytical tests of the influent (raw) and effluent samples; weekly requirement.

## NOVEMBER 2016 EFFLUENT QUALITY

<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Monthly Actual Concentration mg/L</i>	<i>Compliance Criteria Concentration mg/L</i>	<i>Performance Objective Concentration mg/L</i>	<i>Monthly Actual Loading, kg/d</i>	<i>Compliance Criteria Loading kg/d</i>	<i>Performance Objective Loading kg/d</i>
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	2.0 mg/L	25 mg/L	15 mg/L	11.3 kg/d	225 kg/d	135 kg/d
Total Suspended Solids	2.8 mg/L	25 mg/L	15 mg/L	15.8 kg/d	225 kg/d	135 kg/d
Total Phosphorus	0.17 mg/L	1.0 mg/L	0.9 mg/L	0.9 kg/d	9 kg/d	8.1 kg/d
Total Nitrogen Nitrate Nitrogen	9.79 mg/L 8.29 mg/L					
Total Cl <sub>2</sub> Residual		<0.01 mg/L (when in use)				
E-Coli		2.2 count/100 ml (geometric mean )		200 count/100ml (geometric mean )		E-coli not to exceed 150 organisms/100ml (monthly geometric mean density)
pH				pH range 7.4 to 7.9; average pH was 7.7		
Temperature degrees C				Temperatures ranged from 13.5 to 15.5 C; average temperature of effluent was 14.5 C		

Compliance criteria are mandatory requirements of the ECA and performance objectives are a goal to be achieved using best reasonable efforts.

## WASTEWATER LIQUID PROCESS

The average daily flow for November was 5635.8 m<sup>3</sup>/day. This represents 63% of the design average flow. Total treated flow for the month was 169075 m<sup>3</sup>.

The Fort Frances WWTP met all effluent compliance criteria for the parameters listed above and additionally was well within the recommended more stringent monthly performance objective levels as outlined in the Environmental Compliance Approval.

## INVENTORY

Chemical	End of Month Status	Units
Hypochlorite	1120 +/- @ 8.0% +3x205 L @ 12%	Litres
Alum	21.5 +/- @ 55 %	Cubic meters
Polymer	5x 205 L drums	Litres

## MAINTENANCE

The operators performed the routine operations and maintenance at the treatment plant and pumping stations. The activities are highlighted as follows:

### Treatment Plant:

- Alternated lead/lag pumps
- Adjusted fluidizing water to head cell and grit snail as needed
- Greased all blowers
- Regular cleaning of head works EW basket strainer
- Greased flocculator shaft seal
- Greased all clarifier drives
- Greased Grit Snail and lubricated drive chain
- Hot water flushed alum lines and pumps
- Removed debris from Teacup and Headcell inlet
- Replaced 4" valve on RAS 1 stack to WAS transition
- Weekly inspection spiral screen access hatch, removed wrapped debris as required
- Flushed digester level sensor
- Sealed and insulated the door frames on both new garage doors
- Calibrated influent sampler

### Pump Stations:

- Ran gensets
- Changed seal water strainers
- A control relay for the Central Avenue lift station generator transfer switch failed, Wajax was called in to provide a solution

## **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

There were no operational issues in the report period.

## **SLUDGE SUMMARY**

The Fournier Rotary Press processed 1658.8 m<sup>3</sup> of digested sludge at 1.11% TS. The cake, averaging 19.0% TS was hauled by Asselin Transportation and Storage Limited to the Town of Fort Frances landfill site.

## **COMPLAINTS**

There were no complaints during the report period.

## **BYPASS REPORT(S)**

There were no bypass events during the report period.

## **COMMENTS**

Plant power consumption for the month was 681 (x 180 multiplier) kWh.  
Screen and Dewatering Upgrades at the FFWWTP have been under way since May 30, 2016.  
A control relay for the Central Avenue lift station generator transfer switch failed, Wajax was called in to provide a solution.  
There was an ESA inspection at the plant and at the lift stations.

## **REPORTS**

ALS – Environmental Analytical Reports (on-file at plant)  
Fort Frances WPCP Equipment Run Time Report (on-file at plant)  
Bypass Report (on-file at plant as per occurrence)  
Incident Report (on-file at plant as per occurrence)

Month	Sewage Flows Year 2016					Usage	Sludge	Removal Efficiency		
	Avg. Day Flow	Max Day Flow	Total Treated	Total ByPass	Total Volume			CBOD5	Suspended Solids	Total Phosphorus
	m3	m3	Volume ML	Volume ML	ML					
January	5668.1	5900	175712		175712	63%	249.9			
February	5417.8	5665	157117		157117	60%	251.7			
March	7463.4	12988	231365		231365	83%	212.7			
April	8462.4	10027	253871		253871	94%	228.3			
May	6785.5	8276	210352		210352	75%	241.2			
June	9140.5	18874	274216	1306	275522	102%	217.4			
July	8142.5	11184	252416		252416	90%	227.5			
August	6150.3	7937	190658		190658	68%	72.1			
September	6009.5	7299	180285		180285	67%				
October	5845.3	6913	181205		181205	65%				
November	5635.8	6939	169075		169075	63%				
December						0%				
Sum				1306	2277578		1700.8			
Average	6793		206934		207053	75%	212.6			
Max		18874	274216		275522					
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	CBOD5				Suspended Solids				Total Phosphorus				Nitrogen		E. Coli
	Avg. Raw BOD	Avg. Eff. CBOD	Avg. Load CBOD	Avg. Raw S.S	Avg. Eff. S.S	Avg. Load S.S	Avg. Raw T.P	Avg. Eff. T.P	Avg. Load T.P	Avg. Raw TKN	Avg. Eff. Total N	Geo Mean Counts			
Month	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(kg/day)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(kg/day)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(kg/day)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	/100ml			
January	87.0	2.4	13.5	142.4	6.0	34.7	2.41	0.15	0.83			23.7			
February	74.3	3.5	18.5	132.5	4.3	23.2	2.12	0.11	0.57	17.3	8.9	19.3			
March	65.2	2.3	16.1	112.4	5.7	47.7	1.87	0.11	0.94	15.1	9.7	21.4			
April	57.5	2.4	20.2	110.8	5.6	47.1	1.54	0.13	1.11	12.0	9.7	9.3			
May	68.8	2.5	17.2	125.8	4.1	27.8	2.00	0.15	3.19	14.9	10.0	14.4			
June	50.5	2.0	18.5	148.1	3.9	40.0	1.40	0.19	1.81	11.8	8.6	19.3			
July	49.9	2.0	15.2	124.2	4.0	32.0	1.30	0.18	1.50	11.6	8.4	6.3			
August	83.4	2.0	12.2	190.1	2.3	14.3	2.40	0.23	1.40	19.8	10.2	5.8			
September	80.5	2.0	12.2	141.8	3.6	21.6	2.00	0.23	1.37	15.9	8.7	11.5			
October	105.3	2.3	13.2	160.7	4.6	27.0	2.62	0.21	1.23	17.6	8.5	12.8			
November	101.8	2.0	11.3	166.9	2.8	15.8	2.37	0.17	0.94	18.8	9.8	2.2			
December															
Average	74.9	2.3	15.3	141.4	4.3	30.1	2.0	0.17	1.35	15.5	9.3	13.3			
Max	105.3	3.5	20.2	190.1	6	47.7	2.6	0.23	3.19	19.8	10.2	23.7			
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