

**The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances
Wastewater Treatment Plant
(Sewage Plant)
November 2017 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 2017; 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 ³ /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 2017 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 ₅	2.3 mg/L	25 mg/L	15 mg/L	13.8 kg/d	225 kg/d	135 kg/d
Total Suspended Solids	5.5 mg/L	25 mg/L	15 mg/L	32.8 kg/d	225 kg/d	135 kg/d
Total Phosphorus	0.22 mg/L	1.0 mg/L	0.9 mg/L	1.33 kg/d	9 kg/d	8.1 kg/d
Total Nitrogen Nitrate Nitrogen	8.93 mg/L 6.89 mg/L					
Total Cl ₂ Residual		<0.01 mg/L (when in use)				
E-Coli		50.3 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 8.0; average pH was 7.7		
Temperature degrees C				Temperatures ranged from 13.0 to 15.5 C; average temperature of effluent was 14.2 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 5933.3 m³/day. This represents 66% of the design average flow. Total treated flow for the month was 177999 m³.

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.

**The Town of Fort Frances accepted 395.6 m³ of untested sewage from the New Gold mine site into the collection system in November which may have contributed to excessive foaming and poor settling that was noted by operations staff. The Town has requested that testing be completed on the source so that a decision can be made whether to accept New Gold sewage in the future.

INVENTORY

Chemical	End of Month Status	Units
Hypochlorite	1010 +/- @ 8.0% +3x205 L @ 12%	Litres
Alum	16.8 +/- @ 55 %	Cubic meters
Polymer	2 x 205 L drums	Liters

MAINTENANCE

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

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 Grit Snail and lubricated drive chain
- Monthly inspection of spiral screen access hatch, removed wrapped debris
- Replaced snow plow headlight
- Weekly manifold wash on the Fournier press
- Cleaned DO probes
- Drained and inspected teacup
- Changed oil blowers 4 and 5
- Replaced filters blowers 1 and 4
- Greased flocculator seal bearing

Pump Stations:

- Ran gensets
- Changed seal water strainers
- Wajax load tested all gensets, report to follow

PROCESS AND OPTIMIZATION ISSUES

Optimization of the new sludge thickener process continues to be hampered by deficiencies and unfinished work.

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SLUDGE SUMMARY

Asselin Storage and Transportation Limited hauled a calculated total of 113.1 m³ (11 bins) of thickened digested sludge to the Town of Fort Frances landfill site. The hauled sludge averaged 17.5 % TS for the month. Optimization has not been completed for the Fournier press as the polymer water booster pump is not installed and 18% solids were not met.

COMPLAINTS

There were no complaints during the report period.

BYPASS/OVERFLOW REPORT(S)

There were no bypass or overflow events during the reporting period.

COMMENTS

Plant power consumption for the month was 638 (x 180 multiplier) kWh.

Screen and Dewatering Upgrades at the FFWWTP have been under way since May 30, 2016.

The Fournier Press was lowered to the correct height.

There was an ESA inspection conducted.

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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)