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Town of Fort Frances  
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Attention: Mr. Doug Herr  
Environmental and Facilities Superintendent

Dear Doug:

**Re: Fort Frances Wastewater Treatment Facility**  
**May 2015 Monthly Report**

As per the operating agreement, the attached document is the May 2015 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Cunningham'.

Kelly Cunningham  
Senior Operator

For Larry Wachter  
Operations Manager

**The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances  
Wastewater Treatment Plant  
(Sewage Plant)  
May 2015 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 May 2015; 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 received and operates its operation under *Certificate of Approval Number 3-0049-96-006*, in accordance with Section 53 of the Ontario Water Resources Act. The Certificate of Approval 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.

## MAY 2015 EFFLUENT QUALITY

Parameters	Monthly Actual Concentration mg/L	Compliance Criteria Concentration mg/L	Performance Objective Concentration mg/L	Monthly Actual Loading, kg/d	Compliance Criteria Loading kg/d	Performance Objective Loading kg/d
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	3.6 mg/L	25 mg/L	15 mg/L	34.9 kg/d	225 kg/d	135 kg/d
Suspended Solids	5.4 mg/L	25 mg/L	15 mg/L	43.4 kg/d	225 kg/d	135 kg/d
Total Phosphorus	0.18 mg/L	1.0 mg/L	1.0 mg/L	1.4 kg/d	9 kg/d	9 kg/d
Ammonia as N	3.81 mg/L					
Nitrite as N	0.18 mg/L					
Nitrate as N	3.63 mg/L					
Total Cl <sub>2</sub> Residual		<0.01 mg/L (when in use)				
E-Coli		20.1 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 6.8 to 7.3; average pH was 7.0		
Temperature degrees C				Temperatures ranged from 8.0 – 10.0 average temperature of effluent at 8.8		

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

## WASTEWATER LIQUID PROCESS

The average daily flow for May was 7834.5 m<sup>3</sup>/day. This represents 87% of the design average flow. Total treated flow for the month was 242869 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 Certificate of Approval.

## INVENTORY

Chemical	End of Month Status	Units
Hypochlorite	880 +/- @ 7.0% + 615 @ 12%	Litres
Alum	12.2 +/- @ 60 %	Cubic meters
Polymer	35 Bags (875 kg)	Bags (25 kg/bag)

## 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 GBT, mechanical bar screen and grit snail. Lubricated drive chain on grit snail and bar screen
- Regular cleaning of head works EW basket strainer
- Repaired pressure washer
- Regular cleaning of seal water strainer TFP 9-5
- Pumped out digester valve chamber sump
- Repaired sludge line to bin
- Changed DO probe aeration cell 1
- Repaired 4" gate valve RAS 2 piping
- Flushed secondary digester level sensor

### Pump Stations:

- Ran gensets
- Changed seal water strainers
- Cleaned bar screens
- The radio antenna at Strachan lift station was re-aligned
- Back flushed pump 2 at White Pine lift station
- Isolated, pulled and cleaned pumps 1 and 2 at Central Avenue lift station

## **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

The facility met all operational requirements for the month.

## **SLUDGE SUMMARY**

The volume directed to the gravity belt thickener totaled 599.4 m<sup>3</sup> for the month. Asselin Transportation and Storage Limited hauled a total of 240.3 m<sup>3</sup> of thickened digested sludge (average 12.0 m<sup>3</sup>/load) to the Town of Fort Frances landfill site.

## **COMPLAINTS**

There were no complaints during the report period.

## **BY-PASS REPORT(S)**

There were no bypass events in the report period.

## **COMMENTS**

Plant power consumption for the month was 642 (x 180 multiplier) kWh.  
The additional effluent testing necessary to meet the requirements of the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations is now a part of our regular sampling regimen.

## **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)

Month	Avg. Day Flow m3	Max Day Flow m3	Sewage Flows Year 2015				Usage % Plant Capacity	Sludge Volume Hauled M3	Removal Efficiency	
			Total Treated Volume ML	Total ByPass Volume ML	Total Volume ML	CBOD5			Suspended Solids	Total Phosphorus
January	5205.2	5615	161362		161362	58%	133.6			
February	5008.5	5247	140237		140237	56%	163.2			
March	5608.6	6833	173865		173865	62%	244.8			
April	5628.8	5970	168865		168865	63%	239.8			
May	7834.5	15983	242869		242869	87%	240.3			
June						0%				
July						0%				
August						0%				
September						0%				
October						0%				
November						0%				
December						0%				
Sum				0	887198		1021.7			
Average	5857		177440		177440	65%	204.3			
Max		15983	242869		242869					
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	CBOD5				Suspended Solids				Total Phosphorus				E. Coli		pH	
	Avg Raw	Avg. Eff.	Avg. Load	Avg Raw	Avg. Eff.	Avg. Load	Avg Raw	Avg. Eff.	Avg. Load	Geo Mean	Monthly	Monthly	Minimum	Maximum		
	CBOD (mg/L)	CBOD (mg/L)	CBOD (kg/day)	S.S (mg/L)	S.S (mg/L)	S.S (kg/day)	I.P (mg/L)	I.P (mg/L)	I.P (kg/day)	Counts	Counts	Minimum	Maximum			
January	84.5	2.6	13.6	151.9	6.0	31.0	2.5	0.23	1.18	17.8	6.8	7.6				
February	87.0	3.1	15.3	136.4	6.4	32.1	2.2	0.22	1.12	8.3	6.9	7.5				
March	62.8	3.5	19.6	127.6	8.0	45.1	1.9	0.23	1.29	14.8	6.8	7.5				
April	66.3	4.4	24.7	135.3	7.8	44.2	1.9	0.28	1.57	56.6	6.8	7.2				
May	48.5	3.6	34.9	109.6	5.4	43.4	1.4	0.18	1.40	20.1	6.8	7.3				
June																
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Average	69.8	3.4	21.6	132.2	6.7	39.2	2.0	0.23	1.31	23.5	6.8	7.4				
Max	87	4.4	34.9	151.9	8	45.1	2.5	0.28	1.57	56.6	6.9	7.6				
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