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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**  
**August 2013 Monthly Report**

As per the operating agreement, the attached document is the August 2013 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)  
August 2013 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 August 2013; 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.

## AUGUST 2013 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>	2.1 mg/L	25 mg/L	15 mg/L	13.7 kg/d	225 kg/d	135 kg/d
Suspended Solids	2.8 mg/L	25 mg/L	15 mg/L	18.4 kg/d	225 kg/d	135 kg/d
Total Phosphorus	0.19 mg/L	1.0 mg/L	1.0 mg/L	1.2 kg/d	9 kg/d	9 kg/d
Ammonia as N	0.10 mg/L					
Nitrite as N	0.09 mg/L					
Nitrate as N	6.28 mg/L					
Total Cl <sub>2</sub> Residual		<0.01 mg/L (when in use)				
E-Coli	2.7 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 7.5 to 7.8; average pH was 7.7			
Temperature degrees C			Temperatures ranged from 15.5- 17.5 average temperature of effluent at 16.4			

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 August was 6704.9 m<sup>3</sup>/day; representing 74% of the design average flow. Total treated flow for the month was 207,852 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	300 +/- @ 7.0% + 400 @ 12%	Litres
Alum	14.5 +/- @ 65 %	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
- Hot water flushed alum lines
- Regular cleaning of head works EW basket strainer
- Exercised portable generators
- Greased all blowers
- Regular cleaning of seal water strainer TFP 9-5
- Pulled and cleaned RAS pump 2
- Installed new filter on blower 1
- BA Norris repaired a light fixture in lower basement
- Calibrated both automatic samplers
- Flushed digester sensor
- Tensioned belts blower 3
- Replaced tubing influent sampler
- Removed debris from teacup
- Dismantled piping grit pump1 to clear blockage

**Pump Stations:**

- Ran gen sets
- Changed seal water strainers
- Cleaned bar screens
- Central Avenue lift station PLC flow programming calculation was corrected
- Replaced faulty hour meter Fifth St. lift station pump control panel
- LOTO, pulled and cleaned pump 3 at Central Avenue lift station
- Replaced sump pump and fan motor in 5<sup>th</sup> Street lift station dry well

**OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

The facility met all operational requirements for the month.

**SLUDGE SUMMARY**

The volume directed to the gravity belt thickener totaled 608.6 m<sup>3</sup> for the month. Hammond Landscaping (Certificate of Approval Hauler # 11000025801) hauled/transported 180.5 m<sup>3</sup> (average 11.3 m<sup>3</sup>/load) to the agricultural drying bed. The Organic Soil Conditioning site has a valid Certificate of Approval - number S-71048-31.

**COMPLAINTS**

There were no complaints during the report period.

**BY-PASS REPORT(S)**

There were no by-pass events in the report period.

**COMMENTS**

Plant power consumption for the month was 700 (x 180 multiplier) kWh.

The additional effluent testing that is required as of January 1, 2013 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	Sewage Flows Year 2013						Usage		Removal Efficiency	
	Avg. Day Flow	Max Day Flow	Total Treated	Total ByPass	Total Volume ML	Total Volume	% Plant Capacity	Sludge Volume	CBOD5	
	m3	m3	Volume ML	Volume ML	Volume ML	ML		Hauled	Suspended Solids	Total Phosphorus
January	4781.7	5473	148234		148234		53%	208.6		
February	4686.2	5427	131213		131213		52%	183.5		
March	4576.3	5880	141866		141866		51%	191.0		
April	6452.2	12672	193567		193567		72%	250.1		
May	11001.0	21372	341032	4640.3	345672.3		122%	233.2		
June	7561.8	10741	226855		226855		84%	193.1		
July	7580.9	17259	235007	266.2	235273.2		84%	206.5		
August	6704.9	7822	207852		207852		74%	180.5		
September							0%			
October							0%			
November							0%			
December							0%			
Sum				4906.5	1630532.5			1646.5		
Average	6668		203203		203817		74%	205.8		
Max		21372	341032		345672.3					
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	CBOD5				Suspended Solids				Total Phosphorus				E. Coli		pH	
Month	Avg Raw CBOD (mg/L)	Avg. Eff. CBOD (mg/L)	Avg. Load CBOD (kg/day)	Avg Raw S.S (mg/L)	Avg. Eff. S.S (mg/L)	Avg. Load S.S (kg/day)	Avg Raw T.P (mg/L)	Avg. Eff. T.P (mg/L)	Avg. Load T.P (kg/day)	Avg. Mean Counts /100ml	Monthly Minimum	Monthly Maximum				
January	78.5	2.1	10.0	125.0	4.2	20.3	2.6	0.26	1.23	5.1	7.4	7.7				
February	93.3	2.5	12.0	166.0	6.7	31.8	3.0	0.27	1.30	7.8	7.3	7.6				
March	70.7	3.4	15.1	139.9	5.8	26.7	2.7	0.31	1.41	4.4	7.3	7.6				
April	53.6	2.7	19.2	143.3	10.2	82.2	2.1	0.30	2.30	22.9	7.4	7.8				
May	23.3	2.2	26.8	65.4	8.9	115.1	1.0	0.30	3.76	16.6	7.6	7.7				
June	47.4	3.1	23.3	118.3	8.0	80.8	1.4	0.21	1.60	6.4	7.5	8.0				
July	41.5	2.0	14.1	172.7	8.4	74.8	1.7	0.24	2.00	3.5	7.7	8.1				
August	57.5	2.1	13.7	127.6	2.8	18.4	1.7	0.19	1.24	2.7	7.5	7.8				
September																
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November																
December																
Average	58.2	2.5	16.8	132.3	6.9	56.3	2.0	0.26	1.86	8.7	7.5	7.8				
Max	93.3	3.4	26.8	172.7	10.2	115.1	3	0.31	3.76	22.9	7.7	8.1				
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