

NEWS RELEASE

Seven southeastern municipalities establish the Municipal Silica Sand Advisory Committee

Lorette, MB – Today, the Rural Municipality of Tache and six other southeastern municipalities announced the establishment of the Municipal Silica Sand Advisory Committee. Together with Tache, the rural municipalities of Ste. Anne, La Broquerie, Hanover, Brokenhead, and Reynolds and the City of Steinbach, form the committee.

This Committee was formed to serve as an advisory body to the municipal council of each participating Municipality regarding independent review and obtaining of information to better understand the effects that may arise as a result of silica sand extraction and processing operations in southeast Manitoba. The Committee is concerned about the silica sand mining extraction as proposed by CanWhite Sands Corp. CanWhite has submitted Environment Act Proposals for a silica sand processing facility and separately for silica sand extraction.

The members municipalities are interested in any impacts to water quality and quantity (the aquifers, surface water), any land use issues including undue contamination, any impact on municipal infrastructure and services. The Committee will provide recommendations to the Council of each member Municipality regarding the best solutions for mitigating any impacts of silica sand mining, which could include regulation or restriction of silica sand mining through municipal by-laws.

Membership of the Committee shall be comprised of one elected official and one administrative official of each member Municipality. The Chair of the Committee is the Mayor of the Rural Municipality of Tache. The Chief Administrative Officer of the Rural Municipality of Tache will provide direct administrative support to the Committee and chair a committee of administrators of the member Municipalities. The Committee held its first meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021.

For further information please contact your local Municipality.

Mayors and Reeves of
R.M. of Brokenhead
R.M. of Hanover
R.M. of La Broquerie
R.M. of Reynolds
R.M. of Ste. Anne
City of Steinbach
R.M. of Taché