



## RM of Ste. Anne and LUD of Richer Committee

### Joint Statement on Wastewater Servicing Study

June 25, 2025



The Rural Municipality of Ste. Anne, in partnership with the Local Urban District (LUD) of Richer Committee, has concluded its review of the Richer Wastewater Servicing Feasibility Study and the associated community survey conducted earlier this year.

In May 2024, the Municipality received a comprehensive Wastewater Servicing Feasibility Study for the LUD of Richer, completed by Tetra Tech with funding support from the Province of Manitoba. To ensure informed decision-making, a survey was subsequently conducted by M. Richard and Associates to gather public feedback on the proposed project.

The survey revealed a range of community concerns, including questions about financial impact on residents, environmental effects, potential odour, and the long-term implications of constructing a sewer system and lagoon in the Richer area.

On June 17, 2025, during a Committee of the Whole meeting, the survey results were reviewed jointly by the RM Council and the LUD Committee. Based on this review, Resolution #CotW-2025-24 was passed recommending **not to proceed** with the sewer system project at this time.

**“We have heard the voices of the community,”** said Reeve Richard Pelletier **“The RM of Ste. Anne remains committed to responsible, transparent decision-making that reflects the needs, values, and priorities of our residents.”**

While the project will not move forward at this stage, Council recognizes the importance of sustainable wastewater management for the future growth and well-being of the community. During their June 25, 2025, meeting, Council committed to revisiting this issue when community needs and circumstances warrant further exploration and that any future consideration of a wastewater system in Richer will include:

- Comprehensive public engagement throughout all phases;
- Full environmental assessments to protect local ecosystems and drinking water;
- Detailed cost analyses outlining impacts on property owners;
- Proactive efforts to secure external funding to reduce the financial burden on residents.

The RM of Ste. Anne and the LUD of Richer Committee will continue to monitor the evolving needs of the community and ensure residents remain informed and involved in any future discussions on this matter.

The **full Survey Results Report** will be made publicly available through the RM’s website and office.

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