# **2023 Annual Report**

# North Bay Wastewater Treatment System

## **Description of the Works**

## Wastewater Treatment Plant:

The original sewage plant was built in 1961-62 providing secondary treatment for 18,160 cubic meters/day. The plant was expanded in 1973 to a capacity of 36,320 cubic meters/day, and in 1984 the plant was expanded again to its present capacity of 54,500 cubic meters/day. Phosphorus removal was included in the 1984 expansion/upgrade. To protect spawning grounds, the plant operates a discontinuous chlorination program (chlorination period is May 15th to October 15th).

The North Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant is a conventional activated sludge facility, using biological oxidation, anaerobic sludge digestion than centrifugation for sludge dewatering. The plant treats urban wastewater and discharges the processed effluent water into Lake Nipissing. The solid sludge material produced through primary settlement and the biological secondary treatment process "activated sludge process", is stabilized through anaerobic digestion which reduces its organic content and renders it non-putrescible. The anaerobically digested sludge is thickened by centrifugation with polymer addition. Dewatered sludge with an approximate solid's concentration of 19-24% is hauled from the Wastewater Treatment Plant and utilized at the Merrick Landfill Site as sections are closed and used as a topping material.

#### The works consist of:

## <u>Preliminary Treatment</u>

- A raw sewage pumping station with two (2) debris grinders and four variable speed raw sewage pumps, two (2) rated at 72,640 m<sup>3</sup>/d against 10.4 m TDH. Two (2) upgraded variable speed raw sewage pumps each rated at 95,904 m<sup>3</sup>/d against 10.9m TDH.
- Two (2) mechanically cleaned bar screen.
- One (1) screening screw conveyor and dewatering press
- Two (2) vortex grit removal tanks with a total peak flow capacity of flow of 108,960 m<sup>3</sup>/d.
- Two (2) 2.83 m<sup>3</sup>/min. blowers and three (3) 1.42 m<sup>3</sup>/min blowers
- One (1) grit classifier and dewatering screw

#### **Primary Treatment**

- Four (4) primary clarifiers each with surface area of 250.25 m<sup>2</sup> providing a total surface area of 1001 m2 and two (2) large primary clarifiers each with a surface area of 613.7 m<sup>2</sup> providing a total surface area of 1227 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Four (4) waste sludge pumps, two (2) with rated capacity of 18.9 L/s for clarifiers 1-4 and two (2) with rated capacity of 22.5 L/s for clarifiers 5 & 6.

## Secondary Treatment

- Three (3) aeration tanks providing a total volume of 10,150 m<sup>3</sup> with each tank equipped with fine bubble diffused aeration system, and Six (6) positive displacement lobe type blowers, each rated at 500 c.f.m.at a maximum of 14 psi.;
- Four secondary clarifiers (#1-4) each with volume of 1,138m<sup>3</sup> providing a total surface area of 1,478 m<sup>2</sup> and two (2) large rectangular clarifiers (#5-6) each with surface area of 739 m<sup>2</sup> providing a total surface area of 1,478 m<sup>2</sup>.
- One (1) constant speed waste activated sludge (WAS) pump for secondary clarifiers #1-4 having a rated capacity of 27.6 L/s at 24.7 m TDH.
- Two (2) return activated sludge (RAS) pumps with Variable frequency drives for secondary clarifier's #1-4, each having a rated capacity of 415 L/s.
- Five (5) RAS/WAS sludge pumps for secondary clarifiers #5-6, each having a rated capacity of 76 L/s at 9.1 m TDH.
- Two (2) chemical metering pumps for chemical addition for phosphorus removal, each having a rated capacity of 6mL 65 L/hr.
- Two industrial effluent water pumps (one duty and one standby) each rated at 3.5 L/s at 59.8 m TDH.

## Disinfection & Discharge

- A chlorine disinfection system consisting of two chlorine contact tanks, one providing a volume of 764 m<sup>3</sup> and a second chlorine contact tank providing a total volume of 784 m<sup>3</sup>.
- Two 4,280L CAPTOR storage tanks.
- A dechlorinating system consisting of two chemical metering pumps each rated at 18 - 32 liters per hour, and three oxidation reduction potential (ORP) probes to monitor chlorine residuals.
- Approximately 322 m of 1500 mm diameter discharge/outfall pipe, discharging from an overflow chamber into Lake Nipissing.

### Sludge Processing

• A sludge digestion and storage system consisting of one (1) anaerobic digester (primary digester) providing a digestion volume of 3,434 m<sup>3</sup> and two (2) anaerobic digesters (secondary digesters), each having the volume of 2,060 m<sup>3</sup> to provide a total digestion volume of 7,580 m<sup>3</sup>;

- and one (1) digested sludge holding tank having a volume of approximately 1,500 m<sup>3</sup>.
- One Bird Model 3700 dewatering centrifuge and one Andritz Model sludge dewatering centrifuge capable of dewatering sludge up to 680 kg/h of dry solids.

## Back-up Power and Electrical Equipment

- Two (2) 750 kW, 347/600V diesel driven power generator. Each generator containing an attached 7,466 L double walled fuel tank provides partial emergency power to the raw sewage pumps and critical plant processes during power outages. Sized for future addition of secondary treatment equipment.
- All other controls, electrical equipment, instrumentation, piping, pumps, valves and appurtenances essential for the proper operation of the aforementioned sewage works.

Registration of the Wastewater Works:

| Municipal Location      | City of North Bay                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Works Number            | 110000533                            |
| Facility Classification | WWC Level II, Certificate #1447      |
|                         | issued 21 September, 1990            |
|                         | WWTP Level IV, Certificate #154      |
|                         | issued 17 January, revised 2012      |
|                         | upgraded to a class 4                |
| Certificate of Approval | Certificate of Approval #6310-CG3NM9 |
| Population Served       | 54,000 people                        |

## Wastewater Collection System Pumping Station Descriptions:

The Barber (Coreen/Wickstead) sewage lift pumping station Is a factory built wet well/dry well station without an overflow. It has two (2) 30 HP, 575 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt submersible pumps. It is also equipped with a 125 KVA standby diesel gen set to provide emergency power. A small building on site houses the pump controls and the standby gen set.

The Booth Road sewage lift pumping station Is a wet well type of station without an overflow. It has two (2) 20 HP, 575 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt submersible pumps. It is also equipped with a 62.5 KVA standby gen set to provide emergency power. A small building on site houses the pump controls and the standby gen set.

The Chapais Street sewage lift pumping station Is a wet well type of station with an overflow. It has two (2) 3.5 HP, 220 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt submersible pumps. It is also equipped with a 50 KVA standby gen set to provide emergency power. The gen set is an external, fixed pad mounted, self-contained unit. There is no building at this site, only an above ground pump control panel for the pumps which are in a sub grade wet well.

The Foran sewage lift pumping station Is a wet well type of station with an overflow. It has two (2) 5 HP, 220 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt submersible pumps. This station does not have a permanently installed standby gen set to provide emergency power. A mobile gen set must be used to provide emergency power when required. There is no building at this site, only an above ground pump control panel for the pumps which are in a sub grade wet well.

The Gertrude Road sewage lift pumping station Is a factory built 3.6m diameter by 7.7m deep wet well/dry well station. It has two (3) 12 HP Flygt submersible pumps capable of a peak flow of 76 l/s. It is also equipped with a 32.5 KVA standby gen set to provide emergency power. Site is equipped with a Kohler 80KW standby power diesel generator with sound dampening enclosure. There is no building at this site, only an above ground pump control panel for the pumps which are located in a sub grade well.

The Judge Street sewage lift pumping station Is a factory built wet well/dry well station without an overflow. It has two (2) 20 HP, 575 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt pumps. It is also equipped with a 75 KVA standby gen set to provide emergency power. A small building at this site houses the pump controls and the standby gen set.

The Lakeside pumping station Is a dry well/wet well type station without an overflow. It has two (2) 3.5 HP, 220 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt submersible pumps. This pumping station does not have a permanently installed standby gen set to provide emergency power. A mobile 32.5 KVA standby gen set stored at the public works must be transported to the site and used to provide emergency power to this station when required. There is no building at this site, only an above ground pump control panel for the pumps which are located in a sub grade dry well.

The Lake Heights sewage lift pumping station Is a wet well type station with an overflow. It has two (2) 29 HP, 575 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt submersible pumps. It is also equipped with a 62 KVA standby gen set to provide emergency power. A small building at this site houses the pump controls and the standby gen set.

The Marsh Drive sewage lift pumping station Is a wet well type of station without an overflow. It has two (2) 30 HP, 575 Volt, 3 Phase, and Gorman Rupp above ground pumps. This pumping station is located at the Marsh Landfill site and collects the leachate and pumps it into the municipal sewage system. This station does not have a permanently installed standby gen set to provide emergency power. A mobile gen set must be transported to the site and used to provide emergency power when required. A small building at this site houses the above ground pumps with suction piping extending into the wet well and pump controls.

The Marshall Sewage lift pumping station is a wet well type station without an overflow. It has (3) dry submersible pumps, (1) 75 HP, 575 Volt, 3 Phase, Crane Deming dry pit pump and (2) 85 Hp Flygt pumps with a 240 L/s capacity respectively. The station is also equipped with a 150KW 600/347-volt standby generator to provide emergency power. The structure houses the pump controls and the standby gen set in the above ground level of the building and the dry well pumps are in a below ground (basement) level. Access is provided via a separate external door to a staircase which leads down to a screening unit for wastewater entering the stations wet well.

The Merlin Street sewage lift pumping station Is a wet well type of station with an overflow. It has two (2) 3.5 HP, 575 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt submersible pumps. It is also equipped with a 35 KVA standby gen set to provide emergency power. The gen set is an external, fixed pad mounted, self-contained unit. There is no building at this site, only an above ground pump control panel for the pumps which are in a sub grade wet well.

The Northgate sewage lift pumping station Is a wet well type of station without an overflow. It has two (2) 9.4 HP, 575 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt submersible pumps. It is also equipped with a 75 KVA standby gen set to provide emergency power. The gen set is an external, fixed pad mounted, self-contained unit. There is no building at this site, only an above ground pump control panel for the pumps which are in a sub grade wet well.

The Premier Road sewage lift pumping station Is a factory built wet well/dry well station without an overflow. It has two (2) 2 HP, 575 Volt, 3 Phase, Allis Chalmers/Smith & Lovelace pumps. It is also equipped with a 35 KVA standby gen set to provide emergency power. The gen set is an external, fixed pad mounted, self-contained unit. There is no building at this site, only an above ground pump control panel for the pumps which are in a sub grade wet well.

The Tenth Street pumping station Is a wet well type of station with an overflow. It has two (2) 5 HP, 600 Volt, 3 Phase, and Flygt submersible pump. (This station is operational in the summer months only) This station does not have a permanently installed standby gen set to provide emergency power. There is no building at this site, only an above ground pump control panel for the pumps which are in a sub grade wet well.

The Timmins/Gorman sewage lift pumping station Is a wet well type of station with an overflow. It has two (2) 7.5 HP, 230 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt submersible pumps. This station does not have a permanently installed standby gen set to provide emergency power. A mobile gen set/thawing stored by the city must be transported to the site and used to provide emergency power when required. A very small building at this site houses the pump controls for the pumps which are in a sub grade dry well/wet well.

The Wallace Road sewage lift pumping station Is a factory built dry well/wet well station without an overflow. It has two (3) 12 HP, 575 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt pumps giving the stations a pumping capacity of 50 L/s at 16.8 TDH. It is also equipped with a 80KW standby gen set to provide emergency power. The gen set is an external, fixed pad mounted, self-contained unit. There is no building at this site, only an above ground pump control panel for the pumps which are in a sub grade wet well.

The Waterfront Storm Water pumping station located at Community Waterfront Friends Waterfront Park in the City of North Bay, designed for peak flow of 113L/s, consisting of a 3.81m x 3.81m precast concrete structure wet well equipped with two (2) 20HP, 600 Volt, 3 Phase, Flygt Model 3153.181 LT submersible pumps, one for duty and one for standby, each pump has a rated capacity of 110 L/s at a total dynamic head of 8.2m, complete with electrical and electronic control systems, float control systems, discharge piping, valves, and all other appurtenances necessary to have a complete and operable pumping station, discharging to the proposed 1200mm diameter storm sewer via the proposed 300mm diameter storm water force main.

## **Summary & Interpretation of Sampling and Monitoring Data:**

The Certificate of Approval (ECA) #6310-CG3NM9 issued for the North Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant on August 7, 2022, requires the <u>Owner</u> to prepare and submit a performance report annually within (90) days following the period reported on.

The City of North Bay acts as the operating authority and operated the North Bay Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Wastewater Collection System in

2023. This Annual Wastewater System Report covers the period from 01 Jan 2023 to 31 December 2023.

## **Summary of Raw Sewage Sampling Data and Annual Flow Data**

The sewage treatment plant has the *Rated Capacity* of 54,480 m³/day with a secondary treatment <u>Peak Flow Rate</u> of 108,960 m³/day. In 2023 the average daily raw sewage flow was 35,685 m³/day. The annual average daily flow was within the design capacity, with the average daily flow running at 66% of the wastewater systems rated design capacity.

The annual minimum daily raw sewage flow was 24,085 m<sup>3</sup>/day and occurred in October 2023. The maximum daily raw sewage flow was 83,641 m<sup>3</sup>/day and occurred in April 2023.

The total raw sewage flow for the year was 13,024,920 m<sup>3</sup>.

#### Raw Sewage Sampling Summary:

The operator collects a composite sample of raw sewage monthly sending it to Near North Laboratories in North Bay for analysis for  $BOD_{5}$ , Total Suspended Solids, TKN and Total Phosphorus as required by the ECA. The reported analysis results are forwarded to City of North Bay staff.

The average raw sewage BOD<sub>5</sub> concentration was 83.29 mg/L.

The average raw sewage Total Suspended Solids (TSS) concentration was 98.44 mg/L.

The average raw sewage Total Phosphorus (TP) concentration was 2.97 mg/L

The average raw sewage Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) concentration was 23.91 mg/L.

See the accompanying North Bay WWTP 2023 Monthly Data Summary for complete raw wastewater flow and analyses data.

## Treated Sewage Sampling Summary

The annual average treated sewage effluent CBOD<sub>5</sub> was 6.70 mg/L.

The annual average treated sewage effluent Total Suspended Solids (TSS) was 6.48 mg/L.

The annual average treated sewage effluent Total Phosphorus (TP) was 0.77 mg/L.

The average monthly geometric mean of treated sewage effluent E. coliduring the period of chlorination was 79.02 CFU/100mL.

The Ann. Avg. treated sewage effluent Total Chlorine residual during the period of chlorination was 0.48 mg/L.

The annual average treated sewage effluent pH was 6.73.

The annual average sewage effluent temperature was 14.4 degrees C.

#### Effluent Chlorination and E Coli Levels:

The sewage treatment plant effluent is chlorinated using chlorine gas during the disinfection period of May 15 to October 15. In 2023 a total of 7,841.92 kg of chlorine was used. The average dosage of  $Cl_2$  applied in 2023 was 1.59 mg/L. The average chlorine residual in the effluent was 0.48 mg/L before dechlorination. The minimum and maximum E Coli levels measured in the effluent during the period of chlorination were respectively 5 CFU/100ml and 1370 CFU/100ml. The annual average for monthly geometric means for E Coli level in the effluent for 2023 was 79.02 CFU/100ml. The Monthly Geometric Mean Density Objectives of 150 counts/100 mL for E.coli *Effluent Limits* set in the ECA was achieved for all chlorination season of 2023.

#### Effluent Total Phosphorus Levels:

After primary treatment is completed the sewage ferric sulfate (iron salts) is added at the beginning of the secondary treatment process to reduce the Total Phosphorus level. The monthly averages for Total Phosphorus in the effluent ranged from 0.29 mg/L to 1.90 mg/L. The annual average Total Phosphorus level measured of the effluent was 0.77 mg/L. Therefore, the *Annual* Average Effluent Objective of 0.8 mg/L\_set in the ECA was achieved in 2023.

See the accompanying North Bay 2023 Summary of Sewage Effluent Sampling Data and Annual Flow Data for complete wastewater effluent flow and analyses data.

## ECA Effluent Compliance Limits and Operational Objectives

Please see table below which shows the ECA effluent compliance limits, operational objectives and North Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent results for 2023.

| Effluent Parameter           | Annual Average                    | Concentration      |         |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
|                              | (mg/L unless otherwise indicated) |                    |         |
|                              | Compliance                        | Operational        | 2023    |
|                              | Limit                             | Objective          | Results |
| CBOD5                        | 25                                | 15                 | 6.70    |
| Total Suspended Solids (TSS) | 25                                | 15                 | 6.48    |
| Total Phosphorus (TP)        | 1                                 | 0.8                | 0.77    |
| Total Ammonia Nitrogen       | N/A                               | N/A                | 11.55   |
| E. Coli *1                   | 200 counts/100ml                  | 150 counts/100ml   | 79.02   |
|                              | (monthly Geometric                | (Monthly Geometric |         |
|                              | Mean Density)                     | Mean Density)      |         |
| Total Chlorine Residual*1    | N/A                               | N/A                | 0.48    |
| pH                           | 6.0-9.5                           | 6.5-8.5            | 6.73    |
| Temperature                  | N/A                               | N/A                | 14.4    |
|                              |                                   |                    |         |

<sup>\*1</sup> During the disinfection period between May 15 to October 15, every year.

Weekly samples are taken immediately to Near North Laboratories in North Bay for analysis. Should the samples not be processed for analysis immediately, they are refrigerated at 4° C until analysed in the laboratory.

The ECA <u>Annual Average Concentration Effluent Limits</u> of 25.0 mg/L for CBOD $_5$ , 25.0 mg/L for Suspended Solids, 1.0 mg/L for Total Phosphorus were all met. Therefore, the plant was in compliance with the ECA. The pH of the effluent ranged between pH 5.84 to pH 7.38 and averaged pH 6.73. This met the ECA effluent limits for pH being maintained between pH 6.0 to 9.5, inclusive at all times with exception of September 7th with a pH of 5.84.

The ECA Effluent Objective concentrations of 15.0 mg/L for CBOD<sub>5</sub>, 0.8 mg/L for Total Phosphorus, 15.0 mg/L for Suspended and were achieved. The pH Objective of maintaining between 6.5 – 8.5 was achieved most of the time through the year with exception of a small percentage of days.

The Monthly Geometric Mean Density of 150 counts/100 mL for E. coli <u>Effluent Objective</u> set in the ECA was achieved all chlorination months. The average monthly geometric mean for the sewage effluent E. Coli during the period of chlorination was 65.65 CFU/100mL.

## <u>Tabulation of the Volume of Sludge Generated</u>

Sludge that settles to the bottom of the primary clarifier tanks, referred to as primary sludge is drawn from the tanks and pumped to the primary digester for reduction through the primary and secondary sludge digestion processes. The digested sludge is then processed through centrifugation to thicken the sludge to reduce water content. Thickened sludge (19 to 25% solids) is then hauled away from the wastewater facility. The sludge is hauled to Merrick Landfill site and is then mixed with sand and used as a topping material to cover closed out sections of the landfill. The sludge blended with the sand is nutrient rich and promotes vegetative growth to cover the closed-out sections of the landfill.

In 2023 the volume of primary sludge produced was 36,315 m<sup>3.</sup> The total volume of digested sludge that was processed through dewatering after the digestion process was 28,882 m<sup>3</sup>. The total weight of dewatered sludge that was hauled away from the WWTP was 2,848,420 Kg which was taken to the Merrick Landfill site to be blended with sand and used for top cover which stimulates rapid vegetation growth.

Sludge was removed on a regular basis for the sewage effluent CBOD<sub>5</sub>, Suspended Solids and total phosphorus to meet compliance criteria.

The total treated sewage effluent flow for the year 2023 was 13,024,902 m<sup>3</sup> minus 2,848,420 Kg of sludge with an approximate 15 - 33 % solids concentration which was hauled away from the facility for disposal.

See the accompanying North Bay 2023 Summary of Sewage Sludge Volumes and Disposal Data for complete wastewater effluent flow and analyses data.

## <u>Summary of Effluent Quality Assurance or Control Measures Taken:</u>

In 2023 as on-going efforts to ensure optimal operation or the treatment process and best possible effluent quality the following measures were followed:

- Routine data reviews to identify trends or developing process problems.
- In-house sampling in addition to regulatory sampling required by the ECA.
- Routine maintenance on all equipment
- Process changes to optimize treatment effectiveness.
- On-going training of operators
- Upgrading equipment where needed to increase effectiveness of plant.

## Operational Problems and Corrective Actions

- Each year we have periodic issues with a sludge matte developing on the secondary clarifiers #5 & #6. This is believed to be of a result in swings of temperature and F/M ratios. To mitigate this issue, we have reduced our biology concentrations which we carry in the plant and have an operator cleaning up any sludge accumulation daily when there is an occurrence.
- Adding chlorine gas and Ferric Sulfate created low pH issues during the months between June – October. Both chemicals are acids and drop our pH naturally due to low alkalinity in the sewage. We have also discovered our control point for the aeration blowers were in the incorrect spot and causing us to over aerate which also contributed to factors lowering our ph. We were able to manage the pH for most of this time with one incident where our pH dropped below our regulatory limit causing a non-compliance report.
  - For the most part we lowered the ferric and chlorine dosing when possible, we also worked on dissolved oxygen controls to mitigate over aeration.

## Summary of Plant Sewage By-passes or Abnormal Discharge Events

There were no secondary bypasses that occurred from the North Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant during the 2023 reporting period. A secondary bypass would be initiated by operations staff to avoid losing the biomass due to solids being flushed out of the aeration tanks and secondary clarifiers during high flow conditions. The events would be reported to the Ministry of the Environment as required and samples would be collected for analysis thorough out the events.

There was three spills and no bypasses at the lift stations and collection system in 2023:

- 1. On May 31, 2023, there was a transport truck fire at 2021 Algonquin Ave. During the extinguishing of the fire by the fire department it caused the Calcium hypochlorite to mix into solution with the fire fighting water and flowed into catch basins on the road. Best efforts were made by fire fighters to contain water for clean up. MECP worked with contractor to contain and clean up spill. City deployed dechlorination pucks to reduce chlorine residuals going into Chippewa Creek. The spill was reported to the MECP SAC Reference #1-3HPJT5.
- 2. On July 16, 2023, there was a watermain break on a major transmission main at the end of Stanley St. This caused an approximate of 7,543 m3 to enter Chippewa creek upstream of Lake Nipissing. Crews decreased flows from the main as much as possibly right away, de-chlorination pucks were added downstream to reduce chlorine in water. Crews worked over night to complete repair and reduce spill of water into creek. The spill was reported to the MECP in the report Reference # 1-3N1PGF.
- 3. On November 5, 2023, there was a sewage spill at McKeown Ave. & Champlain St. intersection. this was caused by a blockage in the sewer main caused by grease from upstream restaurants. The sewer main surcharged causing approximately 1m3 of sewage to overflow out of a manhole on the road and into the street flowing to the near by catch basins. Staff cleared blockage with flusher truck and cleaned main downstream, standing water and catch basins cleaned up with flusher and chlorine pucks placed in catch basins followed by de-chlorination pucks downstream. The spill was reported to the MECP in the report Reference # 1-4AA933

There was five abnormal discharge events which had taken place in 2023:

• On January 10, 2023, there was a non-compliance called in due to an acute Lethality sample failing. This is due to pH increasing over the 96-

- hour test reacting with Ammonia in effluent sample. Additional samples were taken as required and the incident reported to SAC in report Ref# 1-2GORHN.
- On January 31, 2023, there was a non-compliance called in due to an acute Lethality sample failing. This is due to pH increasing over the 96hour test reacting with Ammonia in effluent sample. Additional samples were taken as required and the incident reported to SAC in report Ref# 1-2HQ1WA.
- On February 15, 2023, there was a non-compliance called in due to an acute Lethality sample failing. This is due to pH increasing over the 96hour test reacting with Ammonia in effluent sample. Additional samples were taken as required and the incident reported to SAC in report Ref# 1-31ZRO4.
- On March 15, 2023, there was a non-compliance called in due to an acute Lethality sample failing. This is due to pH increasing over the 96-hour test reacting with Ammonia in effluent sample. Additional samples were taken as required with addition to pH Stabilized testing method running in parallel moving forward with all of them passing. This has proved the pH increase to be the cause of failed tests. The incident reported to SAC in report Ref# 1-33DG5U.
- On September 7, 2023, there was a non-compliance called in due to a low pH recorded in the effluent sample. The two chemicals Chlorine and Ferric Sulfate are acids which are required and lowered the pH below our limit giving a pH of 5.84, chemical dosing was reduced as much as possible along with aeration DO to help mitigate the pH issue. This ware reported to the MECP in report Ref# 1- 3TFBLG.

## **Flow Measurement & Annual Calibration**

The annual calibrations of the raw sewage flow meters and all others in the facility were completed in November 2023.

# **Documentation and Reporting**

An emergency SOP manual with procedures to deal with emergencies and complaints is kept updated and is stored for easy reference at the North Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant; along with SDS data sheets for the treatment chemicals. The Certificate of approval ECA for the facility is posted at the facility along with copies of the Facility Classification certificate. A copy of the wastewater treatment plant manual with process descriptions, procedures, checklists, treatment calculations and pertinent information for the operation of the facility is readily available for reference for the operators.

Plant logbooks, daily and monthly data record sheets are completed and retained as required by the ECA. Process treatment records and lab analysis 2023 WWTP Annual Report Page 13

report data are entered into a spreadsheet. The annual report will be filed with the MECP as required by the ECA

## Facility Maintenance

Certified electricians, SCADA technician, mechanics and operators, who operate the treatment facility and conduct maintenance of the appurtenances of the wastewater treatment system.

# <u>Summary of 2023 Major Maintenance Activities , Capital Upgrades or Equipment Replacement at the Facility:</u>

- New manhole structure with grinder designed for sewer line between Patton Receiving station and North Gate Lift Station to mitigate rags issues.
- Swabbed and Flushed sewer lines from Marsh Lift Station
- Replaced the Muffin Monster for New Marshall Lift Station with spare unit.
- Inspection of the Wastewater Plant discharge pipe into Lake Nipissing.
- Upgrade of Captor dosing pumps for dichlorination process.
- Completion of Lunchroom renovations at the Wastewater Plant.
- Completion of Ferric Sulfate dosing system upgrade.
- Rebuild of Old Return pump with addition of a new water jacket to allow us to run pump at lower RPM's.
- Contractor inspected asbestos capsulation and repaired and damaged parts at Wastewater plant.
- Completion of the new Digester #4, commissioning in January 2024
- Engineering of Head end Intake Chamber and WWTP capacity study completed.
- Concrete repairs to the inner walls of the New Contact Tank
- Cleaning of accumulated grit in bottom of aeration cells, all air stones were cleaned while tanks were empty. Repaired broken stones.
- Rebuilt one gas compressor for Methane System
- Rebuilt Moyno cake pump for Andritz Centrifuge
- Concrete repairs on all four old secondary clarifiers weirs.
- Replaced 168m of 300mm storm sewer on Ivanhoe Dr.
- Replaced 164m of 450mm storm sewer on Ivanhoe Dr.
- Replaced 100m of 525mm storm sewer on Ivanhoe Dr.
- Replaced 365m of 250mm-300mm sanitary sewer on Ivanhoe Dr.
- Replaced 127m of 200mm sanitary sewer to tie in side streets on Ivanhoe Dr.

- Installed 328.5 m of 250mm Storm sewer on Prince Edward Dr.
- Installed 58.1 m of 200mm Storm sewer on Prince Edward Dr.

# **Summary of Complaints Received and Steps Taken to Address Them:**

• There was no odour complaint brought to our attention in 2023.

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#### **MONTHLY PROCESS DATA**

Facility: North Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant Period: January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

**Population** 

Classification: Class 4 Treatment, Class 2 Wastewater Collection

Water Receiver: Lake Nipissing

Served: 54,000

Total Design Capacity (m3/d): 54,540

|          | Jan-23           | Feb-23  | Mar-23  | Apr-23    | May-23    | Jun-23    | Jul-23  | Aug-23  | Sep-23  | Oct-23    | Nov-23    | Dec-23    | Summary    |
|----------|------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Raw Se   | wage_            |         |         |           |           |           |         |         |         |           |           |           |            |
| Volume   | (m3/d)           |         |         |           |           |           |         |         |         |           |           |           |            |
| Avg      | 27,529           | 27,525  | 31,909  | 59,439    | 40,463    | 34,243    | 31,770  | 29,437  | 31,180  | 41,330    | 40,389    | 32,938    | 35,684.71  |
| Max      | 33,769           | 41,345  | 42,609  | 83,641    | 77,709    | 73,700    | 38,379  | 36,263  | 43,570  | 79,734    | 52,009    | 37,747    | 83,641.00  |
| Min      | 24,626           | 24,333  | 26,115  | 43,473    | 31,716    | 27,317    | 26,892  | 25,180  | 26,709  | 24,085    | 32,387    | 29,867    | 24,085.00  |
| Sum      | 853,411          | 770,689 | 989,187 | 1,783,174 | 1,254,366 | 1,027,286 | 984,860 | 912,556 | 935,398 | 1,281,240 | 1,211,680 | 1,021,073 | 13,024,920 |
| Peak Flo | Peak Flow (M3/d) |         |         |           |           |           |         |         |         |           |           |           |            |
| Max      | 69,919           | 73,612  | 73,837  | 104,574   | 100,437   | 102,424   | 97,937  | 68,375  | 102,824 | 99,037    | 69,425    | 67,300    | 104,574.0  |
| BOD5     |                  |         |         |           |           |           |         |         |         |           |           |           |            |
| Avg      | 53.9             | 166.0   | 68.4    | 63.4      | 66.6      | 96.4      | 195.0   | 81.1    | 63.8    | 103.0     | 49.4      | 64.0      | 83.29      |
| Total Ph | nosphorus (      | (mg/L)  |         |           |           |           |         |         |         |           |           |           |            |
| Avg      | 2.86             | 6.43    | 2.64    | 2.60      | 1.56      | 2.78      | 5.11    | 2.68    | 2.97    | 2.75      | 1.83      | 3.93      | 2.97       |
| TKN (m   | g/L)             |         |         |           |           |           |         |         |         |           |           |           |            |
| Avg      | 41.50            | 25.90   | 18.20   | 26.30     | 17.00     | 34.90     | 19.80   | 18.60   | 22.30   | 35.60     | 11.40     | 23.40     | 23.91      |
| Suspen   | ded Solids (     | mg/L)   |         |           |           |           |         |         |         |           |           |           |            |
| Avg      | 46.0             | 220.0   | 34.5    | 56.2      | 59.5      | 102.0     | 404.0   | 89.8    | 49.5    | 129.0     | 35.0      | 143.0     | 98.44      |

#### **MONTHLY PROCESS DATA**

**Facility: North Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant** 

Period:

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Classification: Class 4 Treatment, Class 2 Wastewater Collection

**Population Served:** 

54,000

Water Receiver: Lake Nipissing

Total Design Capacity (m3/d):

54,540

|            | Jan-23          | Feb-23 | Mar-23 | Apr-23 | May-22 | Jun-23  | Jul-23  | Aug-23  | Sep-23  | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Summary  |
|------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Final Effl | <u>uent</u>     |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
| Temp Gr    | ab (oC)         |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
| Avg        | 11.2            | 10.6   | 11.1   | 10.7   | 13.6   | 16.6    | 18.5    | 18.8    | 18.8    | 17.39  | 13.4   | 12.2   | 14.4     |
| Max        | 14.4            | 13.9   | 13.0   | 12.3   | 16.3   | 19.1    | 20.5    | 20.1    | 21.2    | 21.5   | 15.8   | 14.0   | 21.5     |
| Min        | 8.7             | 6.1    | 8.8    | 8.7    | 11.7   | 14.8    | 16.9    | 17.3    | 16.7    | 14.0   | 9.5    | 10.5   | 6.1      |
| NH3: Am    | ımonia as N (m  | ıg/L)  |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
| Avg        | 15.80           | 18.65  | 16.30  | 8.41   | 11.83  | 11.40   | 1.46    | 6.23    | 3.74    | 13.41  | 12.16  | 17.90  | 11.55    |
| CB0D5 (n   | ng/L)           |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
| Avg        | 5.80            | 4.90   | 5.50   | 5.40   | 5.70   | 7.60    | 7.30    | 7.40    | 6.60    | 5.80   | 5.20   | 13.50  | 6.70     |
| PH         |                 |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
| Avg        | 7.02            | 7.07   | 6.92   | 6.75   | 6.71   | 6.84    | 6.29    | 6.33    | 6.19    | 6.69   | 6.95   | 6.97   | 6.73     |
| Max        | 7.21            | 7.38   | 7.07   | 7.06   | 7.15   | 7.16    | 6.54    | 6.98    | 6.60    | 7.03   | 7.10   | 7.15   | 7.38     |
| Min        | 6.60            | 6.64   | 6.69   | 6.48   | 6.27   | 6.15    | 6.13    | 6.04    | 5.84    | 6.37   | 6.76   | 6.58   | 5.84     |
| Total Pho  | osphorus (mg/   | -      |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
| Avg        | 0.72            | 0.64   | 0.64   | 0.42   | 0.72   | 0.78    | 0.86    | 0.79    | 1.13    | 0.97   | 0.54   | 1.08   | 0.77     |
| TKN (mg    | -               |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
| Avg        | 23.20           | 20.93  | 20.60  | 11.66  | 13.10  | 16.60   | 2.35    | 12.96   | 5.07    | 19.11  | 15.22  | 20.30  | 15.22    |
| Suspende   | ed Solids (mg/  | L)     |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
| Avg        | 7.71            | 5.10   | 3.70   | 6.90   | 4.30   | 2.91    | 3.71    | 3.02    | 4.60    | 3.64   | 7.70   | 24.60  | 6.48     |
| E-coli (cf | u/100 mL)       |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
| Geo Med    | an              |        |        |        | 135.51 | 14.95   | 18.99   | 18.90   | 101.75  | 184.04 |        |        | 79.02    |
| Max        |                 |        |        |        | 790.0  | 50.0    | 260.0   | 170.0   | 670.0   | 1370.0 |        |        | 1370.0   |
| Min        |                 |        |        |        | 5.0    | 5.0     | 5.0     | 5.0     | 20.0    | 5.0    |        |        | 5.0      |
|            | used (kg)       |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
| Sum        |                 |        |        |        | 612.71 | 1340.90 | 2125.22 | 1309.41 | 1695.82 | 757.86 |        |        | 7,841.92 |
|            | Dosage (mg/L)   |        |        |        | 1.05   | 1.38    | 2.13    | 1.46    | 1.83    | 1.29   |        |        | 1.59     |
| Avg        | lavina Das /    | ./1\   |        |        | 1.05   | 1.38    | 2.13    | 1.40    | 1.05    | 1.29   |        |        | 1.59     |
|            | lorine Res. (mg | /L)    |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
| Avg        |                 |        |        |        | 0.60   | 0.53    | 0.39    | 0.57    | 0.36    | 0.42   |        |        | 0.48     |

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Water Receiver: Lake Nipissing Total Design Capacity (m3/d): 54,540

|                          | Jan-23                                      | Feb-23        | Mar-23   | Apr-23 | May-23 | Jun-23 | Jul-23 | Aug-23 | Sep-23 | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Summary  |
|--------------------------|---|---------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Sludge/Biosolids Handing |   |               |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Volume                   | to Primary D                                | Digester (m3) |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Sum                      | 3,348                                       | 2,280         | 2,317    | 3,699  | 3,089  | 3,967  | 2,450  | 3,609  | 2,575  | 3,590  | 2,839  | 2,551  | 36,315.0 |
| Slud                     | ge (Liquid) V                               | olume Proces  | sed (m3) |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Sum                      | 2,983                                       | 2,368         | 2,903    | 2,227  | 2,761  | 2,515  | 2,241  | 2,678  | 1,989  | 2,267  | 2,382  | 1,568  | 28,882.0 |
| Sludge                   | Sludge (Thickened) Volume Hauled x 1,000Kg) |               |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Sum                      | 293.76                                      | 211.14        | 256.43   | 238.66 | 237.45 | 249.25 | 218.35 | 252.51 | 231.31 | 212.14 | 264.19 | 183.23 | 2,848.42 |
| loads                    | 20.0  | 14.0          | 18.0     | 16.0   | 17.0   | 17.0   | 14.0   | 16.0   | 15.0   | 14.0   | 17.0   | 12.0   |          |