



**October 27, 2023
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

GOVERNMENT FUNDING POSITIONS CITY OF WARMAN FOR FUTURE GROWTH UPON COMPLETION OF \$21-MILLION WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

(*Warman, Sask.*) – The City of Warman held a ribbon cutting and grand opening to officially celebrate the completion of its Sewage Treatment Lagoon Expansion and Improvements project Friday afternoon. This approximately \$21-million project was made possible with more than \$13.2-million in combined Federal and Provincial funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program’s (ICIP) Green Infrastructure Stream.

The Sewage Treatment Lagoon Expansion and Improvements project not only increases the wastewater treatment capacity to accommodate current and future community growth but also improves the overall effluent discharge quality to continue to meet Environment Canada’s regulations. It also minimizes odour issues residents had previously experienced with easterly winds.

Funding for the Sewage Treatment Lagoon Expansion and Improvements project was announced on September 4, 2019. The Government of Canada invested \$7,240,000, the Government of Saskatchewan invested \$6,032,730, with the City of Warman covering the remaining cost of the project.

The City’s project included three separate contracts with general contractors. The first contract was awarded in late 2020, with work beginning early 2021. The three contracts included the following:

- **Contract #1:** Sludge removal, earthworks with clay liner repair, and sewage force main adjustments.
- **Contract #2:** Lagoon aeration system in partial mix cells 1, 2, and 3 and associated works; four Submerged Attached Growth Reactor (SAGR) cells and associated works; a blower building and associated works; and, construction of a new lagoon berm and site grading including connecting pipes and miscellaneous works.
- **Contract #3:** Construction of a 1200-millimetre diameter pipeline spanning 5.5 kilometres in length. This pipeline runs from the City of Warman to the South Saskatchewan River, crossing Highway 11 N in the process. An inlet at the west end and outlet at the east end were also constructed.

The improvements to the lagoon provide the City with capacity to grow to a population of approximately 26,000 with the option to add additional SAGR cells in the future to increase that capacity to a population of 40,000.

Quotes:

“We are thrilled to celebrate the completion of the upgrades to the sewage treatment lagoon in Warman, a milestone reflecting our commitment to sustainable water and wastewater infrastructure across Canada. With a rapidly growing population, these infrastructure upgrades are essential for the community's future, providing cleaner water, protecting the environment, and promoting the well-being of Warman residents for years to come.” – The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

“The Government is committed to building a better Saskatchewan, with upgrades to infrastructure that supports growth and safety in our communities. I am pleased to see the City of Warman complete this project with shared provincial and federal funding. The expansion and improvements to Warman’s sewage treatment lagoon will ensure the community is able to grow and flourish.” – The Honourable Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations

“This is a great day for Warman – our community has grown considerably the past two decades – from town, to now the fastest-growing City in Saskatchewan. This contribution received through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program allows the City of Warman to sustainably continue that vibrant growth for years to come. We are grateful to our partners, the Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan, for supporting this initiative.” — His Worship Gary Philipchuk, Mayor, City of Warman

- 30 -

For more information, media inquiries and interview requests, please contact:

Eric Busse

Communications Liaison & Executive Assistant

City of Warman

execassistant@warman.ca

306-385-2328 (office)

Tonaya McGregor

Ministry of Government Relations

Regina

tonaya.mcgregor@gov.sk.ca

306-787-6156