



## FACT SHEET

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## Council looking for solutions for Cadomin sewer

Yellowhead County Council and Administration have been actively searching for affordable options for sewer servicing in Cadomin.

Currently, the county is not able to offer traditional sewer collection system due to the exorbitant cost both to the county and the residents.

The Wastewater Treatment lagoon will still be built this summer with a planned completion date of October 2008. This portion of the project consists of the lagoon, discharge main and outfall structure.

However in October 2007, council rejected all tenders to build the Sanitary Collection System. The estimated cost of the project was set at \$5.3 million in 2006. The lowest tender received (with engineering and consulting costs) was \$8.5 million.

Original funding for the project came from the county, the provincial government and a \$1 million donation from Cardinal River Coals.

Any costs over and above the original price would be drawn from the county and a local improvement levy. If council had accepted the tender, each landowner would have been responsible for \$1,401 per year over the next 25 years, over and above their utilities and taxes.

Council decided this cost was too high and has directed Administration to find another option.

The county is working with the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association to see what innovative systems are available to provide similar servicing as traditional systems but at a more reasonable cost.

Part of the issue with providing a system for Cadomin has been the different needs of residents. Seasonal residents have different needs than full time residents and this must be taken into account.

Yellowhead County remains committed to meeting the needs of Cadomin in a cost-effective manner. A public meeting will be held this summer to present what these solutions may look like to the residents of Cadomin.

This Fact Sheet is designed to keep residents and businesses up-to-date and informed. If you have any questions about the content of this Fact Sheet do not hesitate to contact whomever at the following numbers.

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