



June 18, 2024

City of Morden
c/o Nancy Penner, Mayor and City Council
100-195 Stephen Street
Morden, MB
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RE: Wastewater Treatment

Dear City of Morden Council,

On behalf of our members and yours, and in the spirit of open communication, we write to you in the hope that you can provide a meaningful response to the ongoing question that seems to be on everyone's mind, what is being done to address the wastewater treatment issue?

We understand and appreciate the pressures that the city is facing because of this ongoing issue, we too are facing these pressures. The success of our community is entirely dependant on the success of its members, and with all the uncertainty, and because of the significant economic impact that wastewater has on our business community, more information is needed so we can better understand the plan forward and the future of business in Morden.

We need clarity on the plan, and the City's current position within it, so we can track the progress being made and re-instill investor confidence. The City's response will also dispel any misinformation. We ask that you please address the following key points:

- (1) What specific actions has the City undertaken to address this issue, and is there anything that the business community can be doing to help?
- (2) What options are being considered; what are the associated costs for each option, and how will it be financed?
- (3) What is the expected timeline for implementation, and can you provide a roadmap with key milestones that will indicate progress?

The Chamber of Commerce is committed to advocating on behalf of its members, and providing information that our community can trust. This is the single most significant constraint on business development. We encourage the City to engage in on-going consultations with the business community as we navigate the collective path forward. We as the Chamber of Commerce would be pleased to work with you and hope to contribute to a productive dialogue.

Sincerely,

Tyler Schroeder
Chairperson

Dear Chamber Member,

One of the Morden Chamber of Commerce's four primary goals is to provide a voice for the business community. There is no bigger issue facing our business community today than the wastewater issue. This is a generational issue, and in light of the feedback and questions that we have been receiving from our members, we have forwarded the attached letter to the City of Morden, and have requested that Council sit down with us so we can publicly present our letter.

We look forward to providing our members with some much needed information once the City has had an opportunity to prepare a response.

Anyone with questions or comments are invited to check out our contact page <https://mordenchamber.com/contact/> . The information you share will not be posted, but does provide us with the valuable feedback we need to better understand our business community.

Sincerely,
Stephane Warnock
Advocacy & Governance Committee Chairperson