Winnipeg Sewage Treatment Program (WSTP)



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Land Acknowledgement

Winnipeg is located in Treaty One Territory, the home and traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Ininew (Cree), and Dakota peoples, and in the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. Our drinking water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, in Treaty Three Territory.





Safety Moment



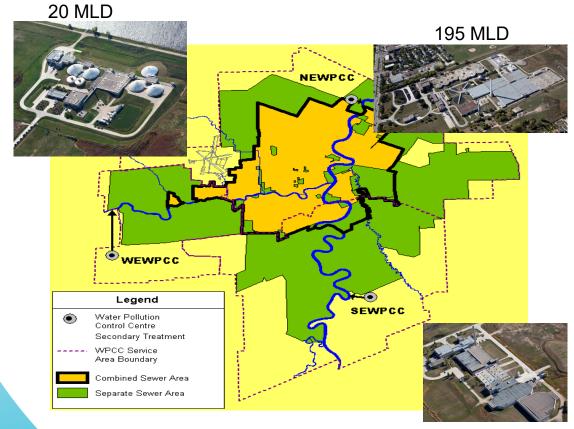




Winnipeg's Wastewater Treatment and Collection

Statistics (2023)

- 3 sewage treatment plants
- •2,579 km of sewer mains
- 1,173 km of land drainage sewers
- 74 wastewater pumping stations





58 MLD

Need for Strategic Partnership

- Sewage regulations that required a multi billion dollar capital investment within a prescribed timeline
- Facilities that must continue to operate during upgrades
- Specialized skillsets will be needed over short term

Requirements

Status

- Aging wastewater facilities
- Capital group sized to maintain existing infrastructure
- Limited skilled resources in the region
- New staff recruitment difficult





Partner Selection Process

Expression of Interest and Request for Quotation

- Evaluation of market interest
- Guidance on type of partner

Collaborative Workshops with selected private groups

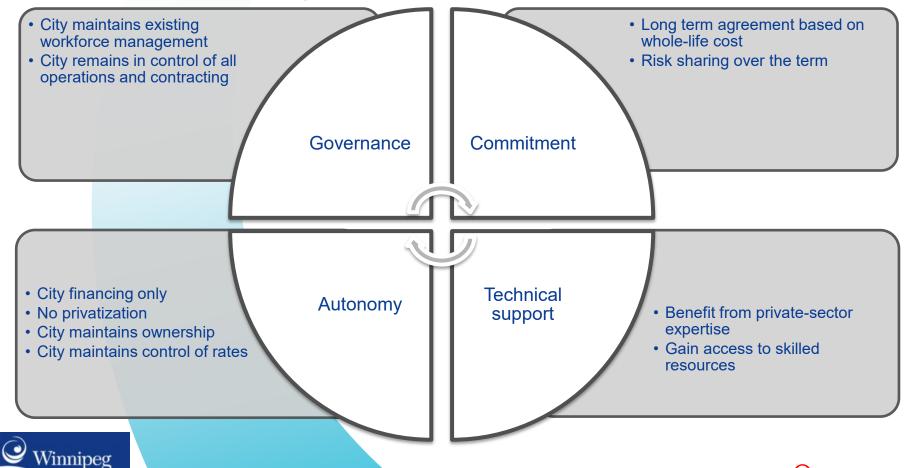
- Input of diverse partner
- Problem solving with client
- Understanding experience of others

Terms of Reference – Request For Proposal

- Reasonable confidence about expected answers
- Knowledge of long term possible partners
- Preparation of selection criteria



Strategic Partnership Description



Program Principles

Open and Honest Communication No Fault / No Blame

Winnipeg Sewage Treatment Program Best for Program / Best for Job

Open book accounting

Collaborative approach;
Partnership spirit



Program Structure

Performance based compensation

> Winnipeg Sewage Treatment Program (WSTP)

30 years

Program based on a nontraditional infrastructure delivery model



Program Scope

Advice & Recommendations Relating to

Management and operation of the Facilities

Assessment,
Planning, and
Delivery of
Operational
Improvements

Assessment,
Planning, and
Delivery of
Upgrades and
Capital
Modifications



Management Structure of the WSTP

Program Leadership Team Senior City and Veolia Committee:

- √ Represents the organizations' management
- ✓ Ability to make decisions for each partner organization
- √ Has a long term perspective

Program
Management
Team

City and Veolia Managers:

- ✓ Manages blended program teams
- ✓ Addresses operational and organizational issues

Program Teams

City and Veolia Resources:

- ✓ Delivers Major Capital Projects
- ✓ Handles Operational Readiness
- ✓ Performs Maintenance Initiatives



Benefits to City and Ratepayers

- Access to specialized expertise on an as-needed basis
- Full-time support and oversight for capital project delivery
- Guidance and assistance for operational readiness
- Continued focus on long-term program objectives
- Development of synergies and sustainable initiatives



Lessons Learned

- Team building efforts pay off
- City staff are benefiting from Veolia's expertise in terms of project management and operations
- Methods to measure benefits and value need to be defined early and redefined as the process evolves
- Internal education on value of partnership is important
- Prepare for criticism, skepticism



WSTP Projects

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