

# News Release

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### West Nipissing Sewer Separation Project

**STURGEON FALLS, Ontario – West Nipissing** – The Municipality of West Nipissing will be celebrating the completion of Phase One of its Sewer Separation project and will provide the public with an update on December 9, 2005. The ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Municipal Office in Sturgeon Falls and will be followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at the corner of Front and Levesque streets.

In April 2005, the Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing was awarded \$9.2 million in Federal and Provincial funding through the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF). The funds will allow the completion of a \$13,836,776 project aimed at separating the combined sanitary and storm sewers in the downtown area. According to Rachel Prudhomme, Director of Public Works for West Nipissing, “this project will reduce effluent contaminants, increase the efficiency of the sewage collection and treatment systems, improve drinking water quality, improve water quality in Lake Nipissing and in the Sturgeon River, reduce health risks and enhance tourism, business and the quality of life of all residents”. The COMRIF program was implemented to improve public infrastructure such as water and wastewater systems, roads, bridges, waste management facilities and to help address other health and safety priorities in small urban and rural municipalities throughout the province.

“With the new demand for housing in West Nipissing, this improvement will assist us in attracting new residents to the area and will definitely create some interest in our downtown” said Mike Page of Coldwell Banker Real Estate.

“We are proud of the work achieved by the Municipality on Levesque Street; the road allows a better access to the school and it is much cleaner so this reflects inside the school as well” said staff from École St-Joseph.

“This capital project would not have materialized without the partnership with the Federal and Provincial Governments. We thank the residents and businesses for their patience during this worthwhile project,” said Mayor Joanne Savage.

Phase Two of the Sewer Separation project is scheduled to begin in early Spring.

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