



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING BY-LAW NO. 3-21

FOR A CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF CITY OF WINKLER'S NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A WASTEWATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM (force main and lift stations) IN THE RM OF STANLEY

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Stanley has scheduled a public hearing in the Council Chambers on the **1st day of April 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** to present the following borrowing proposal:

The City of Winkler is proposing to construct a new Mechanical Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), which is required in order to meet current wastewater treatment standards. The new WWTF will serve both the City of Winkler and the Rural Municipality (RM) of Stanley for a total future population of 28,800. The RM of Stanley intends to purchase capacity within in the new WWTF as well as construct a new wastewater conveyance system (force main and lift stations) to accommodate future growth within the RM of Stanley.

The estimated total cost of the WWTF project is \$49,310,766, less funding of \$35,346,667, Federal (\$19,280,000) and Provincial (\$16,066,667) Funding under the Infrastructure Canada's (INFC) New Building Canada Fund – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure Stream – Environmental Quality Program, and the City of Winkler will also contribute \$10,592,613. As part of a wastewater treatment capacity Agreement with the City of Winkler, the Rural Municipality of Stanley will provide \$3,371,486.00 as contribution towards the project.

The estimated total cost of the Wastewater Conveyance System project is \$7,429,437, less funding of \$5,423,488, Federal (\$2,971,774) and Provincial (\$2,451,714) Funding under the Infrastructure Canada's (INFC) New Building Canada Fund – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure Stream – Environmental Quality Program. The RM of Stanley will provide \$2,005,949.00 as a contribution towards the project.

The Rural Municipality of Stanley intends to receive borrowing approval in the amount \$5,377,435.00 (This includes the balance of \$3,371,486 for capital contribution to WWTF and \$2,005,949 for wastewater conveyance system) to be borrowed over a 20-year period at an estimated interest rate of 5.0% per year. The debt payment of \$431,499.30 will be recovered through a mill rate on all taxable and grant-in-lieu properties within the Rural Municipality of Stanley. Based on the latest assessment roll, an estimated mill rate of 0.667 mills will be required.

The RM of Stanley will not proceed with this project unless funding as outlined above is received.

This borrowing application does not include the extension of a wastewater conveyance system within the existing communities of Reinfeld and Schanzenfeld. A decision on whether to extend a wastewater conveyance system into the existing communities of Reinfeld and Schanzenfeld will be made at a later date after consultations with those communities.

A written objection may be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer, at 23111 PTH 14 in the RM of Stanley prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions, or register an objection to the by-law.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection. We ask that you consider submitting your comments in writing to our office by email or mail (drop off box located at the office). If you wish to be present at the hearing, we will require you to contact our office a minimum of 2 business days prior to the scheduled hearing so that we can ensure we can meet the physical distancing requirements. Anyone attending the office will be required to wear a face mask. If you wish to participate in the hearing electronically, please contact mgroening@rmofstanley.ca or call 204-325-4101. Thank you for your understanding and patience.'

Copies of the proposed borrowing are available at the municipal office at 23111 PTH 14 and on the municipal website at www.rmofstanley.ca. Feel free to call the RM Office for additional information at 204-325-4101.

Dated at the RM of Stanley this 5th day of March 2021 and issued pursuant to Section 169(6) of *The Municipal Act*.

Dale Toews, Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Stanley