On your property

For most homeowners, the sewer system will connect to existing septic systems. The main change to the homeowner’s system will involve installing a pump in the septic or holding tank, and running a service pipe to the sewer connection valve at the property line.

If you have a two-cell/dual-compartment septic tank in good condition and shown to be water-tight, it will be compatible with the new sewer system. If you have an older tank, you may be required to have a new septic tank installed. Holding tanks in good condition can often be converted into a compatible two-cell tank.

If you currently have a septic field, it will be disconnected from your septic tank and left as is. The liquid that was being discharged to your septic field will now be pumped to the Lockport sewage treatment plant.
Frequently asked questions about required equipment

**What type of contractor should I call about having the required equipment installed on my side of the property line?**

Low-pressure sewer systems are common in Manitoba, and many local contractors who advertise sewer services will be qualified to install the piping, pump and related equipment needed to connect your home to the new sewer system. As with any project, the RM recommends that property owners receive several written estimates from prospective water and sewer contractors.

**What about impacts on landscaping on the homeowner’s side of the property line? How disruptive is the work likely to be to my yard?**

Because the equipment and pipes connecting your home to the new sewer are located beneath ground level, there will be some disruption to your property when the installation is performed. Your local contractor may be able to use horizontal tunneling to install the piping, which would limit the disruption to existing landscaping.

**Am I required to install a new submersible pump?**

For the low-pressure sewer to function properly, all connecting homes are recommended to have a 1 hp (one horsepower) pump.

**After I’m connected to the new sewer will I still need to have my septic tank pumped out? How often?**

The new sewer system will carry liquid waste to the Lockport treatment plant. Solid waste will be collected in your septic tank and will be pumped out approximately once every 12-15 months.

**Will my new system be inspected after installation?**

The municipality will inspect the system once during equipment installation and also while your property is being connected to the sewer line.

**Have additional questions about equipment related to the new Henderson Highway sewer?**

Project engineers and RM representatives are here to answer your questions. You can also contact the RM at any time: **204-482-3300** or **info@rmofstclements.com**