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MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER PROGRAM

The Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) is a Crown Corporation that has provided assistance to rural Manitobans for over 50 years in the development of safe, affordable and sustainable water and wastewater infrastructure addressing public health and environmental issues.

ROLE

MWSB acts as Project Managers on behalf of Municipal Governments and Registered Water Co-operatives to conduct engineering feasibility studies and design services, tendering, contract administration and construction supervision for water and wastewater projects.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of MWSB are to provide technical and financial assistance to rural Manitobans in four areas:

1. development of potable water supply, treatment, storage and distribution
2. provision of drought resistant, safe water supplies for domestic and livestock needs
3. collection and treatment of sewage
4. environmentally sustainable disposal of treated effluent and waste sludge



Cartier Regional Water Treatment Plant at St. Eustache

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The Water and Sewer Program is a partnership between MWSB and Manitoba Municipalities/Registered Water Co-operatives. Technical and financial assistance is provided to develop safe, sustainable water and sewer infrastructure. Assistance for projects is based on a 2-tier system, as follows:

Tier 1. 50%Grant - Priority One: Projects with documented public health or environmental problems.
50%Grant - Priority Two: Projects with economic benefit to Manitoba and the Municipality.

Tier 2. 30%Grant - Priority Three: Projects which are primary local improvement in nature.

MWSB will consider an additional Provincial grant to a maximum of 10% for accepted projects constructed north of the 53rd parallel. MWSB does not assist with infrastructure development to new subdivisions and/or cottage developments

PLANNING PROCESS

1. Municipalities forward a request, by resolution for a project to be considered by MWSB.
2. MWSB will prioritize the project requests.
3. In instances where projects are not well defined, MWSB may work with the Municipalities to conduct an engineering feasibility study to determine the “best sustainable option”.
4. Once all funds have been identified for the project, MWSB will sign an agreement with the Municipality to:
 - begin the project planning and pre-design
 - obtain engineering services including detailed design, environmental assessment, licensing and construction supervision
 - call tenders, award and manage construction contracts
 - provide technical support during a one year warranty after the project has been completed



Melita Water Treatment Plant

INFORMATION

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