



**Alberta Capital Region  
Wastewater Commission**

**On Friday, August 18, 2023 during a heavy rainfall event, a forcemain pipe in the area east of Ray Gibbon Drive on the north side of the Anthony Henday, west of 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue was damaged.**

**Staff from the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission and the City of St. Albert were quickly on scene. The wastewater flows have been contained and vacuum trucks are working to de-water and recondition the area.**

**In order to complete the required repairs, in collaboration with EPCOR we will be doing a pump around of the wastewater from the Parkland Pump Station to Hawks Ridge. This will enable crews to access and repair the damaged area as quickly as possible.**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Who is the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission (ACRWC)?**

The fourth-largest treatment facility in Alberta, our plant meets the wastewater and sewage needs of an estimated 330,000 residents within 13 municipalities in the Capital Region each day. This includes both the City of St. Albert and Parkland County. The wastewater is treated to remove and reduce contaminants, allowing it to then be released as clean water into the North Saskatchewan River.

We are a not-for-profit organization that is funded through user rates of the residents of the member municipalities. ACRWC also has a joint servicing agreement with EPCOR that covers all areas of the Capital Region to ensure the most collaborative, effective, and efficient provision of wastewater treatment services.

### **What happened and where?**

There are over 200 kms of underground pipelines that transfer regional wastewater to the ACRWC plant in Fort Saskatchewan. In this event, there was a break in the pipe north of the Anthony Henday, between 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Ray Gibbon Drive.

### **How will this inconvenience area residents and businesses?**

The ACRWC has a comprehensive response plan to address incidents such as this. Upon confirmation of the issue and in accordance with this plan, staff were quickly on scene to minimize impact. Through our collaborative agreement with EPCOR, we will divert wastewater from the Parkland County Pump House to the nearby EPCOR-operated Hawks Ridge system. This will allow the repair crew safe access for a quick repair of the issue.

While repair work is underway, area businesses and residents can expect increased construction traffic in the area and there may be some increased noise from the machinery, however it will be in compliance with all bylaws and regulations.

### **Is this related to the spill that happened at Big Lake in December, and will it impact Big Lake?**

This situation happened nearly 2 kilometers east of Big Lake; it is not related to the previous spill and there is no risk posed to the lake. The pump around to Hawks Ridge to enable repairs means that there will be equipment in the area of the Parkland Pump House, on the south shore of Big Lake.

### **How long will the repairs take?**

There are multiple conditions that will determine the length of time required to complete the repairs and we are still working out the specifics. The work will be completed and area remediated as quickly as possible.

### **Can area residents maintain their existing water usage?**

Yes, there are no impacts to area resident or business water use.

**Any further questions? Please email us at [info@acrwc.ab.ca](mailto:info@acrwc.ab.ca).**