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Dear Property Owner:

RE: Sewer service for properties in the Hall Road area

In November of 2006, City Utility staff hosted an information meeting to discuss the options available for property owners in your neighbourhood to obtain sewer service. We explained the "Local Area Service" process that we use to install utility services in existing neighbourhoods and outlined the different options available to the owners, along with the anticipated timelines and potential cost of the project. We had an informative "question and answer session" and then spent some time addressing individual concerns of area residents.

We then mailed out a letter to all affected property owners outlining the estimated costs of this project, and polling owners to determine if and how we should proceed. We asked the owners to advise us of their preference on the following 3 options:

1. Proceed with the sewer installation project right away, at full cost (\$28,700 in 2007\$).
2. Proceed only if Federal and/or Provincial Grants are available to reduce the costs.
3. Do not proceed any further... not interested at this time.

We received responses from 206 owners (approximately 60%) of the 347 affected properties, and the results of the poll were as follows:

- 5 Owners chose Option 1 (Proceeding at full cost).
- 127 Owners chose Option 2 (only proceeding if a Grant is obtained)
- 74 Owners chose Option 3 (not interested)

The response indicated the majority of owners were interested in obtaining sewer service only if a Grant was obtained to reduce the costs, so the City applied for a Grant under the current program (the Canada/BC MRIF Grant program). This was done with the intent that if we did receive a Grant for your neighbourhood, you would then be given the opportunity to vote on whether you wanted to proceed with the project or not.

We just received a letter from the Province that we did not obtain a Grant from this program, and therefore we will not be proceeding with a sewer project in the near future. We will watch for new Grant programs, and when the opportunity arises, we will again apply for funding assistance for the Hall Rd. area sewer project. If and when we do obtain a Grant, we will involve all owners in determining whether we proceed with the sewer installation project or not.

This letter is to provide you with the current status of the project. No response is necessary.

Yours truly,

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