## Extension of Central Sewers

#### Information and Options for Property Owners



## What this meeting is about?

- Where are existing sewers in the Central Local Area Service?
- Who is currently paying for those sewers?
- Where will new sewers will be constructed?
- What are the options for property owners to connect to the new sewer?
- What does it cost to connect to sewers?
- How does the petition process work for property owners?
- What actions do you need to take?
- Questions? Suggestions?

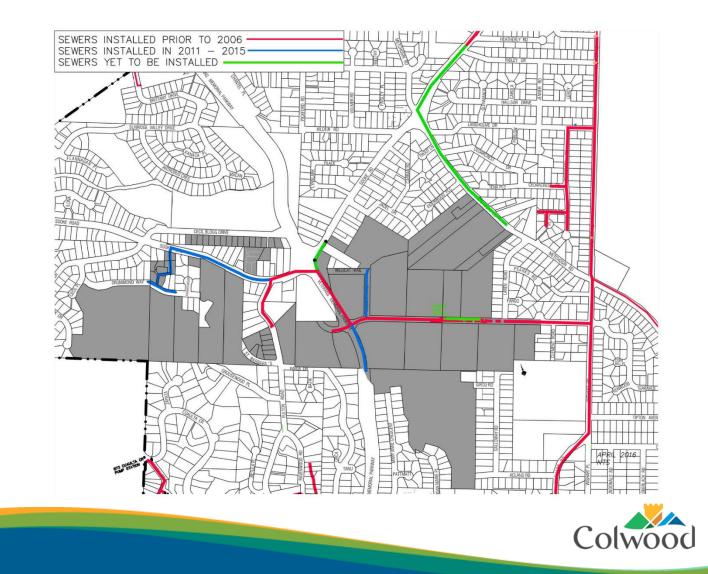


# Where are existing sewers in Central LAS and who is paying for them?

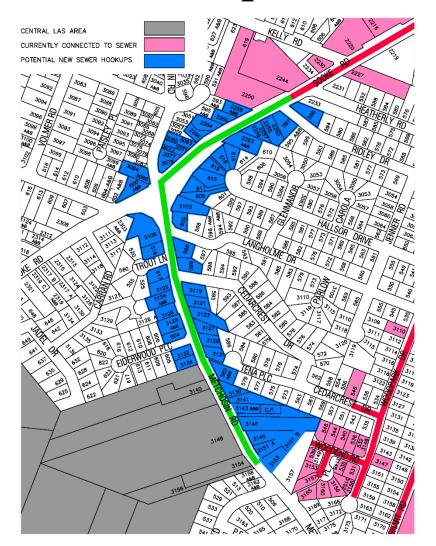




#### Where will new sewers be constructed?



#### The LAS Expansion Area





What are the options for property owners?

Property owners adjacent to the new sewer line will have the following options:

- If the petition goes ahead and property owners join the Central LAS, they will pay an annual sewer tax of about \$500, and may decide to connect to sewers immediately or at some point in the future.
- 2. If the petition process does not go ahead and property owners do not join the Central LAS, then owners will not be able to connect to sewers without a further petition process, and will not be charged for anything.



### What does it cost to connect to sewers?

- \$9100 is the typical cost for the City to create a connection from the sewer to the property line.
- \$3000 \$5000 is the usual cost for a homeowner to connect from the property line to their home and decommission their septic system.
- If the City knows all properties will be signing on, connections to properties may be built when the sewer is constructed, which may result in savings.



## The Petition Process

- You will receive a letter with the legally required information to start the petition process.
- The City must also advertise the petition in the local newspaper at the same time.
- You will have a 30 day deadline for responding to petition.
- All properties owners informed of result by letter.
- The annual sewer costs of about \$500 will be added to property taxes starting 2017.



## What actions do you need to take?

- The City will send a letter petitioning you to join the Central Local Area Service for sewers.
- If you DO NOT want to be part of this sign petition to say NO.
- If you DO want to be part of this you do not need to do anything.
- Everyone is in or everyone is out.
- Majority decides.



## **Public Participation**

• Any questions?

• Any suggestions?





## Think of something later?

- Any questions, suggestions or comments?
- Phone Nora Brooks at 250 478 5053 Local 124
- Email at <u>engineering@colwood.ca</u>
- Set up a meeting with City Engineer.
- Staff are willing to attend small meetings of neighbours.

