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**BRALORNE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

***Please note:** Some of the questions below were raised during the April 23, 2019 public information meeting in Bralorne, B.C.*

**If this AAP fails can we do another referendum?**

No.

There is not enough time to do a referendum and be able to start construction this summer because of the timing involved to run a referendum and the small window to do all the work and meet the grant deadline of December 31, 2019. Also, we need to provide notice to proceed to our construction contractor by early June as per our contract with them in order to preserve existing costing.

**We have paid over \$300 per year in sewer taxes why wasn't there enough money to cover the costs considering the number of years we have been paying?**

The annual tax requisitions have covered the cost of repairs and maintenance and some put aside for reserves. All reserves on hand, in the amount of \$60,000, have already been put towards this project.

While the amount of taxes per year is currently \$346.22 in 2019 (\$285.28 in 2018), this amount was lower in past years. .

**If the AAP is approved will the SLRD be actively looking for grant money that could be used to pay off the short term loan if awarded within the 5 years?**

No.

Grant programs generally do not reimburse for work that has already been completed and paid for, and there is no time to apply for an additional grant before the work has to be started.

The SLRD must provide notice to the construction contractor by early June so that it is able to complete the remaining work by the grant deadline date of December 31, 2019.

This project has already received almost \$2 million in federal and provincial grant funding.

### **Can we pay the short term loan amounts for each household upfront?**

The SLRD is exploring whether it is feasible to offer a prepayment option in these circumstances (this will need to be confirmed with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) and if there is, the SLRD would determine what the threshold is as far as the minimum numbers of owners that would have to opt in before the SLRD would be able to implement a prepayment option (i.e. 1/3 of property owners).

### **What is the 5.25% amount and is it a tax or an administration fee and can we avoid it?**

This is a mandatory administrative fee that the Province charges in respect of the taxes it collects on behalf of electoral area services, payment of which cannot be prevented. The SLRD is obliged to pass this along to property owners.

### **What is the life expectancy of the current (old) sewer system?**

As per the 2015 “Bralorne Community Sewer System assessment Study” the complete collection system requires replacement. The existing infrastructure after being in service for over 80 years is beyond the service life normally accepted for vitrified clay sewer mains.

### **We heard that the mine could sometime in the future be expanding operations and housing up to 200 people. Would they be tying into the new system and who would be paying for any expansions?**

If the mine wishes to tie into the system at some point in the future, it will be responsible for all costs associated with a proposed expansion.

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For additional information regarding this project, visit: [www.slrd.bc.ca/BralorneSewer](http://www.slrd.bc.ca/BralorneSewer)

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