

A scenic photograph of a river flowing through a lush, green landscape. The water is calm and reflects the surrounding trees and sky. The banks are covered in dense vegetation, and a rocky shoreline is visible in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

# GOLD BAR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT COMMUNITY UPDATE

**December 2019**

It's been a busy year at the Gold Bar Wastewater Treatment Plant (GBWWTP). In addition to safely treating wastewater before returning it to the North Saskatchewan River, we also collaborated with the surrounding community on several important initiatives such as the Gold Bar Community Engagement Framework and Design Principles created to guide future development within our existing fenceline. Thank you to those who provided us with feedback about operations and future development at the GBWWTP.

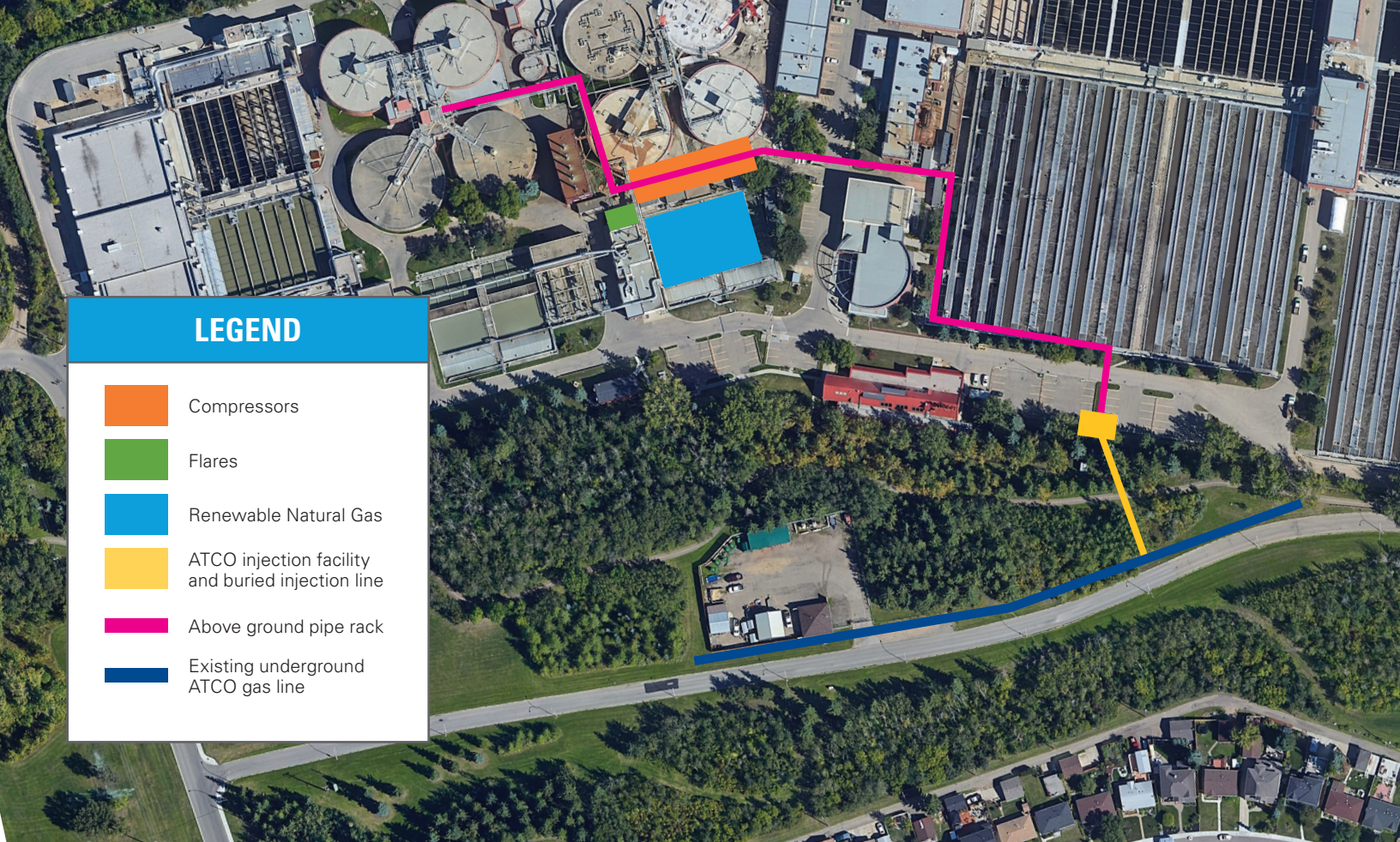
In September 2019 we distributed a Gold Bar Wastewater Treatment Plant (GBWWTP) community newsletter that included information regarding EPCOR's commitments to Edmontonians, the South

Edmonton Sanitary Sewer (SESS) line, GBWWTP Long-Term Plan (Integrated Resource Plan) and several projects planned within our existing fenceline.

**In this newsletter we are providing:**

- Additional information about the planned above ground pipe rack project referenced in the September community newsletter.
- An update regarding the governance of regional planning decisions in the Edmonton area.
- The events we hosted and participated in to connect with the community over the year.
- A new contact number should you have odour-related questions or concerns related to the GBWWTP.





## PIPE RACK PROJECT

As mentioned in our September 2019 community newsletter, EPCOR's Integrated Resource Plan for the GBWWTP has identified that an above ground pipe rack network is required to allow for the relocation of existing piping, heating lines, some electrical circuits and control communications out of the tunnels. The relocation of this infrastructure out of underground tunnels will reduce maintenance costs and facilitate compliance with all applicable building and fire codes.

EPCOR anticipates that approximately 24 trees will need to be removed from within the existing fenceline to accommodate the project. In an effort to minimize the impact to the area, the amount of vegetation removal required for the project has been reduced to the extent possible. Trees located along the perimeter of the fenceline will not be impacted. The project will not impact any watercourses, wetlands or other waterbodies.

In alignment with our Shared Outcomes and Design Principles, the trees that must be removed for the installation of the pipe racks will be replaced elsewhere. This provides an opportunity for EPCOR to engage with the community on the future Landscaping Master Plan for the GBWWTP facility. EPCOR will be looking to engage with the public on the following topics:

- Where to replace trees removed from within the existing fenceline.
- Important sight lines from surrounding neighbourhoods and paths.
- Specific species EPCOR should plant on site in the future.
- Proposed future locations for planting vegetation beds on site.

For further information about the Pipe Rack Project or to add your name to a sign-up sheet for future engagement opportunities to discuss EPCOR's Landscaping Master Plan, please contact us at:

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# CITY OF EDMONTON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Sanitary Servicing Strategy Fund (SSSF) is a long-range servicing plan and funding strategy to provide sanitary servicing for the City of Edmonton over the next 75 years. The SSSF Oversight Committee has been designated by the City of Edmonton to determine how sewage volumes are handled in the city.

The SSSF Oversight Committee is chaired by the City of Edmonton and is made up of representatives from EPCOR and the private development industry. On September 30, City Administration brought forward several governance options regarding how this

Committee would engage with Edmontonians and make regional planning decisions to the City of Edmonton Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee passed a motion directing City Administration to:

- Work with stakeholders to provide more clarity about what decisions would be presented for information and public input at Utility Committee and what decisions would be recommended to City Council for final approval;
- Confirm transparency protocols; and
- Determine a process to re-examine previous decisions regarding infrastructure required to accommodate regional flows.

EPCOR will be one of the stakeholders working with the City of Edmonton to respond to the motion passed by Executive Committee.





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Over the summer we attended community events in the neighborhoods surrounding the GBWWTP. We attended a Family Fun Night in Gold Bar Park, Highlandia, Beverly Heights Community Day, Gold Bar Pop-up Open Houses and most recently the Greater Hardisty Family Fun Day.

On September 7, 2019 we also hosted our first Annual Gold Bar Community BBQ in Capilano Park.

During the BBQ, EPCOR:

- Handed out our award winning water;
- Provided GBWWTP project fact sheets;
- Educated participants by walking them through the water cycle at our watershed table; and
- Offered an opportunity to relax in the water lounge as our guest with food and refreshments from the Smokehouse BBQ food truck.

Throughout the day we hosted over 300 residents and park users at the event. We look forward to hosting the community BBQ again next year! A big thank you to the residents who interacted with us at these events this summer.



# COMMUNITY SURVEY

EPCOR values the relationships we have with the communities we serve and are part of. Although we hosted a series of community engagement events this summer, we wanted to offer residents an additional chance to provide feedback regarding operations of the GBWWTP. Beginning in December, a third-party research firm will be conducting a survey among households surrounding the GBWWTP via phone and/or an online survey. Thank you in advance to those who participate. The feedback provided will guide operations and our long-term planning decisions at the facility.

# ODOUR REPORTING

As of December 1, 2019, customers who have questions about odours or would like to report odours coming from the plant should contact EPCOR directly at **780-412-4500** instead of calling 311.

