



On July 31, the City of Winnipeg responded to Manitoba Sustainable Development's request for a revised plan for upgrades to the North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC). This submission was to include "interim implementation options to expediate phosphorus removal."

City officials say they will not be pursuing any interim solutions for phosphorus reduction. Reach out to your city councillor with a letter or email and let them know that inaction is unacceptable.

Key points:

- Excess phosphorus is causing potentially harmful algae blooms on Lake Winnipeg.
- The NEWPCC is the single largest point source of phosphorus to the lake, releasing an average of 600 kilograms of phosphorus every day. This greatly exceeds the phosphorus limits prescribed in the plant's provincial operating licence.
- The city's current construction plan continues to delay phosphorus removal until 2035.

Here's an example of an effective letter you could send to your city councillor:

"I live in your ward and am reaching out today on an issue that matters deeply to me: the impact of the North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC) on the health of Lake Winnipeg.

I am greatly troubled to know that our city's under-treated sewage pollution is the single largest point source of phosphorus to Lake Winnipeg. Excess phosphorus is causing potentially harmful algae blooms on Lake Winnipeg, the 10th largest freshwater lake in the world. I own a cottage on this beautiful lake and have seen firsthand the algae blooms that plague its waters every summer.

I understand you have decided not to pursue any interim implementation options to expediate phosphorus removal – even though you were explicitly asked to do so by the provincial government. I also know current plans to upgrade the NEWPCC have delayed phosphorus removal until 2035.

Inaction is unacceptable to me.

As your constituent, I ask you to immediately implement phosphorus-reduction technology at the NEWPCC to improve the health of Lake Winnipeg.

Please reply to let me know where you stand on this issue.

*Sincerely,
Your name"*

Remember to customize your comment as much as possible, and aim to be clear and concise with your message.