



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **COUNTY BENEFITS FROM PROVINCE, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE BOOST**

**ANNAPOLIS CO.** –The Municipality of the County of Annapolis will be receiving substantial funding for a project to extend municipal sewage services to residents in Deep Brook.

“This is great news,” said Annapolis County Warden Peter Newton. “These funds will allow the municipality to move ahead with Phase I of the Deep Brook Sewage Collection System. This project will extend the municipal sewage collection service to more than 75 properties, and 85 homes and businesses in the central part of the community of Deep Brook.”

The total cost of this project is \$1,083,200, but with the funds being provided through a partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia and Federal Government, the County will only have to pay one-sixth of the total cost. One third of the cost will be borne by the Province and one third by the Federal Government through the Canada-Nova Scotia Building Canada Fund. One sixth of the cost will be covered using monies provided to the Municipality through the Federal Gas Tax Agreement.

In addition to extending the sewage service to residents in the Deep Brook area, this project will also give the County an opportunity to undertake an aggressive program to rally round the clam harvest industry.

Deep Brook is located on the shore of the Annapolis Basin, which is home to the richest clam harvest in Canada. The homes and businesses in the community use private on-site waste water disposal systems, and there have been reports of systems malfunctions in recent years. In the past, this has caused interruption to the clam harvesting industry by possible sewage contamination of the harvest area. The County initiative will reduce clam harvest risks by minimizing any potential discharge of under-treated waste water into the Basin.

“This project allows the County to target two important issues,” said Warden Newton. “We will be having a positive, environmental impact to the area; and we will be addressing a need that has been expressed by the residents in that community.”

In 2008, the County conducted a formal survey of residents within the Deep Brook area. In the central part of the community 55% responded to the survey, with 96% of the respondents expressing an interest in connecting to a municipal sewer.

“We (the County) have historically provided services to our residents where both the need and the interest were apparent. This project is another example of how we listen to our residents and try our best to provide them with the services they want,” remarked Warden Newton. Annapolis County presently operates eight municipal sewage collection systems throughout the region.

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