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On October 22, 2010 the Peterborough Wastewater Treatment Facility was granted approval by the Ministry of the Environment for additional capacity to treat an average daily flow of 68,200 cubic meters per day. This is an increase from the existing approval level of 60,000 cubic meters per day.

The increased wastewater treatment capacity will allow the plant to handle the City's residential and industrial growth well into the next decade. The additional 8,200 cubic meters per day can support an increase in population size of approximately 17,000 people. In 2004 City council approved the \$15 million, multi-year project, funded through sanitary surcharge and the development charge fund.

"This is a major achievement for the City that will have a positive influence on everyone in the community, not only for future growth but also for a better environment." commented Pat Devlin, Manager, Environmental Protection Division.

The Ministry of the Environment approval is a direct result of the most recent plant upgrades and expansion. Construction of the expansion began in October 2006 and was completed in the summer of 2009. Immediately following the expansion, the Peterborough Wastewater Treatment Facility underwent a rigorous plant process audit to ensure the facility could properly treat the increased capacity to a higher environmental standard.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca.

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