

#### Wastewater System Assessment Treatment Option Review

Wabaseemoong Independent Nations

#### **Process**

- Consult with the First Nation to help identify the First Nation's goals, vision and priorities
- Inspect existing wastewater treatment plant
- Review Community's Year 20 project population and wastewater loads
- Review any existing community development plans
- Review treatment solution options

## **Process (Continued)**

- Review local land use, topography and any environmental considerations
- Create a draft report to present to the First Nation for review and comments
- Present treatment options to the Community
- Revise and finalize the report based on comments received from the Community

## **Current Lift Station Upgrades**

- Upgrades to the sewage pumping stations are currently underway
- Contractors will be working in the community throughout the fall and early winter
- Upgrades are expected to be completed by June 2023



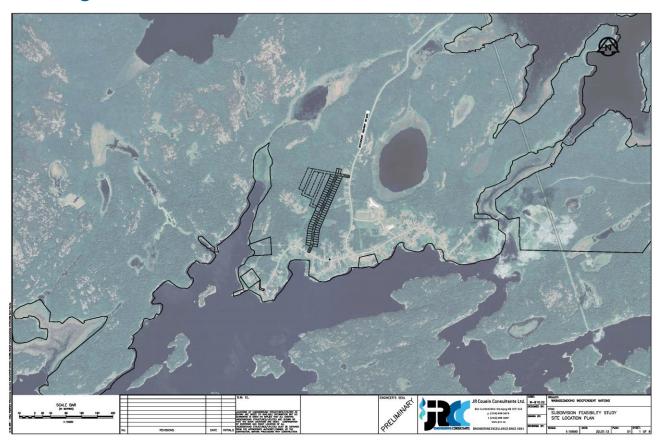


## **Population Projection**

- Historical population data from 1990 to 2021 was reviewed
- Current population in WIN is 1,098
- Future growth, based on past population growth was estimated at 1.12% per year
- The projected on-Reserve population in 2044 (Year 20) is 1,419 people.

## **Future Community Development**

 Future residential growth in the community is expected to be to the west of the main road to the community.



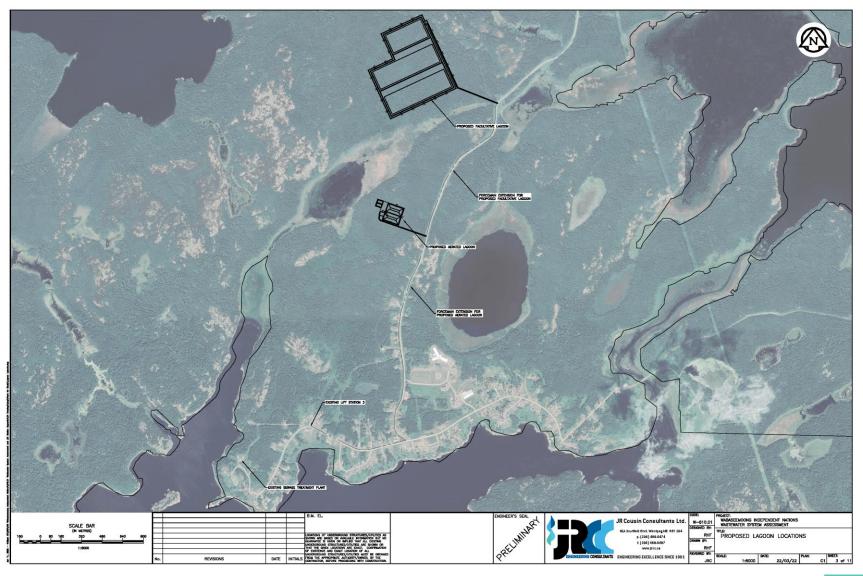
## **Existing Wastewater Treatment**

- Existing plant has two rotating biological contactors (RBC) and indoor and outdoor clarifiers for settling solids in wastewater
- Several components are not in good condition and require repairs or replacement
- Currently meets applicable effluent guidelines and has capacity for future population growth

## **Future Treatment Options**

- Facultative Lagoon
- Aerated Lagoon
- New Mechanical Treatment Plant
- Upgrade Existing Mechanical Treatment Plant

## **Future Treatment Options**



# Facultative Lagoon

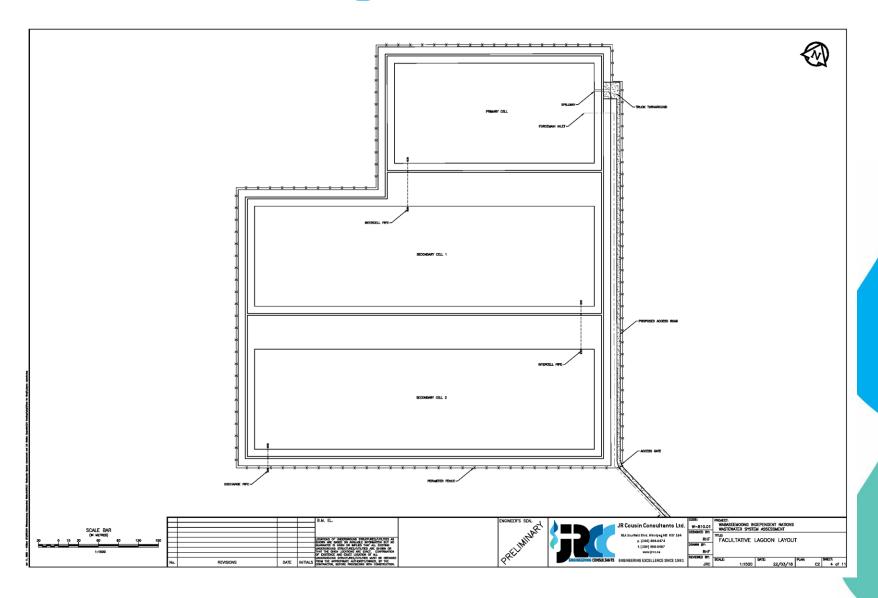








## **Facultative Lagoon**



## Facultative Lagoon

- System would have a multi-cell lagoon located at the north of the community
- Near an existing pumping station a chemical dosing building would be built to aid in phosphorus reduction
- Advantages
  - Less daily involvement for operator, only need to check on chemical dosing building
  - Low annual operation and maintenance costs
  - Low risk to environment in case of power failure
- Disadvantages
  - Very large footprint, uses up a lot of land
  - Would require additional piping to the new site
  - Would require a chemical dosing building in the community
  - Attract waterfowl to the area
  - Should not be close to an airfield

# **Aerated Lagoon**

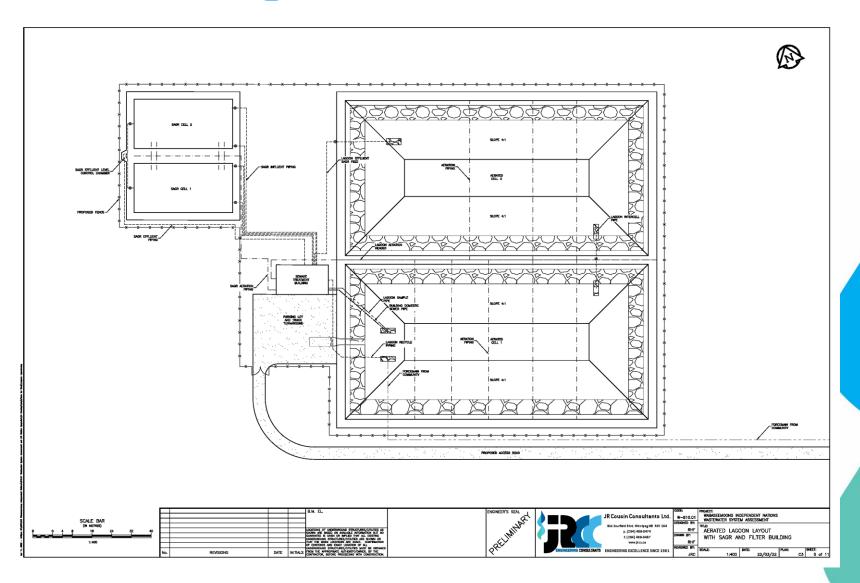








# **Aerated Lagoon**



## **Aerated Lagoon**

 System would have two aerated cells, two submerged attached growth reactor (SAGR) cells, and a building with filters, pumps, and chemical dosing equipment

#### Advantages

- Lower operational complexity and operating costs compared to a mechanical plant
- Smaller footprint than facultative lagoon
- Less odor than a facultative lagoon
- Low risk to environment in case of power failure

#### Disadvantages

- Requires larger footprint than a mechanical plant
- Slightly higher operational complexity and higher operations and maintenance costs compared to a facultative lagoon

#### **New Mechanical Treatment Plant**

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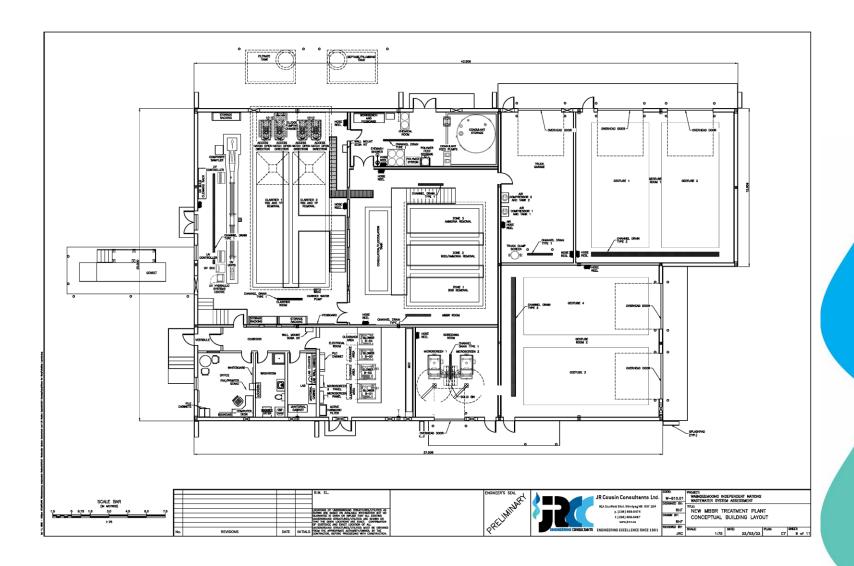






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#### **New Mechanical Treatment Plant**



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- Proposed plant would have moving bed biofilm reactors (MBBR) and indoor clarifiers and sludge storage
- Advantages
  - Small footprint
  - Could be built adjacent to the site of the existing plant
- Disadvantages
  - Higher annual operating costs than a facultative or aerated lagoon
  - Requires additional chemical dosing and more equipment maintenance
  - In case of equipment failure, potential for partially treated sewage to be released to the environment

## **Upgrade Existing Mechanical Plant**

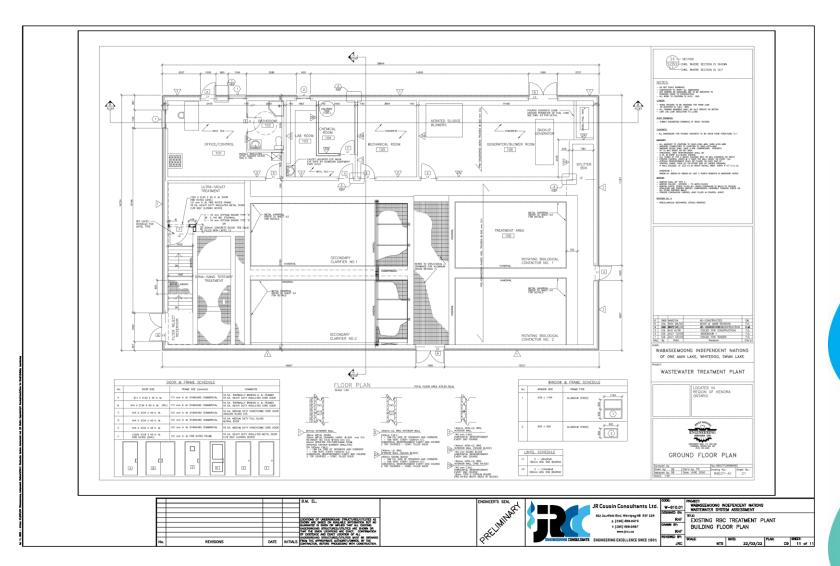








# **Upgrade Existing Mechanical Plant**



## **Upgrade Existing Mechanical Plant**

- Existing plant has two rotating biological contactors, indoor and outdoor clarifiers, and filters
- Advantages
  - Re-uses the existing building
  - Operators have experience with the treatment system
- Disadvantages
  - Higher annual operating costs than a facultative, aerated lagoon, or a new mechanical plant
  - Requires significant daily operator involvement for running the facility as it is a complex treatment process
  - Requires additional chemical dosing and more equipment maintenance
  - In case of equipment failure, potential for partially treated sewage to be released to the environment

## Questions?

