



The Corporation of the TOWN OF FORT ERIE

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Resident Notice

Wastewater Lateral Lining Program – Resident Information and waiver

June 2026

Important Information about Wastewater Lateral Lining Program

Dear Resident,

The Town of Fort Erie is undertaking an innovative **Wastewater Lateral Lining Program** to rehabilitate aging sanitary sewer service pipes and extend their life. This trenchless process means that work can be done without digging up streets, sidewalks, or driveways, minimizing disruption for residents.

The program is being delivered by **Liquiforce**, an Ontario-based contractor with extensive experience in this technology in Hamilton, Toronto, and other municipalities across Canada.

Why this program is important

Many wastewater service pipes (*the sewer pipe from your house to the road*) in Fort Erie are aging and may be affected by tree root intrusion, groundwater infiltration, and general deterioration. These conditions increase the risk of sewage backups, basement flooding, and costly emergency repairs. By lining pipes with a cured-in-place liner (CIPP), the Town can:

- Reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I) into the sewer system, lowering treatment costs.
- Extend the life of existing pipes.
- Improve system reliability with less disruption than traditional dig-and-replace methods.

How the work will take place

The program involves four phases, all completed using access from maintenance holes:

- **Assessment Phase** – Crews insert cameras to inspect and record pipe conditions.
- **Prep Phase** – Crews clean the pipes to prepare for the liner.
- **Liner Phase** – A cured-in-place liner is installed inside the existing pipe.
- **Final Assessment Phase** – Crews re-inspect to confirm the liner installation is successful.

The Town will line its portion of the wastewater service lateral, from the **main sewer to your property line**, and in most cases will extend the liner onto the **private portion of the lateral, at no cost to the homeowner**. This approach was approved by Town Council to maximize I&I reduction and overall cost savings. If your private lateral is already PVC or ABS plastic and in good condition, a liner will not be installed.

What residents need to know

- **Service interruption:** If Liquiforce requires you to stop using water during installation, you will be notified in person **30 minutes before work begins**. The service interruption typically lasts **about three hours**. During this time, please DO NOT:
 - Run taps, showers, or bathtubs
 - Flush toilets
 - Run dishwashers or washing machines
- **Avoid sewer backup:** Using water during installation could cause a sewer backup in your home.
- **Odours:** You may notice temporary odours (plastic or glue-like) while the liner cures. These should fade quickly. If you have asthma or respiratory sensitivities, you may wish to avoid being home during this time.
- **Before work begins:** Please pour about **four litres of water** into all floor drains, laundry tubs, bathtubs, and shower drains. This helps seal traps and minimize the chance of odours entering your home.
- **After installation:** Liquiforce will notify you once your service is restored. A video inspection will also be completed both immediately after and near the end of the **one-year maintenance period**, during which the Town is responsible for any issues. After this maintenance period, ownership and responsibility for the private portion of the lateral returns to the property owner.
- **Sump pumps and connections:** If you suspect a sump pump, downspout, or foundation drain in your home may discharge into the sanitary sewer, please notify Liquiforce before work begins so a temporary bypass can be arranged. This prevents possible basement flooding during installation.

What residents need to do now

- Please review the attached **Waiver and Release Form**.
- Sign and return the form to the Town of Fort Erie by **[Friday, June 26, 2026]** (drop-off at Town Hall).
- Ensure drains in your home are filled with water before work begins, and follow all instructions provided by crews on-site.

Questions?

We understand this work may cause some temporary inconvenience, but it represents an important investment in protecting your property and our community's infrastructure.

For more information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
Hereinafter referred to as the "Town"

WAIVER AND RELEASE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

WHEREAS the Town is implementing its Wastewater Lateral Rehabilitation Program to complete rehabilitation work to address infiltration from sanitary sewer laterals ("Work"); and

WHEREAS the Work will include rehabilitating both municipally owned and privately owned wastewater service laterals located on or nearby private property;

I, _____ (*property owner name*), hereby consent to the Town and/or its contractor(s) to perform the Work located at _____ ("Property").

In consideration of the Town and/or its contractor(s) performing the Work, I hereby agree as follows:

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE that as the Property owner, I am the owner of the wastewater service laterals contained on the Property and that I am responsible for the operation and maintenance of the wastewater service laterals on the Property;

I HEREBY PERMIT the Town and/or its contractor(s) to enter the Property to complete the Work, which includes rehabilitating the wastewater service laterals contained on the Property and owned by me;

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE that the Town will bear the cost of the Work and acknowledge that the Town will not be responsible for any costs related to the maintenance, upkeep, or care of the Work.

I HEREBY AGREE to cooperate with the Town and/or its contractor(s) in performing the Work and agree to allow the Town and/or its contractor(s) to complete an inspection of the Property's internal plumbing;

I HEREBY AGREE to comply with the following requirements:

- (a) If the Property has a sump pump, the sump pump shall discharge to grade or into storm sewer;
- (b) Connections to the wastewater system will be redirected; and
- (c) All roof leaders and downspouts must discharge to grade and are not permitted to discharge to foundation drains.

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I acknowledge that I am the owner of the Property, I am at least 18 years old, and that I have read, understood and freely agreed to the above waiver prior to signing it and that I am aware that by signing this release of liability I am waving certain legal rights which I may have against the Town.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____