

Manor opens advanced water treatment plant



Member of Parliament, Ed Komarnicki (left), and MLA Dan D'Autremont (right), hold the ribbon for cutting by Manor Deputy Mayor Gerald King at a ceremony to officially open an advanced water treatment plant in the Village of Manor.

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It was a happy day on Mon., May 18, as the village of Manor held the grand opening of the new water treatment plant.

Village officials, Cannington MLA Dan D'Autremont, as well as Souris-Moose Mountain MP Ed Komarnicki were in attendance for the big day.

The new water treatment plant, the end result of a development project suggested three years previous, took a total of six months to build, and cost a total of \$442,280. The village was able to secure a joint federal/provincial infrastructure grant that covered two-thirds of the total cost.

The total project included an expansion of the existing water storage facilities from 22,000 imperial gallons, to 50,000 imperial gallons. As well, the state-of-the-art bio-filtration system, which uses no chemicals in its process, produces very little waste water and features a low maintenance requirement.

The system, the brainchild of Regina-based Mainstream Water Solutions, is a new application of existing technology, according to President and CEO Doug Price.

"The system is state-of-the-art, and visionary." Price explained, "But not in any one part. Rather it is the sum of the work, the way the pieces have been fit together for the system to work. It is a better way of applying and combining

technologies that were already available.”

“The federal government has made available access to grants for water and sewer systems, in an effort to provide sustained growth into the future.” said Komarnicki, following the unveiling, “Building Canada’s rural communities is a priority, and with an investment in infrastructure of \$33 billion over seven years promised by our government. Safe and clean water is a basic necessity of life, and the \$440,000 price tag would have been a heavy burden for a small community to bear on its own. These grants exist to help defuse the tax burden.”

“This new water treatment system, which is really state-of-the-art, shows the commitment to support the unprecedented growth that has been seen in the province over the last few years.” agreed D’Autremont, “Good, safe drinking water is important for all, and the grant’s availability allow for communities like Manor to grow, and supports the longevity of the community. The fact that this system is Saskatchewan-built, by a Saskatchewan company, was not something I was aware of at first. But it serves to showcase the talent and diversity of the businesses in the province.”

“We were happy to be able to move ahead with this project, after such a long time in planning.” said Manor Deputy Mayor Gerald King, “Safe water is very important, and the system is very technologically sound.”