

# *Core Water Main Project Open House*

## What is Happening?

The Town of Niverville is exploring the possibility of installing water mains in the core of town where there currently are none.

This project would take place over multiple years in different phases, and would also include installation of new fire hydrants.

## How Would I Be Affected?

As an affected ratepayer, this project would involve a **substantial increase** on your property tax bill, as well as potential **other costs** down the road if you decide to connect to the new water main.

## What are the Town's Thoughts?

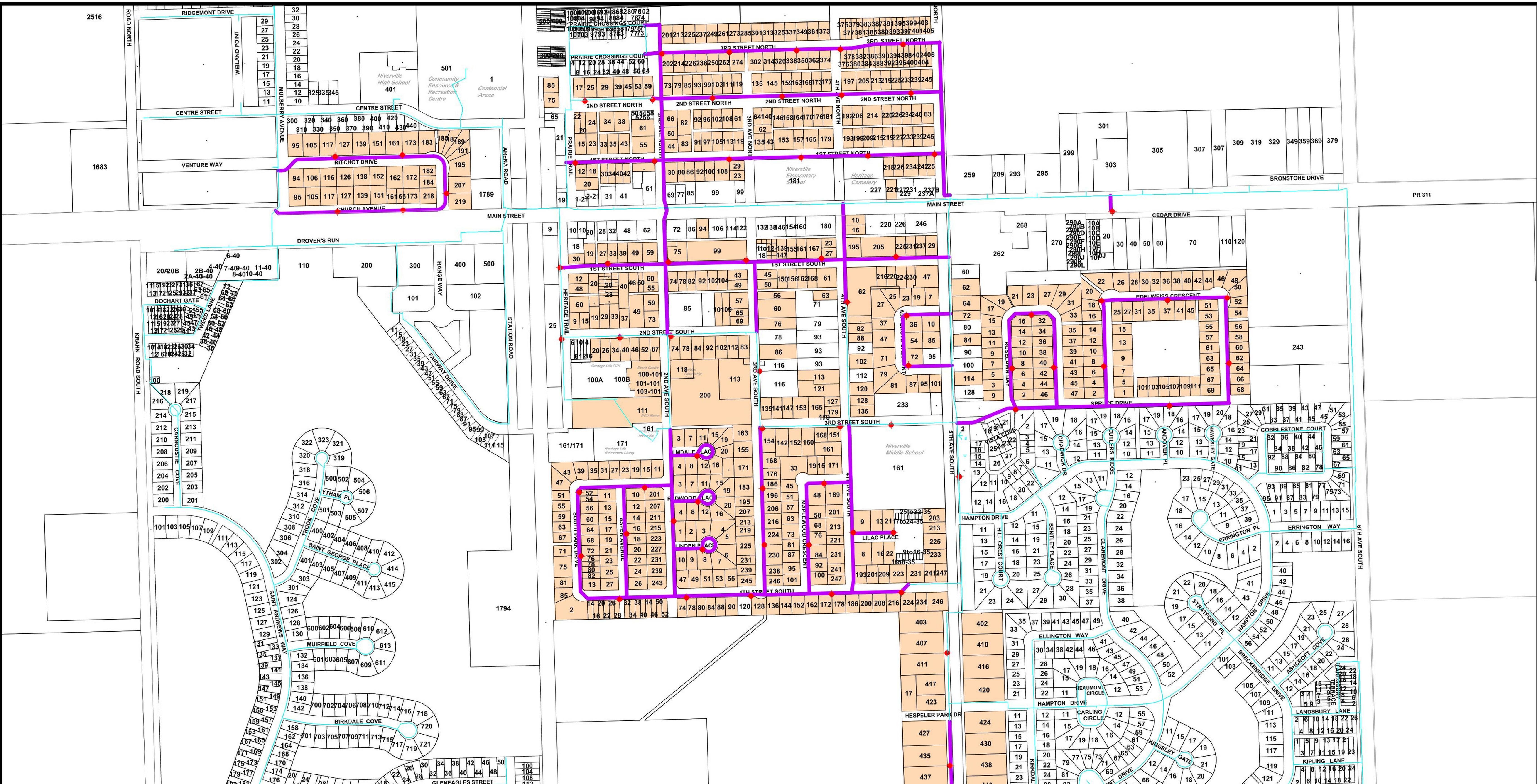
There is currently the potential for **50% of this proposed project to be funded by grants**. However, this proposed project is still **highly expensive and invasive**, and the Town of Niverville would like to see **substantial buy-in from affected ratepayers before moving forward**.

## What Do You Think?

The Town of Niverville wants to know what you think of this proposed project.

Please take some time to read all the provided materials and posters, ask some questions, and then **tell us how you feel about this proposed project**.





**LEGEND:**

-  PROPOSED WATERMAINS
-  PROPOSED HYDRANTS
-  PROPERTIES AFFECTED

# What Does This Map Mean?

This map lays out where current water mains are, where the proposed water mains would go, where proposed hydrants would go, and properties that would be affected by this proposed project.

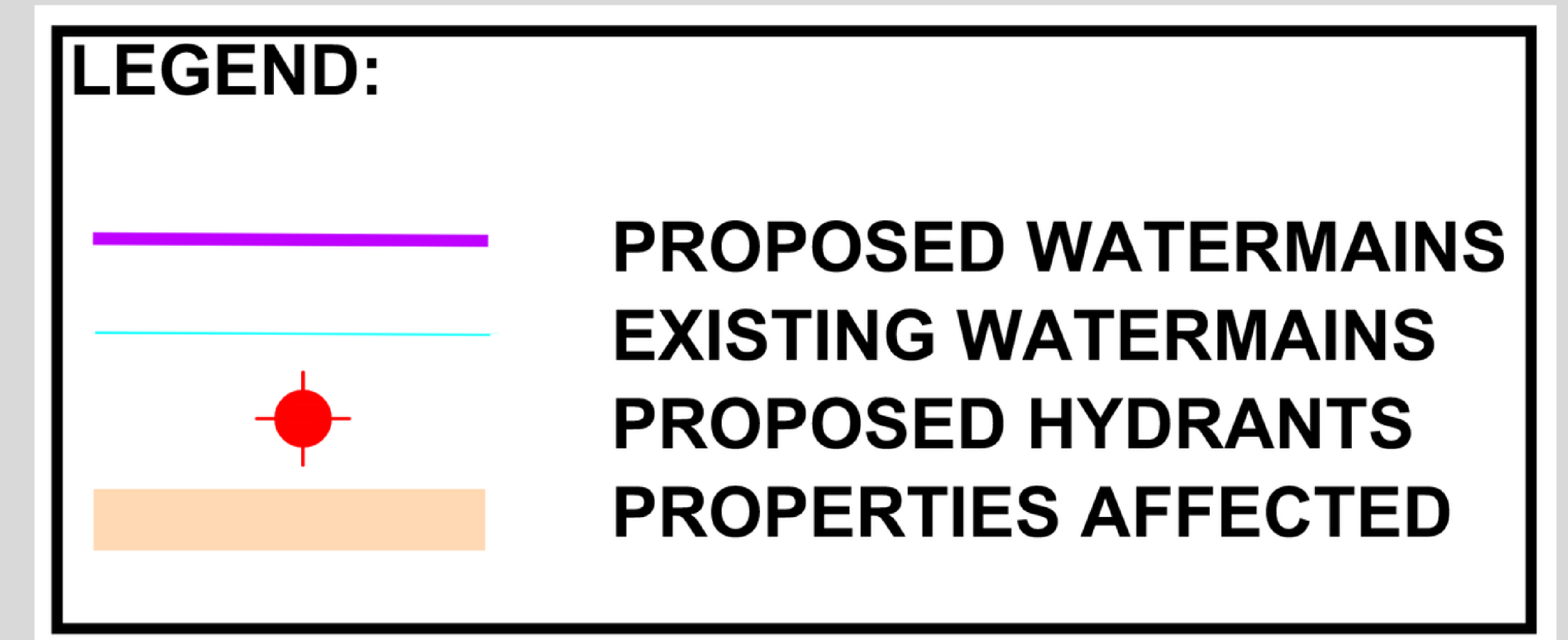
On the map, the purple lines describe where proposed water mains would be placed if this project were to go through. These lines may not be the exact geographical location of these proposed lines. They instead are a representation of which specific streets would have lines put in.

Light blue lines represent where current water mains exist.

Red dots represent where new fire hydrants would be placed along water mains.

The shaded areas on the map represent properties that would be potentially affected by this proposed project (you).

## Legend



What do you think? Do you think that the proposed water main and hydrant locations would adequately meet the needs of affected residents? Let us know in our survey.



# *What if There is a Water Main Already?*

As seen on the map, there are multiple properties that, while they may have water mains in front of their house, are not connected to municipal water. These properties would currently have to pay out of pocket to connect to municipal water if their well were to fail.

- Currently, that cost is \$101.23 a foot of frontage
- This does not include installation and contractor costs.
- This bill would have to be paid out of pocket, and in one go.

There are two cost benefits if this proposed project were to go forward:

1. 50% of cost would be covered by provincial grants
2. Payment would be in the form of an Local Improvement District (LID) Tax, spreading payment out over 10 years.

# *What Do You Think?*

As a ratepayer, which option would you prefer? Make sure to let us know by filling out the survey.



## *What Makes Town Water Safe?*

The Town of Niverville's water supply is required to meet or exceed Manitoba water quality standards. These standards include, for example:

- Regular testing for bacterial levels.
- Stringent parameters for water quality.
- Operators certified under the The Environmental Act's Water and Wastewater Facility Operators Regulations.
- Yearly publication of Public Water System Operation Report.
- That any significant alterations to water source, water treatment process, water storage facilities, or the water distribution system must be approved by Office of Drinking Water.
- And much more!

Learn more about our standards at the table here!

## *What Do You Think?*

What do you think about Town Water standards?

Please make sure to **let us know your thoughts** through our survey!



# Projected Cost Breakdown

	Large Lot	Average Lot	Small Lot	Apartment (per unit)
<b>Frontage (Feet)</b>	141	77	38	66
<b>Frontage Fee (10 year LID tax w/ interest)</b>	\$1200/year	\$650/year	\$325/year	\$50/year
<b>Water Service Installation &amp; Connection (Not immediately Required)</b>	\$25,000	\$16,000	\$13,000	\$3500

Combined Cost



NOTE: Costs are estimates only and dependent on many site specific factors, including current interest rates, and therefore are only meant to represent the approximate costs that could be incurred. **Frontage fees shown are after the 50% provincial funding has been applied.**

## What Do You Think?

How do you feel about these costs? Is this something that your household could afford?

Please make sure to **let us know your thoughts** on the projected cost breakdown through our survey!



## *Water Main Pros*

- **Hydrants for Fire Protection**
  - Potential reduction on house insurance for proximity to a fire hydrant
- **Connection to water main would be available should your well fail.**
- **Should you decide to connect:**
  - Improved water quality
    - fixtures typically last longer
    - reduced staining
    - safe drinking water
    - soft water
  - Reduced maintenance and cost for in house water system - no treatment system required
- **Up to 50% provincial funding for frontage fees currently available**

## *Water Main Cons*

- **Increased property tax bill** with Local Improvement District (LID) tax for the watermain installation
  - There would be potential options to pay outright
- **Disruption to residents during construction**
- **Initial cost to connect to Town water (should you choose to do so) and quarterly fee thereafter.**

## *What Do You Think?*

Do these reasons tell you that the Town should or should not be pursuing this project?



# *Pros of Town Water Explained*

There are many benefits to connecting to the Town water supply. Here are just a couple:

- Softer water:
  - This would mean the water coming out of your taps would be much less likely to stain your taps, toilets, showers and baths.
  - It also means that the water would be gentler and kinder on your water using appliances, such as your washing machine and dishwasher.
- High quality drinking water:
  - The Town's water is well managed and meets and exceeds Canadian water standards.
  - No need for a water softener.

There are a few drawbacks to town water, such as the need to pay a quarterly fee for water usage, and of course the initial hook up costs.

# *What Do You Think?*

Are the benefits of Town water good enough to outweigh the drawbacks? Why or why not? Make sure to let us know what you think by filling out our survey.





## *Additional Information*

There is also the possibility for a potentially affected resident to pay the cost of the frontage fee upfront, as opposed to over a 10 year period. This would also mean that this **payment would be interest free**, which is not the case for the 10 year plan. You can see the estimated cost of paying the frontage fee up front at the estimate calculator!

The Town of Niverville is also open to **the possibility of adding water mains block by block where potentially affected ratepayers are in favour of installation**. This would allow the Town of Niverville to still take advantage of the 50% grant available to us, and provide municipal water to affected residents in favour of it.

## *What Do You Think?*

How do you feel about paying the frontage fee upfront? How do you feel about the possibility of installing water mains block by block?

Please make sure to **let us know your thoughts** through our survey!



# *We Want to Hear Your Thoughts!*

Now that you have had the time to hear the important information, **we want to hear your thoughts!**

Please take some time to fill out the survey through the provided QR Code or through the physical version provided.

Please make sure to leave your name and contact information!

## Town Core Water Main Installation Survey

