



Water and Waste Department • Service des eaux et des déchets

## **Winnipeg—we'd like your feedback on how to limit combined sewers overflows!**

We invite you or a representative of your organization to attend a public meeting about the City of Winnipeg's Combined Sewer Overflow Master Plan. We are required to limit CSOs to meet provincial legislation.

**Dates:**           **Monday, September 14, 2015**  
                          **9 a.m. – 11 a.m. (presentation at 9:30 a.m.)**  
                          **Tuesday, September 15, 2015**  
                          **5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (presentation at 6 p.m.)**

**Place:**           **West End Cultural Centre, 586 Ellice Avenue**

Combined sewers are designed to carry household sewage, rainwater runoff and snowmelt in the same sewer pipe. Most of the time, combined sewers transport all of the wastewater to the City's sewage treatment plants, where it is treated and then discharged to our rivers.

However, during periods of heavy rainfall or snowmelt, the amount of wastewater in a combined sewer system can exceed its capacity. For this reason, combined sewer systems are designed to overflow occasionally and discharge excess wastewater directly to the river. This is known as a combined sewer overflow and it helps to prevent basement flooding. In Winnipeg, on average, this happens about 22 times a year in each sewer district.

The first 30 minutes of each session will be devoted to registration, followed by a 30 minute presentation on combined sewer overflow options. The final hour of each meeting will be devoted to a question and answer period, where residents and stakeholders can provide their opinions on which control options they prefer.

There are a range of options available. Each would entail significantly different costs and environmental impacts, and each would involve different levels of interruption to City services due to construction. Depending on the option chosen, controlling CSOs could be the largest and most expensive infrastructure project in Winnipeg's history.

If you plan to attend, please register in advance:

- call 311
- email [311@winnipeg.ca](mailto:311@winnipeg.ca)
- visit our website [wwdengage.winnipeg.ca/cso-mp/](http://wwdengage.winnipeg.ca/cso-mp/)

If you are unable to attend, provide comments before October 5, 2015 by:

- commenting on our website at [wwdengage.winnipeg.ca/cso-mp/](http://wwdengage.winnipeg.ca/cso-mp/)
- email at [wwdfeedback@winnipeg.ca](mailto:wwdfeedback@winnipeg.ca)
- mail to 1199 Pacific Ave, Winnipeg MB, R3E 3S8, Attention: CSO Master Plan

*For more information on combined sewers and public meetings, visit our website at [www.dengage.winnipeg.ca/cso-mp](http://www.dengage.winnipeg.ca/cso-mp)*