

## **KEN-TON BEE ARTICLE**

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### **Phase 3 of Parker Fries Interceptor Project About to Begin**

The long anticipated arrival of Spring also marks the beginning of the construction season. This year, the Town of Tonawanda's construction season will be highlighted by Phase 3 of the Parker Fries Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project. The Interceptor Project was divided into four phases due to its size, complexity, and cost. It is the largest and most expensive public works project in the Town since the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant in 1978. The four phases are scheduled to be completed within a seven year time frame at an estimated total cost of \$60 million.

The project was mandated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and is eligible for low-interest financing through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, (EFC). Grants and low interest/no interest loans from EFC are expected to save taxpayers millions on the long-term financing costs for all four phases of this project. The project will reduce the Town's sanitary sewer overflows, which occur during wet weather events. During those times, sanitary waste is channeled through storm sewers thereby preventing backup of sanitary waste into homes. The project will continue to prevent backups while resulting in cleaner waterways for this and future generations.

Phase 3 of the project will involve the replacement of more than 11,050 linear feet of sanitary sewer line. Large diameter sanitary sewer line will be installed on Parkhurst Blvd. beginning at Woodland Drive and extending south to Chelsea Street. Additional improvements will be made to some tributary lines along this route.

Phase 3 was designed and will be constructed under the watchful eye of CRA Infrastructure and Engineering who designed and oversaw construction of the first phases. The construction work was awarded to Yarussi Construction Inc., a local company from Niagara Falls, New York, for a total cost of \$9.8 million.

Construction is scheduled to begin in early April and most work will be completed this year. Restoration and paving will be completed in the Spring of 2015. The Town's Water Resources Department will continue to coordinate with the Town Highway Department, Police Department, and Ken-Ton School District to minimize disruption to Town residents during construction.

A public meeting for residents in the construction zone is scheduled to be held at Franklin Middle School on Parkhurst Blvd. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:00 in the auditorium. I invite you to attend the meeting to find out more about the project and the steps taken to minimize impacts to our citizenry during construction. I want to thank all of our residents for their patience, support, and help as we endure short-term disruptions for the long-term good of our Town. Thank you all!