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Board to help pay for sewer treatment

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The City of Vernon has landed a significant grant to assist with future growth.

The Okanagan Basin Water Board has provided the city with \$118,234 a year for debt payments on a 25-year loan for construction of the sewer treatment plant. It also received a lump-sum award of \$236,469 for payments for the two previous years.

OBWB grants help cover the costs of water treatment in older neighborhoods that were built before communities recouped such expenses with development cost charges.

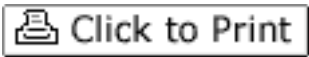
“It is hard to believe now, but in the 1960s and ‘70s, pollution from poorly-treated sewage was causing major algae blooms and fouling beaches,” said Anna Warwick Sears, OBWB’s executive director.

“The OBWB grants have given that extra incentive for communities to invest in water clean-up, and the results have been excellent.”

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