WHY DO WE NEED RATE INCREASES?

***Why are rates higher than in the Metropolitan Area or Duluth?***  *Dense population compared to a more rural area. The Sewer District has 12 miles of sewer line to maintain as well as 14 lift stations with only so much customer base to cover those costs. The Moose Lake Windemere Area Sanitary Sewer District user rate has not been increased since 2014.*

***Why do seasonal home or cabin owners pay the user fee year round?***

*The District needs to maintain our sewer lines and lift stations year round whether individuals are in the home or not. Also, the customers on our line are not metered. Installing meters on homes would be extremely costly and only add additional fees for maintenance, etc. Because the homes are not metered, the District has no way of knowing if a person is occupying the home or not, therefore an across the board rate was established for each user on the system, seasonal or full time.*

***Aging Infrastructure***

*The MLWSSD’s municipal sanitary sewer was installed back in the late 70’s with the help of some grant funding as well as special assessments. Since that time, the District has replaced several of the lift stations, sections of piping, etc. and continue to do improvements to keep a well maintained and running municipal sewer system.*