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Media Release

On November 8th, 2016, Town Council received an update on the status of the Urban Centre Wastewater Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Erin Village and Hillsburgh. The following are some of the key tasks that have been completed by the project team to date:

- Topographical surveys to support detailed analysis of the proposed sewage collection system
- Documentation and analysis of data related to the existing septic systems
- Updating of the West Credit River Assimilative Capacity Study (ACS) including assessment of river low flow conditions and field work and analysis to determine the amount and quality of effluent (treated sewage from a treatment plant) that can be safely discharged to the river
- Evaluation of potential wastewater flows from existing development and new growth areas

Council heard that the river has the capacity to accommodate treated effluent to service the majority of the existing urban centres of Erin and Hillsburgh; allow for a full build-out of Erin Village and Hillsburgh as provided within the existing Official Plan and limited septage servicing of our rural areas. This amount of sewage servicing would permit the urban centres to grow to a residential population of approximately 14,500 as well as accommodate institutional, commercial and industrial development.

This level of population/development growth is based strictly on an engineering/technical perspective related to the amount of treated wastewater effluent the West Credit River can accommodate. Currently, the Town of Erin and Wellington County Official Plans do not include this substantial increase in population. As a result, amendments to the Official Plans will be required if the Town wishes to grow beyond currently identified levels. The Official Plan amendment process requires public consultation with residents and other stakeholders and includes mandatory requirements for public notices and meetings.

“Although I campaigned on a platform of growth for the Town of Erin, the potential population increase identified by this EA process is significantly higher than Council expected” said Mayor Alls. “Council has committed to fully engaging the public through an Official Plan amendment process in 2017 to determine how large our community wishes to grow” he added.

Detailed information on the Urban Centre Wastewater Servicing Class EA can be found on the Town’s web page erin.ca. Queries regarding the wastewater servicing Class EA should be forwarded to the project email address at erin.urban.classea@ainleygroup.com.