

The Corporation of the Town of Erin Urban Centre Wastewater Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (Phases 3 & 4) <u>Notice of Study Commencement</u>

In 2014 the Town of Erin completed a Servicing and Settlement Master Plan (SSMP) to address servicing, planning and environmental issues within the Town. The study area for the SSMP included the Village of Erin and Hillsburgh as well as a portion of the surrounding rural lands. The SSMP considered servicing and planning alternatives for wastewater and identified a preferred wastewater servicing strategy for existing and future development in the study area. The SSMP is available on the Town's website at http://www.erin.ca/town-hall/public-notices. The SSMP was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), which is an approved process under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act and addressed Phase 1 & components of Phase 2 of the Class EA planning process.

The Town is now continuing with a review of Phase 2 and initiating Phases 3 & 4 of the Class EA Planning Process to determine the preferred design alternative for wastewater for the existing urban areas of the Village of Erin and Hillsburgh, and to accommodate future growth. The aforementioned SSMP concluded that the preferred solution for both communities is a municipal wastewater collection system conveying sewage to a single wastewater treatment plant located south east of the Village of Erin with treated effluent being discharged to the West Credit River. During this study, the SSMP's preferred solution will be refined and a preferred design concept for wastewater collection and treatment will be identified.

This Class EA process will follow the planning and design process for Schedule 'C' projects as described in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Document (October 2000 as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015), published by the Municipal Engineer's Association.

The Town has retained the Ainley Group to complete and document the Class EA planning process and this Notice initiates the beginning of the Study. The Town recognizes that public consultation will be a key component of this Study and an extensive public consultation process will be arranged including the formation of a Public Liaison Committee, Public Information Centres, newspaper advertisements and updates to Council throughout the completion of the Class EA Study in order to seek input and comment.

The Town has created a project website at <u>www.erin.ca/town-hall/wastewater-ea</u> to make project information available to the public.

If you would like to be placed on the mailing list to receive all future notices relating to this Class EA please send your contact information to either of the Contacts listed below.

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Comments and information regarding this project are being collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of meeting environmental assessment requirements. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record.