

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – ZONE 1 ELEVATED TANK

The Municipality of Port Hope Drinking Water System (DWS) draws its water from Lake Ontario. As identified in the 2019 Dorset Street Standpipe Condition Assessment, a solution is required to address storage capacity constraints in Zone 1 of Port Hope's drinking water distribution system.

The Municipality has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to identify the preferred long-term water storage solution that meets the servicing requirements for the existing population and projected growth in Zone 1. The study has been completed in accordance with the requirements for Schedule B projects, as per the Municipal Class EA document (as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015) which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EAA).

The Class EA process evaluated several alternatives to address the storage capacity shortfalls in DWS. The preferred alternative identified was to construct a new Zone 1 Elevated Tank. Six different sites were considered for the construction of the new facilities. The preferred site identified was 412 Croft Street, approximately 140m east of Rose Glen Road.

A Project File Report (PFR) has been prepared documenting the planning and decision-making process followed during the Class EA study. The PFR is available online for public review at the link below:

<https://www.myporthope.ca/standpipe-replacement>

If you wish to review the report in hard copy, please contact one of the Project Team Contacts listed in this notice.

Through this notice, the PFR is being placed on the public record for a 30-calendar day review period. Interested persons must provide written comments to the project team within the 30-calendar day review period beginning on June 29, 2023 and ending on July 28, 2023.

The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has the authority and discretion to make an Order under Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act. A Section 16 Order may require that the proponent of a project going through a Class EA process:

- Submit an application for approval of the project before they proceed; or
- Meet further conditions in addition to the conditions in the Class EA.

The public can ask the minister to make a Section 16(6) Order if:

- They have outstanding concerns that a project going through a Class EA process may have a potential adverse impact on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights; and,
- They believe that an Order may prevent, mitigate or remedy this impact.

If the public wants to request a Section 16 Order for a project, on the grounds that an Order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on constitutionally protected, Aboriginal and treaty rights, you must make the request before the public comment period is complete. Additional information on how to request an Order can be found under the following link:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order>

The request to issue a Section 16 Order must be made to the Project Team within the 30-day comment period following issuance of the Notice of Completion. The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

**Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks**

Ministry of Environment, Conservation
and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

**Director, Environmental
Assessment Branch**

Ministry of Environment,
Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

Requests should also be sent directly to the Project Team members listed below by e-mail.

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