



## NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

# Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

To Provide Peaking Capacity for the Union Water Supply System

### THE STUDY

The Union Water Supply System (UWSS) is owned by the Towns of Kingsville and Essex, the Municipalities of Lakeshore and Leamington, and is managed by the UWSS Joint Board of Management. UWSS has initiated a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study to provide additional peaking capacity for the water system. The results of a recently completed water infrastructure needs assessment identified water system capacity limitations that are constraining growth and development. As such, additional peaking capacity of the UWSS is recommended to meet current and projected water demands.

The purpose of the Class EA Study is to identify and evaluate alternative solutions to provide additional water system peaking capacity. One of the alternative solutions reviewed will include expansion of the existing Ruthven Water Treatment Plant (WTP) within the existing property limits (located at 1615 Union Avenue, Kingsville). Subsequently, the study will identify and evaluate alternative concepts for the preferred solution identified in the first phase of the study. The Class EA Study will follow a comprehensive, sound and open planning process to ensure the study objectives are met, and impacts to the protection of the environment, as well as public health and safety, are considered.

### THE PROCESS

This notice signals the commencement of the Municipal Class EA Study, a study which will define the problem, identify and evaluate alternative solutions, and subsequently identify and evaluate alternative concepts for this preferred solution in consultation with regulatory agencies, indigenous communities, members of the local business community, and the public.

The Class EA Study is being carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule C projects as outlined in the

*Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2023), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.*

Consultation with stakeholders is a key component of the Study process and input will be sought throughout the Study. There will be two Public Consultation Centre (PCC) events. The first is anticipated to be held in early Fall 2023 and will share information about the alternative solutions. The second PCC will be held in Winter 2024 and will share information about the alternative concepts for the preferred solution to providing peaking capacity for the water system. Details regarding the upcoming PCCs will be advertised as the Study progresses. Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared and made available for final public review and comment.

### COMMENTS INVITED

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Study, or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact either of the following Project Team members:

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Comments received through the course of the Study will be considered and documented in the PFR. Additional information related to the Study and consultation process may be obtained through the website: [unionwater.ca/public-information](http://unionwater.ca/public-information)

Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public records.

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