



Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

To Provide 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 capacity. The evaluation of alternative solutions has been completed and identified the preferred solution to include expansion of the existing Ruthven Water Treatment Plant (WTP) within the existing property limits (located at 1615 Union Avenue, Ruthven). As a next step in the Class EA process, alternative design concepts within this solution have been identified and evaluated. The Class EA Study is following 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 provides an update on the progress 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 (2) Public Consultation Centre (PCC) events. The first event took place on November 22nd and shared information about the alternative solutions. The second PCC is being held on March 7, 2024 and will share information about the alternative concepts for the preferred solution to providing capacity for the water system. Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared and made available for final public review and comment.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE (PIC)

MARCH 7, 2024

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Study, please participate in the Public Consultation Centre: (PIC) at the following location:

Kingsville Arena

1741 Jasperson Dr.,

Kingsville, Ontario

N9Y 2E4

March 7, 2024 5 pm to 7 pm

Comments received through the course of the PCC will be considered and documented in the ESR. Additional information related to the Study and consultation process may be obtained through the website: 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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