Notice of Completion
Town of The Blue Mountains

Water Distribution System Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment

The Town of The Blue Mountains initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to develop a Town-Wide Water Distribution System Master Plan to evaluate the Town’s long-term water distribution needs and identify a preferred solution incorporating the requirements of expected community growth. The Master Plan identifies the recommended water supply and storage infrastructure needed to service the future growth of the Town over a 5-year and 20-year planning period. Longer-term servicing scenarios are also considered to efficiently plan for municipal infrastructure requirements in anticipation of full build-out conditions within the Town.

The above project was carried out under Schedule ‘A+’ of the Municipal Class EA. While the Master Plan addresses the water supply/infrastructure need and justification at a broad level, more detailed studies will be conducted at a later date for some of the projects included in the Master Plan, including:

- West Side (Lora Bay and Thornbury) Storage Expansion - Requires Schedule ‘B’ Class EA
- East Side (Craigleith) Storage Expansion - Requires Schedule ‘B’ Class EA
- East Side Water Supply - Requires Schedule ‘C’ Class EA
- Various watermain and extensions – Schedule ‘A’ or ‘A+’ Pre-Approved

By this Notice, this Master Plan Report, which contains details of the proposed alternatives, is being placed on public record for a thirty (30) day review period in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. Interested persons may review this document and provide comments to the Town within this 30-day period. Subject to the comments received as a result of this Notice, as well as funding opportunities and the receipt of necessary approvals, the Town may then proceed with the works.

The Master Plan Report is available for review on the Town’s website. A copy of the completed report is also available at the Operations Department counter at Town Hall (32 Mill St, Thornbury) and the L.E. Shore Memorial Library (173 Bruce St S, Thornbury). Please send any comments by November 23, 2019 to:

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Comments: Any information collected during the review period will be managed in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If concerns arise regarding the Schedule ‘A+’ Report, which cannot be resolved in discussion with the Town, a person or party may request the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to order a change in the project status and require a higher level of assessment under an individual Environmental Assessment process (referred to as a Part II Order) for specific projects identified within the Master Plan. Part II Order Request Forms are available online on the Forms Repository Website (www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca) by searching “Part II Order”. Reasons must be provided for the request. Requests must be received by the Minister within thirty (30) calendar days of this Notice.

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