

TOWNSHIP OF ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH

Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Expansion of Century Heights Drinking

Water System

Notice of Study Completion

The Project: The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (ACW) has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process to investigate the expansion of the Century Heights Drinking Water System in the community of Saltford. The current system services 84 properties from a groundwater supply. The expansion of the existing drinking water system is required to accommodate future development within the urban settlement area.

Following consideration of alternative



solutions, construction of a new **municipal well and treatment building was selected as the preferred solution**. A test well was drilled at the new potential well site at 36604 Maitland Avenue (see included map). The test well provided the desired quantity of water and quality like the existing supply. Given this, the preferred solution is a new supply well at 36604 Maitland Avenue.

The Environmental Assessment Process: The planning for this project followed the environmental screening process established for Schedule 'B" activities under the MCEA document. Schedule B projects are approved subject to the completion of a screening process. The purpose of the MCEA was to identify any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposal and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any impacts. The process included consultation with the public, stakeholders, Aboriginal communities, and review agencies. The Screening Report documenting the environmental assessment process conducted is available for public review on the Municipality's website at https://acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/century-heights-class-ea. Hard copies can be made available upon request.

Please note, in the future local residents may receive information regarding amendments to the local Source Water Protection Assessment Report and Policy related to this project from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Authority.

For further information on this project, please contact the consulting engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd., 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone (519) 524-2641. Lisa Courtney, Environmental Planner (e-mail: locurtney@bmross.net). Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by March 6, 2024. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Lisa Courtney@bmross.net) at B.M. Ross and Associates Limited.

A request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only because the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester's contact information, full name, and what kind of order is being requested (a request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. 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 <u>minister.mecp@ontario.ca</u> and Director, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor Toronto ON, M4V 1P5 EAB <u>Director@ontario.ca</u>. Requests should also be copied to the Township of ACW by mail or by email. Please visit the ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act at: <u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order</u>.

All personal information included in your request is collected under the authority of section 30 of the Environmental Assessment Act and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

Brett Pollock, Chief Building Official, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh This Notice issued February 5, 2024