

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Stormwater Servicing Master Plan (Northern Point Clark)

Consultation Summary

1.0 Initial Public Notice

Contents: General study description, summary of the EA process, key plan
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 Circulated To: All property owners within the study limits, cottage groups and organizations
 Input Period: June 9th, 2023

Table 1.1 summarizes the feedback received from residents as a result of the Initial Notice.

**Table 1.1
 Summary of Public/Adjacent Property Owner Comments**

Member of Public	Comments	Action Taken
Property Owner, (via phone) May 5, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property: 3266 Concession Road 2 - Requested additional information about the study. - Asked how the project would impact their property. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response was provided.
Property Owner, (via email) May 9, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expressed concern that the Initial Notice did not provide sufficient information about the Master Plan for them to provide input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response was provided.
Property Owner, (via email & phone) May 9, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property: 301 Lake Range Dr. - Requested a discussion regarding Master Plan options that would be mutually beneficial to the Township and themselves. - Expressed interest in working with HK on integrating future development with Master Plan developments. - Agreed to allow a piezometer to be installed on their property if required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response was provided.
Property Owner (via phone) May 15, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property: 206 Clarkwood Road. - Questioned whether there were plans to upgrade drainage on Clarkwood Road. - Wants to replace a culvert at the end of his driveway and won't proceed if drainage plans are anticipated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information noted and filed. - Advised that there were no plans to upgrade drainage on his street.
Property Owner, (via email) May 24, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advised that wetlands exist on their property. - Inquired about protection for wetlands through the Master Plan process. - Concerned about Master Plan impacts to water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response was provided.

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	<p>quality and the flow of Clark Creek.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inquired about how improved drainage would impact Lake Huron. 	
<p>Resident (via Have your Say HK) May 25, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are you planning to do about protecting the wetlands and the watershed of Clark Creek? Are you planning to run with 100 year storm projections or will you plan for more intense precipitation events that are predicted with climate change? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response provided through the Have Your Say portal.
<p>Resident (via Have your Say HK) May 30, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerned how the Master Plan will impact EP and OS zoned areas. - Stated that EP & OS areas are essential in holding, draining and preventing floods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response sent through Have Your Say portal.
<p>Property Owner, (via email) June 4, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property: 315 Maple Street - Advised that their property has experienced considerable drainage issues. - Concerned that home owners and new builds are building up their properties to address the issue, which is magnifying the problem for other property owners. - Concerned about the lack of consideration for high water table when issuing building permits. - Thinks that flooding is causing issues with septic systems in the community. - Requested that their property and surrounding properties be considered in the Master Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response was provided.
<p>Property Owner, (via email) June 5, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property: 839 Victoria Road - Requested to be added to communications list. - Seeking clarification on the objective of the Master Plan study. Questioning whether it will address local flooding or establishing drainage for future growth. - Concerned about integration of future growth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response was provided.
<p>Property Owner (via mail) June 5, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property: 361 River Road - Experienced significant flooding in last major storm - A creek runs through the east part of the property that receives runoff from properties to the east - Runoff from St. Arnaud Street is supposed to be deflected but is not operational - Existing ditch on east side of Lake Range Drive should be extended past the community centre to pick up drainage from farmland to the east - Catch basin at Alice Street and River Road was blocked with debris and could not take runoff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed.

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Property Owners (via email) June 6, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property: 613 Lakeside Trail - Wants to stay informed as the study progresses. - Concerned about impacts to environmentally protected areas zoned EP and OS. - Acknowledged response received through the HK Have your say website. - Questioned what mitigation measures would be used to protect wetlands. - Also questioned how it is determined that an existing drainage feature needs to be upgraded. - Suggested that building standards be included in the scope of the study as impacts related to new development can impact flooding and drainage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response to additional questions provided.
Property Owner, (via Have your Say HK) June 7, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stated that their property experienced significant flooding from a lack of drainage at Lake Range and St. Arnaud which caused their driveway to wash out and crawlspace to flood. - Indicated that there is no culvert or ditch on the north side of St. Arnaud from Lake Range. - Indicated that current drains are blocked which is exacerbating the issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response was provided.
Property Owner, (via email) June 9, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property: 878 Victoria Road - Stated that there are no culverts, ditches, or drainage in their area. - Stated that repeated discussions with township staff have yielded no results. - Concerned about continued issuance of building permits with no community drainage plan. Indicated that new builds are contributing to the problem. - Indicated that there are times when their septic systems is disabled due to drainage issues. - Stated that property owners are taking matters into their own hands. - Concerned about driveways being installed without permits, clear cutting environmentally sensitive lands, and blockages of existing drains. - Stated that township has ignored previous petitions. - Stated that the issue is cyclical and water is being pushed between properties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response was provided.
Property Owner, (via email) June 9, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property: 878 Victoria Road - Stated that they have been in ongoing discussion with the township regarding a lack of drainage plan in their area since the time of purchase of their cottage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response was provided.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stated that the water issues is causing frustration between neighbours and causing stress. - Advised that the water issue is also impacting the operation of their septic system which is not only unsafe but also a large inconvenience for them and their family. - Stated that the lack of drainage infrastructure is leading to water draining from township roads onto their property. - Stated that new buildings with basements and crawlspaces with sump pumps are resulting in further water issues. - Stated that they participated in a petition on this issue in the past which was not addressed by the township based on a technicality. - Expressed thanks for considering and working towards resolving the issues. 	
<p>Property Owner, (via email) June 9, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property: 244 St. Arnaud St. - Noted that his comments only relate to severe weather events. - Advised that the area around his property does not have the stormwater drainage capacity to handle severe weather events. This allows for water to flow across township roads and onto private property resulting in damage. - Recommends increasing capacity along Lake Range Drive between Concessions 2 and 4. - Recommends cleaning out existing ditches and creating new ditches. - Recommends cleaning the ditch on the south side of St. Arnaud between Lake Range and the creek west of Alice St. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments noted and filed. - Response was provided.

2.0 Review Agency and Stakeholder Consultation

Input into the Class EA process was solicited from government review agencies and identified stakeholders by way of direct mail correspondence. Agencies and organizations that might have an interest in the project were sent an information package detailing the nature of the proposed works, an outline of the assessment process, and a general location plan of the project site. Photographs of the project site and surrounding properties were also incorporated into the location plan. The information was circulated to nine review agencies on May 1, 2023. The organizations were asked to comment on the project on or before June 9, 2023.

Table 2.1 summarizes the comments received as a result of this consultation.

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Summary of Agency Comments

Review Agency	Comments	Action Taken
Adam Weishar, Municipality of Kincardine (via email) May 3, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asked to be kept informed as the study progresses. - Indicated no questions or concerns. 	- Comments noted and filed.
Joseph Harvey, Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (via email) May 17, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interested in the project as it relates to their mandate of conserving Ontario’s cultural heritage. - Advised that all technical cultural heritage studies and recommendations are to be addressed and incorporated in the Class EA process. - Provided information regarding required steps to conserve Cultural Heritage Resources. - Provided checklists to screen for Archaeological and Marine Archaeological Potential in the study area. - Provided information regarding a Cultural Heritage Report which must be completed in the planning phase of the project. - Suggests we engage with Indigenous communities, local residents, Municipal Heritage committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations to discuss cultural heritage resources. - Requested that we contact them once checklists are complete to advise them if any cultural heritage studies will be completed. Technical heritage studies must be submitted to them before issuing a Notice of Completion or beginning work on-site. - Asked to remain informed as the study progresses. 	- Information noted and filed.
Monica Walker Bolton, County of Bruce (via email) May 15, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanked us for sharing Notice. - Indicated no comments. 	- Comments noted and filed.
Darren Kenny, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (via email) May 17, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advised that several watercourse drainage features, unevaluated wetlands, floodplain, and shoreline flood and erosion hazards exist within existing developed areas and undeveloped lands in the study area. - Indicated that some of the study area lands are regulated for development by their office under Ontario Regulation 169/06. Exact boundaries can be verified via a future site visit. 	- Information noted and filed.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advised that SVCA permission would be required for any proposed stormwater infrastructure within hazard lands.- Asked to be kept informed as the study progresses.- Indicated that Darren Kenny will be the lead on this file.	

First Nations Consultation

a) Aboriginal Consultation Process

The Crown has a duty to consult with First Nation and Métis communities if there is a potential to impact on Aboriginal or treaty rights. This requirement is delegated to project proponents as part of the Class EA process, therefore the project proponent has a responsibility to conduct adequate and thorough consultation with Aboriginal communities as part of the Class EA consultation process. The information was circulated to six Aboriginal communities on May 1, 2023. They were asked to comment on the project on or before June 9, 2023.

Background Review

In order to identify Aboriginal Communities potentially impacted by the project the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Information System (ATRIS) was consulted. A search was conducted for Aboriginal Communities, including their traditional territories that would lie within a 50 km radius of the project study area. Utilizing this process and feedback received from the MECP, six aboriginal communities/organizations were identified in conjunction with this project including: Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) – Chippewas of Saugeen & Chippewas of Nawash, Historic Saugeen Métis, Metis Nation of Ontario, and Great Lakes Métis Council. Correspondence was subsequently forwarded to each community/ organization detailing the proposed project and asking for input.

Aboriginal Community	Comments	Action Taken
Chris Hachey, Historic Saugeen Métis (via email) June 7, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Confirmed that the Historic Saugeen Métis (HSM) Lands, Resources and Consultation Department has received notice of the Stormwater Servicing Master Plan for Point Clark.- Expresses appreciation for the opportunity to consult on this project.- Interested in receiving updates about the project as it proceeds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Comments noted and filed.