

Town of the Blue Mountains Drainage Master Plan Notice of Study Commencement

The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains has initiated a Drainage Master Plan under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Planning Process to identify existing drainage deficiencies and develop drainage solutions to address the deficiencies, reduce flooding, resolve public safety concerns, and improve maintenance opportunities within the settlement areas of the Town. The Study area encompasses the whole Town with the primary focus being the settlement areas including Lora Bay, Thornbury and Clarksburg, Craigleith and Camperdown, and the Blue Mountains Village area. The existing drainage infrastructure in the study area consists of a combination of open channels, ditches, watercourses, culverts, storm sewers, overland flow routes, stormwater management facilities, and low impact development measures.

The Study is being completed in accordance with Approach #2 of the Master Planning Process outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015). Alternative drainage solutions will be developed and evaluated based on the natural, physical, social, cultural, and economic impacts and the opportunities and constraints of the projects.

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be schedule to provide an opportunity for the public and stakeholders to review the drainage deficiencies identified and the alternative drainage solutions under consideration, and to provide input and comments. Additional notices indicating the dates and locations of the PICs will be published in future editions of this newspaper. Project information may also be viewed on the Town's website at <u>www.thebluemountains.ca/MasterDrainagePlanEA</u> as it becomes available. Upon completion of the Study, a Final Class EA Report documenting the Preferred Solution will be prepared for public/agency review and comment.

The Town has retained the consulting firm Tatham Engineering Limited to complete the Study. Further details of the Municipal Class EA process are available from the consultant's office.

Comments or requests to receive direct notification of future project activities should be submitted to:

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