

# Orbit Stormwater Master Servicing Plan DRAFT

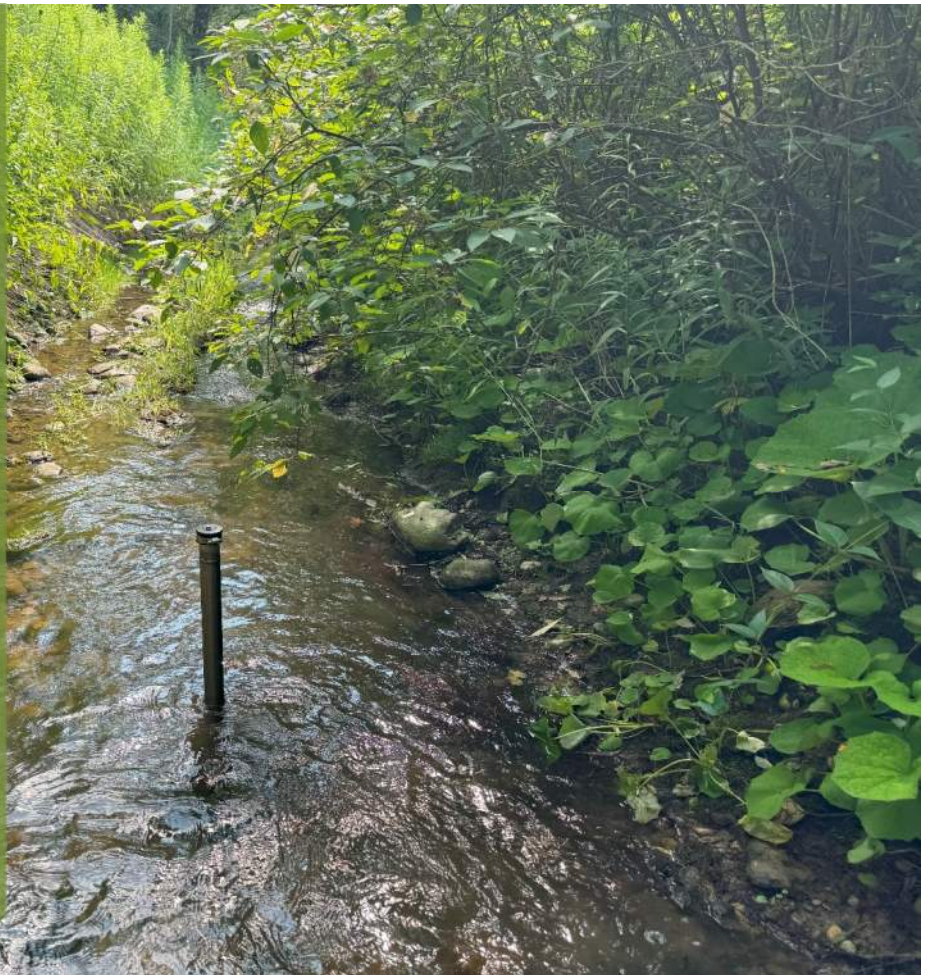
## Public Open House #1 Summary Report

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## 1 Introduction

In 2024, Aquafor Beech Limited (Aquafor) was retained by the Town of Innisfil (Town) to undertake the Orbit Stormwater Master Servicing Plan (MSP), developing a preferred stormwater management strategy for the new proposed Orbit community following a Master Planning Approach. This study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements for Master Plans under Approach #2 of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessments Act (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015, 2023, and 2024), which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

Community Engagement is a critical component of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. As such, the Town and Aquafor hosted a Public Open House on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Event details and feedback from the community are included within this report.

The purpose of the open house was to:

- Provide context for the Stormwater MSP and an overview of the anticipated process and timeline;
- Provide background on the existing conditions within the proposed Orbit community development area;
- Provide general education on what stormwater management (SWM) is; and
- Share information on the types of alternatives and associated evaluation criteria that will be considered as part of the Stormwater MSP.

### 1.1 Public Open House

Town of Innisfil staff and their consultants Aquafor, hosted an in-person Open House on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Open House was from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and was held at the Innisfil Town Hall Community Room. Open House attendees could review information about the Stormwater MSP, while Town staff and consultants presented information and listened to feedback. A series of presentation boards provided context for the Stormwater MSP, including existing conditions within the Town, general education on what SWM is, and information on the types of alternatives and associated evaluation criteria to be considered as part of the Stormwater MSP. Staff from the Town and the consultant team were available to answer questions throughout the Open House.

At the Open House, attendees could provide feedback using the following methods:

- Completing a written comment form; and
- Speaking to project team staff on-on-one.

An estimated 30 to 50 people attended the open house with Nineteen (19) people signing the register of attendance. Of the attendees, two (2) completed the written comment form. The register of attendance can be found in **Appendix A**.

## 1.2 Online Survey

Following the Open House, the Town published the open house materials online on The Orbit webpage (<https://innisfil.ca/en/building-and-development/the-orbit2.aspx#Orbit-Stormwater-Master-Servicing-Plan>). Additional comments were welcomed through the online portal from December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Zero (0) people submitted a question online.

## 1.3 Follow-Up Meeting

Following the Open House, there was a separate meeting including the Town, Aquafor, Cortel Group, and Greenland Consulting that took place on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to discuss the contents of the PIC boards.

## 2 What We Heard

Comment forms submitted by participants are included in **Appendix B**; comments on these forms are digitized verbatim in **Table B-1**.

### 2.1 Verbal Feedback

The Town and Aquafor spent time at the Open House listening to feedback from participants. The following topics were discussed:

- Residents indicated that Belle Aire Beach Road has experienced frequent flooding occurring along the north side through residential backyards. Residents believe this is likely due to flows spilling over from Belle Aire Creek.
- LSRCA monitoring locations were discussed for their applicability in providing information on quantity of flows for inclusion in the MSP; however, it was determined that the monitoring locations in question are water quality monitoring stations and do not record quantity of flow.
- There is interest in the northern portion of the Orbit community within the TOC3 lands, in proximity to the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Line and 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and the Metrolinx Railway (railway) to the east, where the floodplain is shown on the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) floodplain mapping. .
- South Simcoe Stream Network (SSSN) was suggested for potential partnerships with the Town on the Orbit project for future erosion restoration projects. SSSN indicated to be an organization that promotes the protection of stream banks through soft approaches.

### 2.2 Culvert Improvements and Floodplain Analysis (2015)

Following the Open House, SCS Consulting Group Ltd. (SCS) provided an email with additional context to the floodplain in proximity to the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Line and 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and the railway to the east. The provided information indicates that culvert improvements are proposed under the railway, which would result in reduced floodplain limits for the property located at the northeast corner of 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and 7<sup>th</sup> Line in Alcona, Innisfil. This area is located in what is known as TOC 3 and is currently outside the scope of the Orbit Stormwater MSP. A floodplain analysis was undertaken by SCS in 2015 and provided to the Town.

### **3 Next Steps**

The responses provided above from the public will be considered by the Town and Aquafor, and will be incorporated into the Stormwater MSP where feasible.

## **Appendix A – Open House Comment Forms**

Comment Form Number	Comment on the Project
1	<p>This event was well done. It finally form where actual details of how &amp; why were presented. This what has been missing from all the past Orbit meetings. Bravo well done</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Response: We are pleased you found the PIC informative and we appreciate the feedback.</li> </ul>
2	<p>Hydrology is about water running down hill. Why start this study at the highest point of the affected lands i.e., Phase 1 and 2 of Cortel’s Orbit and wait another 12 months to study the lowest point of the affected area. Appears nothing was learned from the Phase 3 and 4 Sleeping Lion Debacle which caused the Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Innisfil 6<sup>th</sup> Line sewage spill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Orbit Stormwater MSP study encompasses the entire watercourse from the Orbit development to Lake Simcoe. The Town’s consultant has been assessing the current state of the creek through site visits and continuous monitoring.</li> </ul>