

Public Notice

Notice of Study Completion

Town of Innisfil Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Stormwater Management Master Plan Update and Innisfil Flooding Strategy

The Study

The Town of Innisfil, through Aquafor Beech Limited, have completed the Innisfil Stormwater Management Master Plan Update and Flooding Strategy.

The SWM Master Plan (SWM-MP) and Flooding Strategy updates the Town's 2016 SWM-MP and serves as a decision-making guide for prioritizing projects, estimating and addressing future needs of our environment and growing community, and budgeting, as well as allowing the Town to remain compliant with the Lake Simcoe Protection Act and to account for Town growth over the next 20 years. The study area focused on all lands within the Town of Innisfil municipal boundaries.

The Process

The study followed the Master Planning Approach No. 2 in accordance with Environmental Assessment Act as per the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MEA) document, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2023, and satisfies the requirements of Schedule B projects and identifies future Schedule C projects.

The Class EA process included public/external agency consultation, an evaluation of alternative solutions and alternative design concepts, an assessment of potential impacts associated with the proposed improvements and the development of measures to mitigate identified impacts. In keeping with the Class EA process, various alternatives were developed, evaluated and a preferred alternative(s) selected for five categories of stormwater management and flood mitigation practices and program elements, including:

1. Municipal Pollution Prevention, Operations & Maintenance Practices
2. Source Control Measures
3. Stormwater Conveyance Infrastructure and Control Measures
4. Stormwater Management Facilities
5. Flood Management and Watercourse Restoration

The recently completed SWM-MP and Flooding Strategy Report and this notice are being placed in the public record for review. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice, and receipt of necessary approvals, the Town of Innisfil intends to proceed with the recommendations documented in the Class EA Report using a phased implementation approach pending funding. The SWM-MP and Flooding Strategy Report is available for review at <https://www.getinvolvedinnisfil.ca/flooding> or

Town of Innisfil
Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Rd, Innisfil, ON L9S 1A1
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Interested persons should provide written comment to Carolina Cautillo, at the Town of Innisfil within 30 calendar days from the date of this notice.

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Innisfil, ON L9S 1A1
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If concerns arise regarding this project, which cannot be resolved in discussion with the Town, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks make a Section 16 Order (appeal). A request can be made by anyone who believes that the environmental assessment process may have a potential adverse impact on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights and that an Order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy this impact. To submit a Section 16 Order request, the information that must be provided can be found on the Class environmental assessments: Section 16 Order website (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order#section-3>) Once completed, the request can be sent to both the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Director of Environmental Assessment Branch. Their addresses are:

Minister

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and
Parks

777 Bay Street, 5th Floor

Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director

Environmental Assessment and Permissions
Branch

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and
Parks

135 St. Clair Ave. West, 1st Floor

Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

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All Section 16 order requests must be received by the Minister within 30 calendar days from the issue date of the Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the contact person at the Town of Innisfil. If no request for further review is received by the Minister by February 21, 2024, this EA Study shall be considered final and used as the basis for the future projects, programs, and policy in the Town of Innisfil.

This Notice was issued on January 10, 2024.