

SUSTAINABLE HALTON WATER AND WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY NOTICE OF COMPLETION

BACKGROUND

The Sustainable Halton Water and Wastewater Master Plan provides a Region-wide review, evaluation and development of water and wastewater servicing strategies for all urban service areas. The Master Plan has used updated planning population and employment estimates for the 2031 planning horizon based on the Best Planning Estimates as endorsed by Halton Regional Council. As shown on the map, the urban areas under study includes the South Halton systems in Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Halton Hills 401 Corridor; as well as the North Halton systems in Georgetown and Acton. This Master Plan builds on the previous work undertaken as part of the South Halton Master Plans and Updates, related studies for the North Halton systems and the Wastewater Pumping Station Capital Needs Assessment and Master Plan Study for Oakville and Burlington. This Master Plan is a critical component in the integrated planning process of the Sustainable Halton program and provides the framework and vision for the water and wastewater servicing needs within the urban areas in Halton Region to 2031.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

To identify preferred water and wastewater servicing strategies to meet the existing needs of Halton Region as well as Halton's growth needs to the year 2031.

PROCESS

This study has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements for master plans under Section 4, Approach #2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) document (October 2000 as amended in 2007) which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, and will satisfy Phase 1 and 2 of the planning process.

Under the Sustainable Halton Water and Wastewater Master Plan process, servicing strategies were developed, then evaluated against natural, social, economic and technical criteria, and then ultimately selected as the preferred solution to meet the system requirements and growth needs of Halton Region to year 2031.

Public Information Centres (PICs) were held in each local municipality to provide master plan information as well as obtain feedback. The first round of PIC's were held in May and June 2010 to introduce the study to the general public, outline the problem/opportunity statement and to provide background information, guiding policies, vision and servicing concepts. The preliminary preferred water and wastewater Master Plan servicing strategies were presented at a second round of PICs held in each local municipality in February and March 2011.

Following input received from PICs, review agencies and other key stakeholders consultation, the Class EA Study Report for the Water and Wastewater Master Plan recommends the preferred water and wastewater servicing strategies and identifies a list of projects.

Subject to comments received as a result of this notice, Halton Region intends to proceed with the implementation of the recommended Schedule A, A+ and B projects included in the Class EA Master Plan Study Report.

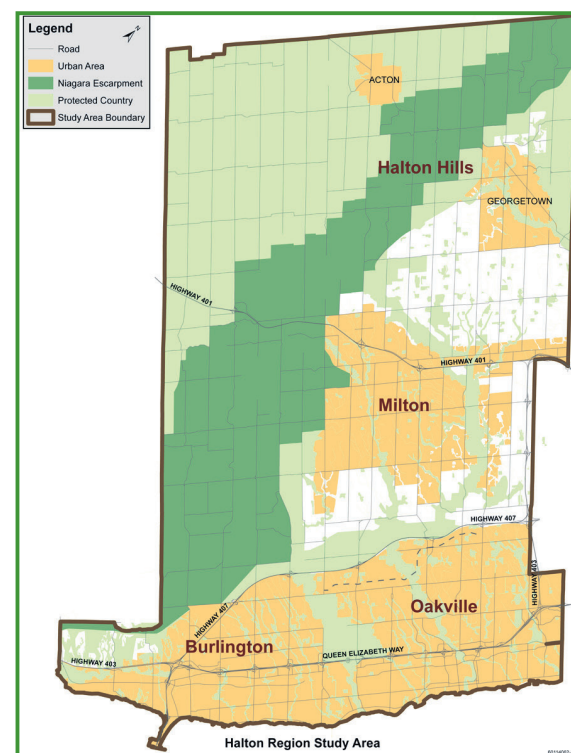
PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

By this notice, the Class EA Study Report for the Sustainable Halton Master Plan which documents the planning process undertaken and conclusions reached will be on public record for 30 calendar days in accordance with the Municipal Class EA Document. The Public "Review Period" will begin on Thursday, October 13, 2011 and end on Monday, November 14, 2011

The Class EA Study Report for the Sustainable Halton Master Plan is available for public review at the following locations:

City of Burlington , 426 Brant Street, Clerk's Department M-F 8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Town of Halton Hills , 1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown, Clerk's Department M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Town of Milton , 150 Mary Street, Clerk's Department M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Town of Oakville , 1225 Trafalgar Road, Clerk's Department M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Region of Halton , 1151 Bronte Road, Citizen's Reference Library M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	

The documents are also available electronically at: www.halton.ca/EAs.



If, after reading the Class EA Master Plan, you have any questions or concerns, please follow the subsequent procedure:

1. Contact any of the following individuals to discuss your questions or concerns:

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2. Arrange a meeting with the above if you have significant concerns that may require a more detailed explanation.
3. If major concerns are raised, the Region will attempt to negotiate a resolution of the issues. A mutually acceptable time period for this negotiation will be set. If the issues remain unresolved, you have the option to request the Minister of the Environment, by order, to require the Region to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act before proceeding with a Schedule B project. This is called a Part II Order ("bump up"). Part II Orders cannot be submitted in respect of the Master Plan itself, but must be made in respect to individual Schedule B projects listed in this Notice. The Minister may make one of the following decisions:
 - Deny the request
 - Refer the matter to mediation
 - Require the Region to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act by undertaking one of the following:
 - Submitting the Class EA Master Plan for government review and approval
 - Completing an Individual Environmental Assessment for government review and approval
 - Preparing Terms of Reference governing the preparation of an individual Environmental Assessment.

Requests for a Part II Order must be submitted, in writing, to the Minister of the Environment within the **October 13, 2011 to November 14, 2011** review period:

Minister of Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

A copy of the Part II Order must also be sent to Halton Region, to the attention of the Project Managers (address above).

Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

This notice issued October 13 / 14 and October 20 / 21, 2011.