



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE YORK REGION LAKE ONTARIO WATER SUPPLY VIA DURHAM WEST

THE STUDY

In July 1997, York Region completed a Master Plan to identify strategy to meet the future regional water demands. One component of the preferred solution was the provision of a Great Lakes Water Supply. The preferred supply was identified as Lake Ontario via a corridor in the western portion of the Region of Durham (Durham West). Planning for this Lake Ontario water supply via Durham West is being undertaken as an individual Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act (the EA Act). The water supply will be comprised of a raw water intake, raw water pumping station, raw water transmission main, water treatment plant, treated water transmission main and treated water storage reservoir.

In 1998, a Terms of Reference was completed for the preparation of the EA in accordance with the EA Act. The Terms of Reference was approved by the Minister of the Environment in April 1999. The EA study was initiated in May 1999.

The EA study includes a comprehensive Public Consultation Program. Public Information Centres (PICs) are being held prior to key decision points in the study process. The first round of PICs was held in September/October 1999 and provided the public an opportunity to review the alternative facility sites and transmission main alignments under consideration and provide comments. Workshops were also held in November 1999 to obtain input on the alternatives under consideration, local environmental conditions and the evaluation criteria.

The second round of PICs was held in June 2000 and the public was invited to review and comment on the analysis and evaluation of alternative facility sites and transmission main alignments, the selection of the preferred facility sites and transmission main alignment and the proposed mitigation measures.

The third round of Public Information Centres (PICs) has been arranged to present the preliminary design of each facility site and the proposed mitigation measures to reduce impacts during construction and operation of the water supply.

THE PROCESS:

This study is being conducted in accordance with the full review and approval requirements of the EA Act. At the completion of the study, York Region will formally submit its Environmental Assessment Report to the Ministry of the Environment for review and approval.

THIRD ROUND OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES:

You are encouraged to attend the Information Centre and to relay your views so that they can be addressed during the study.

The purpose of the third round of Public Information Centres is to:

- Present the comments/issues raised at the second round of PICs
- Present refinements to the preferred alternative
- Present the preliminary design of the raw water pumping station located in Petticoat Creek Park (RP-4), the water treatment plant located in Markham in the vicinity of 11th Concession Road and 14th Avenue (T 4), and the water storage reservoir located in Markham east of Reesor Road and north of 19th Avenue (R 1)
- Present the preliminary design of the transmission main alignment and shaft locations for the section of transmission main to be tunneled under Whites Road
- Present the preferred construction access method, including the use of rail haul for the removal of excavated material during the construction of the intake and raw water pumping station in Petticoat Creek Park
- Present the measures developed to mitigate impacts associated with the construction of the facilities, the intake and transmission mains

Comments from this round of PICs will be incorporated in the EA as appropriate. A draft EA Report will be prepared and made available for public and agency review prior to finalizing and submitting to the Minister of the Environment in March 2001.

The Information Sessions will be held as follows:

Tuesday November 28, 2000
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regional Municipality of York
Administrative Centre - The Great Hall
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario

Monday December 4, 2000*
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dunbarton High School - Cafeteria
655 Sheppard Avenue
Pickering, Ontario

Tuesday December 5, 2000*
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dunbarton High School - Cafeteria
655 Sheppard Avenue
Pickering, Ontario

Wednesday November 29, 2000
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Stouffville High School - Gymnasium
183 Bramble Crescent
Whitchurch - Stouffville, Ontario

Thursday December 7, 2000
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Town of Markham Civic Centre-Canada Room
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, Ontario

* Two meetings have been scheduled in the City of Pickering to provide individuals flexibility in scheduling as it is recognized that individuals may have conflicts. A presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m. for the Pickering meetings.

COMMENTS:

We are interested in hearing any comments and concerns you or your group may have about this project. All comments, with the exception of personal information, will become part of the public record for this project.

For further information, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

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