

MUNICIPALITY OF BLUEWATER
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR EXPANSION AND UPGRADING OF THE BAYFIELD
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

THE PROJECT:

In 2001 the Municipality of Bluewater completed a communal wastewater collection and treatment system to serve the community of Bayfield. The treatment facility (WWTF), a two cell facultative lagoon with sand filters, was sized to accommodate existing and expected growth within the community for a twenty year planning period. The Bayfield service area has experienced significant growth since construction of the original treatment facility and wastewater flows are now exceeding its design capacity. To accommodate existing flows and expected growth in and around Bayfield, the facility requires expansion.

Following a detailed analysis of alternatives, expansion of the facility using a mechanical wastewater treatment plant, to be operated in conjunction with the existing facilities, was selected as the preferred method to increase capacity. Removal of accumulated biosolids within the lagoons at the existing facility, and other general maintenance upgrades, may also be completed as part of the expansion project.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING PROCESS:

The planning for this project is following the environmental screening process set out for Schedule C activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA). The purpose of the Class EA process is to identify potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed works and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any identified impacts. The environmental assessment process has now been completed. There were no negative impacts identified with the project that could not be mitigated.

For further information on this project, please contact the project engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd.: 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone (Toll Free): (888) 524-2641. Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: kvader@bmross.net), prior to April 9, 2021. Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. An Environmental Study Report, documenting the environmental assessment conducted for this project, will be available for public review on the Bluewater website at www.municipalityofbluewater.ca as of March 10, 2021.

Interested persons may provide written comments to the project team by April 9, 2021. All comments and concerns should be sent to the project engineers at the address noted above, and to Mr. Dave Kester, Manager of Public Works, Municipality of Bluewater (publicworks@municipalityofbluewater.ca).

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & Director, Environmental Assessment Branch	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor	135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3	Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
minister.mecp@ontario.ca	EABDirector@ontario.ca

Requests should also be sent to the Municipality of Bluewater by mail or by e-mail.

Dave Kester, Manager of Public Works
Municipality of Bluewater

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