

## Public Works MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Oxford County Council

**FROM:** David Simpson, Director of Public Works

**DATE:** February 22, 2023

**RE:** **William Street Sewage Pumping Station, Village of Tavistock  
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study –  
Notice of Study Commencement, Oxford County**


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Oxford County Public Works is initiating a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to consider a wide range of Sewage Pumping Station (SPS) and/or collection system upgrade alternatives within the William Street SPS catchment area in Tavistock. From this, the most appropriate conceptual design concept will be selected to support ongoing wastewater servicing needs in this area to the year 2046. The Study Area is shown in the attached Notice of Commencement.

This Class EA Study is being carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule B projects as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. Any potential impact of the project alternatives on social, cultural, economic, and natural environments will be evaluated and assessed during the Class EA Study.

MTE Consultants has been retained to assist in undertaking the Class EA Study to assess a range of potential servicing solutions. During the early stages of the Class EA Study, preliminary screening of the potential servicing solutions will be completed to address current and future wastewater servicing needs.

Public and review agency consultation is a key element of the Class EA process and input will be sought throughout the process. The Notice of Commencement will appear in local newspapers and social media. This will also be sent to residents and all property owners within the project's study area.



David Simpson, P.Eng., PMP  
Director of Public Works

Encl. Notice of Study Commencement

## Notice of Study Commencement

### Class Environmental Assessment Study and Conceptual Design

#### William Street Sewage Pumping Station, Tavistock

##### About the study

Oxford County is initiating a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study that will consider a wide range of Sewage Pumping Station (SPS) and/or collection system upgrade alternatives within the William Street SPS catchment area (refer to Study Area map), in order to select the most appropriate conceptual design concept that will support ongoing wastewater servicing needs to the year 2046.

##### About the process

This notice signals the commencement of this Class EA Study which will define the project; identify and evaluate alternative solutions; and determine a preferred alternative solution in consultation with the public, Indigenous communities and regulatory agencies. Any potential impacts of the SPS upgrade alternatives on social, cultural, economic and natural environments will be evaluated and assessed during the Class EA Study.

This study is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act* under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (2000, as amended to 2007, 2011, & 2015), which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) to present the Study findings is anticipated to be held later in 2023 and will be advertised as the Study progresses. Upon completion of this study, a Project File Report documenting the process will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks and made available for public review for a period of 30 calendar days.

*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.*



**Study map**

##### Have your say

Public, Indigenous, and agency consultation is a key component of the Class EA process and your input will be sought throughout the Study. If you wish to be placed on the mailing list to receive notices and information, or, if you wish to provide comments at any time during the Class EA process, you can do so by contacting the project contacts listed below. Project information and updates are on *Speak Up, Oxford!* at [www.oxfordcounty.ca/speakup](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/speakup)

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