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Cc: [Anastasio, Sandra](#)
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Project Update
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 8:00:57 AM
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Good morning,

I was notified that the link to the documents within the letter earlier this week was not working.

Please use this link:

[Link to Fort Erie Beachfront EA Discipline Reports](#)

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Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Project Update

Good day,

Please find attached the project letter for the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA that is being completed by the Town of Fort Erie. Within the letter, you will find the status of the project and a link to study reports.

The Town welcomes comments and/or input you may wish to share regarding this study, and would appreciate feedback by July 18, 2025.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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June 18, 2025

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**RE: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road,
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PROJECT BACKGROUND

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DESIGN COMMITMENTS

The Town understands that further field investigations are required to support the detailed design and construction of the preferred solution. The Town has committed to complete the following more detailed studies, at a minimum, during the detailed design stage of this project:

- **Archaeology:** Complete an on-site verification of archaeological potential locations along the preferred water alignment and conduct a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment at locations along the preferred water alignment that exhibit archaeological potential to confirm areas of avoidance and any required mitigation measures.
- **Natural Environment:** Field verification of natural features and wildlife habitats and conduct any site-specific surveys required along the preferred water alignment to confirm impacts and mitigation measures.
- **Cultural Heritage:** Field verification to confirm presence or absence of potential cultural heritage resources along the preferred water alignment and confirm any impacts and mitigation measures.
- **Geotechnical and Hydrogeological:** Install boreholes and monitoring wells along the preferred water alignment to confirm geological and hydrogeological subsurface properties to support detailed design and construction methodology.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT

The Town understands the importance of the consultation with and participation by Indigenous Rights Holders and Indigenous Interest Holders in the Class EA process, respectively. The Town would like to encourage open and honest dialogue with all Indigenous Rights Holders, Indigenous Interest Holders and municipalities.

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TIMELINE

Technical studies, in conjunction with any Indigenous Knowledge that is shared with the project team, will be incorporated, and utilized as part of the final stages of the Class EA, which ultimately informs the final Project File Report (PFR). The PFR will include the evaluation process, preferred water solution details as well as any further commitments by the Town during the next stages of this project. The draft PFR will be shared with you prior to the public review period.

We anticipate that the PFR will be filed Summer 2025. Detailed design is proposed to commence following the Class EA filing.

CONTACT THE TEAM

We will continue to send project updates as more information becomes available. To receive further information about the study, please contact:

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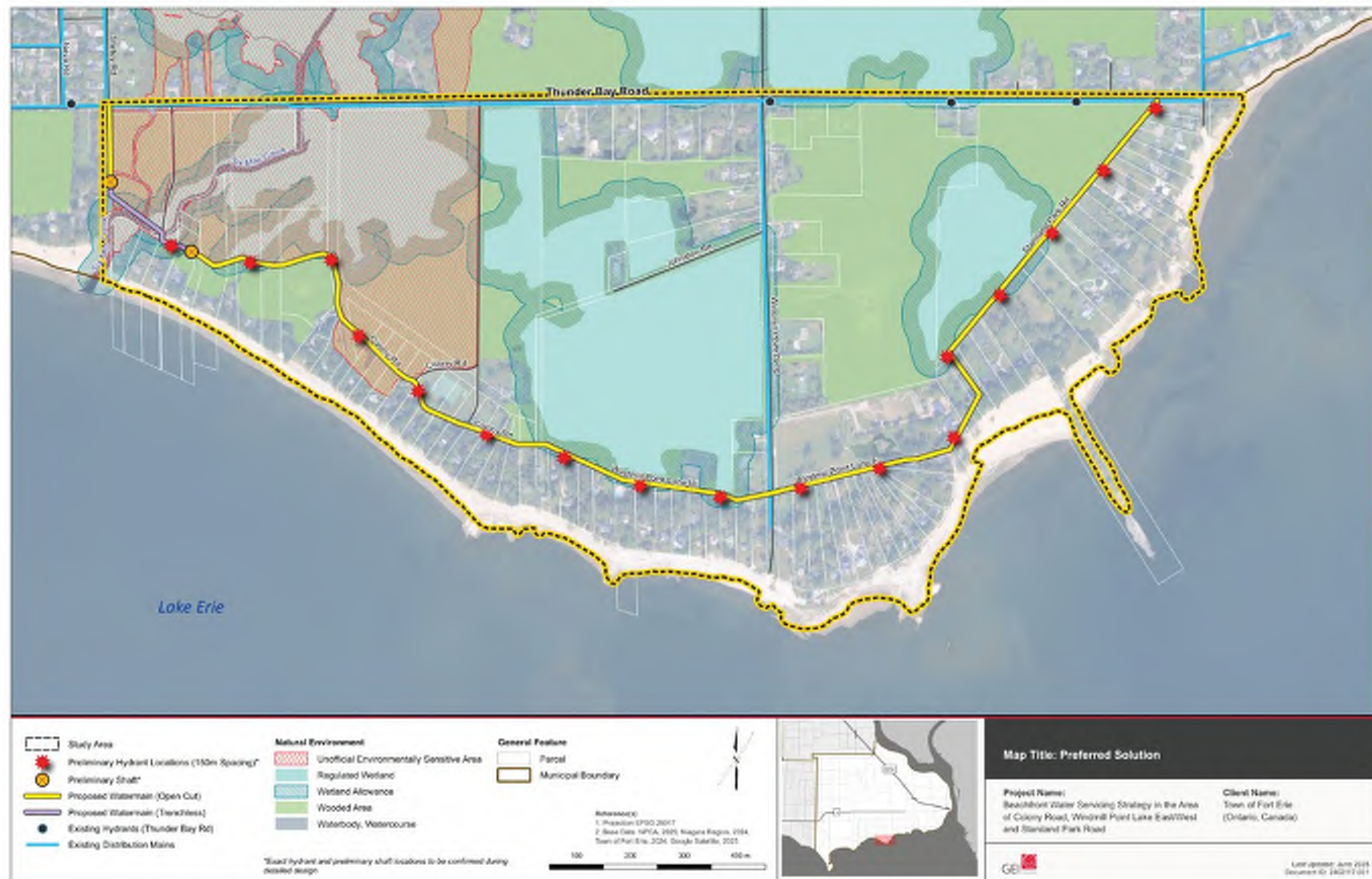


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[Link to Fort Erie Beachfront EA Discipline Reports](#)

DESIGN COMMITMENTS

The Town understands that further field investigations are required to support the detailed design and construction of the preferred solution. The Town has committed to complete the following more detailed studies, at a minimum, during the detailed design stage of this project:

- **Archaeology:** Complete an on-site verification of archaeological potential locations along the preferred water alignment and conduct a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment at locations along the preferred water alignment that exhibit archaeological potential to confirm areas of avoidance and any required mitigation measures.
- **Natural Environment:** Field verification of natural features and wildlife habitats and conduct any site-specific surveys required along the preferred water alignment to confirm impacts and mitigation measures.
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- **Geotechnical and Hydrogeological:** Install boreholes and monitoring wells along the preferred water alignment to confirm geological and hydrogeological subsurface properties to support detailed design and construction methodology.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT

The Town understands the importance of the consultation with and participation by Indigenous Rights Holders and Indigenous Interest Holders in the Class EA process, respectively. The Town would like to encourage open and honest dialogue with all Indigenous Rights Holders, Indigenous Interest Holders and municipalities.

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TIMELINE

Technical studies, in conjunction with any Indigenous Knowledge that is shared with the project team, will be incorporated, and utilized as part of the final stages of the Class EA, which ultimately

informs the final Project File Report (PFR). The PFR will include the evaluation process, preferred water solution details as well as any further commitments by the Town during the next stages of this project. The draft PFR will be shared with you prior to the public review period.

We anticipate that the PFR will be filed Summer 2025. Detailed design is proposed to commence following the Class EA filing.

CONTACT THE TEAM

We will continue to send project updates as more information becomes available. To receive further information about the study, please contact:

Lisa Vespi, P.Eng., PMP

Project Manager, Town of Fort Erie

Phone: 905-518-4770

Email: lvespi@forterie.ca

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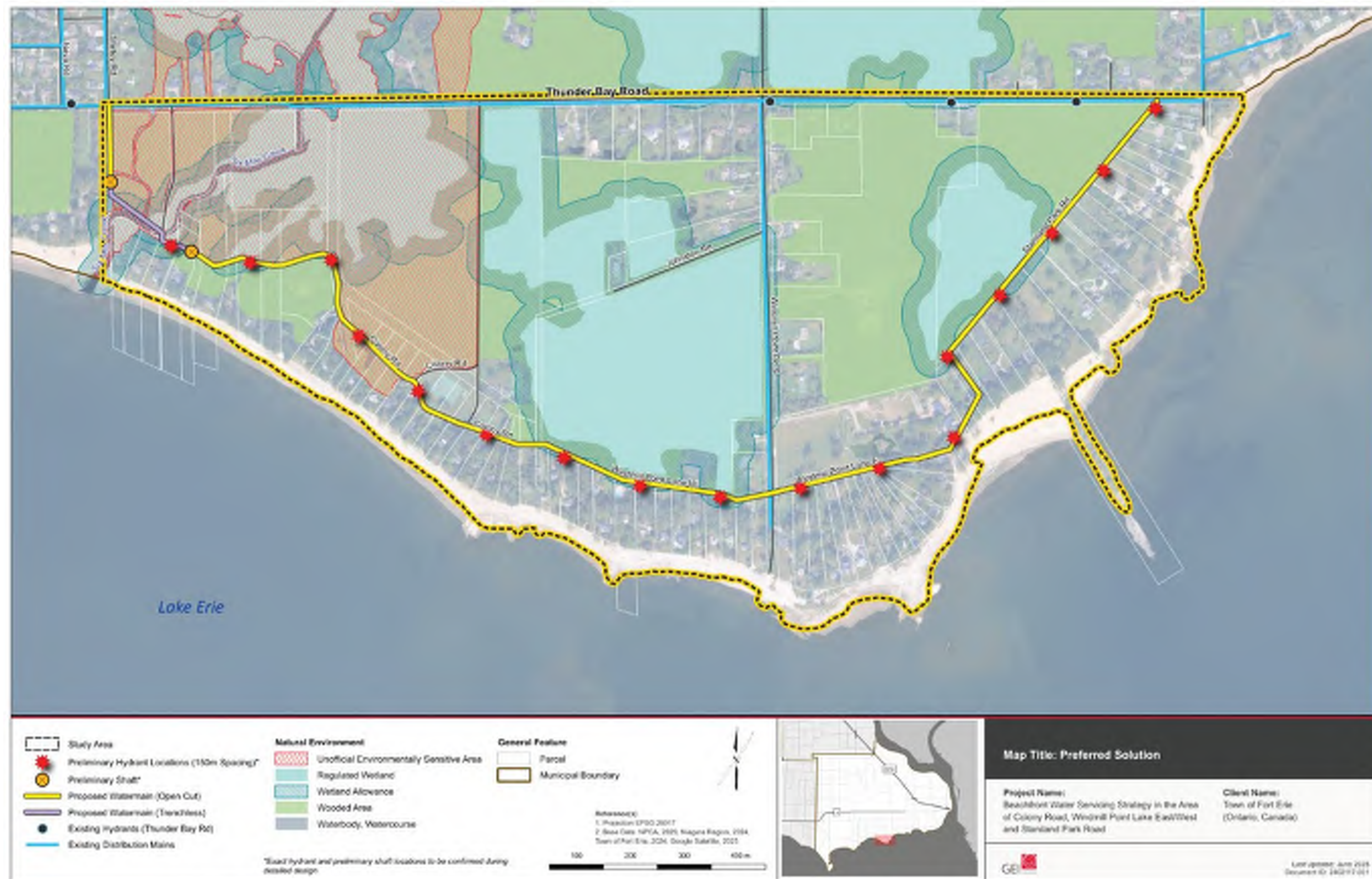


Figure 1: Preferred Water Solution

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Cc: [Anastasio, Sandra](#)
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Attachments: [Outlook-waowpfuk.png](#)
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C.7.3 Comments Received & Consultation Tracking: Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre

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Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:19 PM
To: Kristen Farrell - GM BluePlan
Subject: FW: [EXT] Notice of Commencement for file - First Nations distribution

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Jobson, Steven

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Sun, Jun 23 6:31 PM

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C.7.4 Comments Received & Consultation Tracking: Haudenosaunee Development Institute

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8/5/2024	Indigenous Communities	Haudenosaunee Development Institute	Aaron Detlor	Project Team	Email	Received email providing a contact to coordinate setting up a meeting. HDI noted the project will impair, infringe and interfere with established rites.	See follow-up email on 8/7/2024	8/7/2024	Complete	Notice of PIC
8/6/2024	Indigenous Communities	Haudenosaunee Development Institute	Rae Lumson	Project Team	Email	Received follow up email to set up a meeting and request to provide dates and times to connect.	The Project Team responded noting dates/times would be provided but inquired if there is a preference for in person or virtual and any specific topics for discussion.	8/7/2024	Complete	Notice of PIC
8/20/2024	Indigenous Communities	Haudenosaunee Development Institute	Rae Lumson	Project Team	Email	Received follow up email indicating HDI would like to meet either in person or virtually with the Town of Fort Erie to discuss engagement responsibilities as per the MCEA User Guide. The email noted that to date, no engagement has occurred and the project is proceeding unlawfully.	HDI sent follow up email noting meetings occur in person and they'd be happy to host in their offices. Also noted the Town of Fort Erie is responsible for costs for HDI attendance and provided rates.	9/5/2024	Complete	Phase 2
9/26/2024	Indigenous Communities	Haudenosaunee Development Institute	Project Team	Rae Lumson	Email	The Project Team responded to previous emails from HDI and noted the supporting studies have primarily focused on desktop review and a preferred alternative has not been selected. The Project Team indicated they are in receipt of Stage 1 Archaeology and offered to provide for review.	See follow-up email on 2025-06-23	6/23/2025	Complete	Phase 2
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Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 1:30:35 PM
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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Rae,

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PREFERRED SOLUTION

Through the Class EA process, the study has developed, evaluated and identified the preferred water servicing alignment to meet existing needs and fire flow objectives, improve access and maintenance, and improve water quality management within the study area.

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cc: Tracy General, Rae Lumsdon

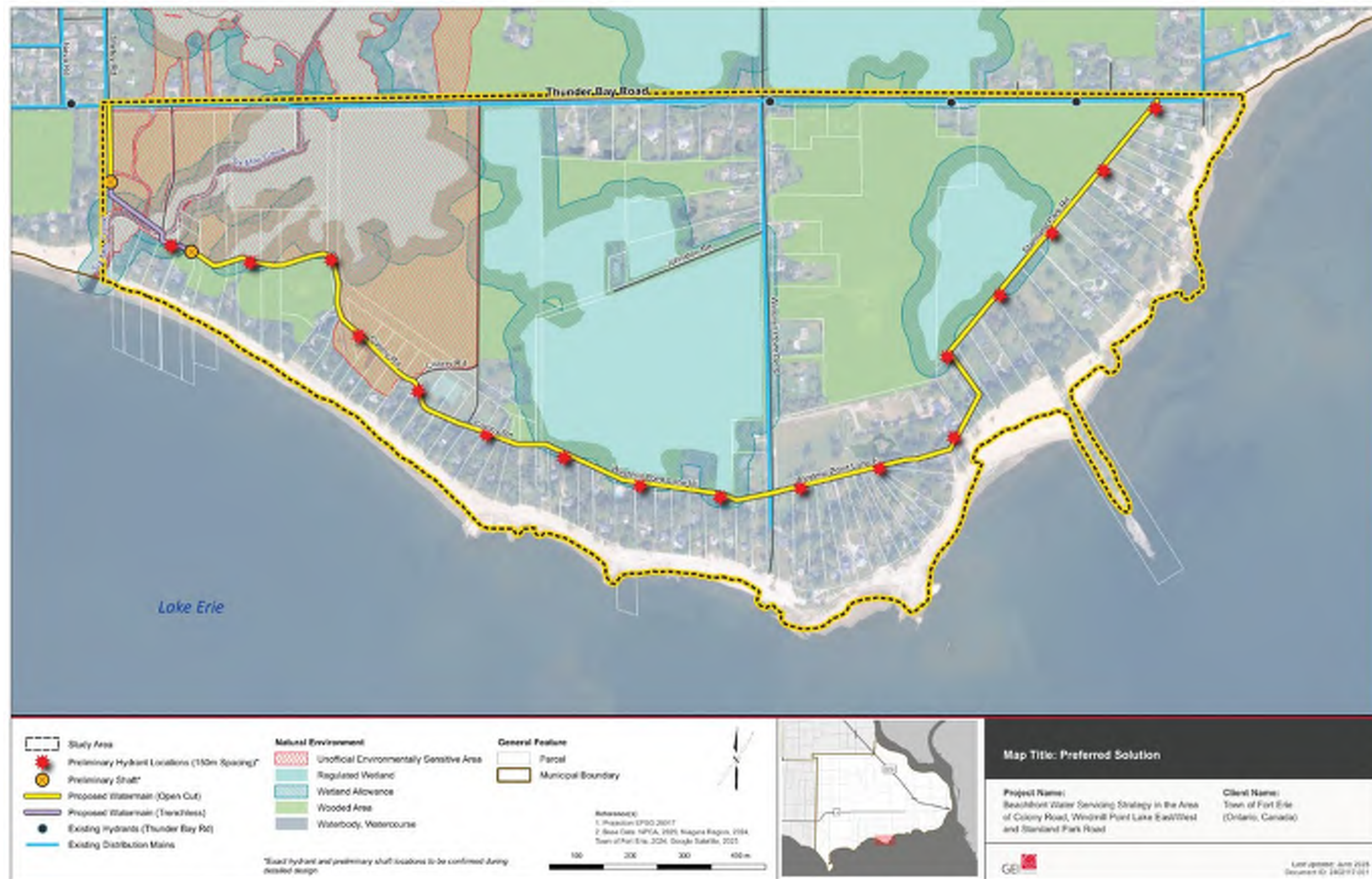


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Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 8:01:07 AM
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C.7.5 Comments Received & Consultation Tracking: Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

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From: Lindsay Currie - GM BluePlan
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:19 PM
To: Kristen Farrell - GM BluePlan
Subject: FW: [EXT] Notice of Commencement for file - First Nations distribution

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Lindsay Currie, M.Sc., P.Eng.
Project Manager | Infrastructure Planning
(She/Her)

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2024 11:33 AM
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I used your stakeholder list (please let me know if this is too hard to read.

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Notice of Commencement - Fort Erie Beachfront Water S...

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Sincerely,

Thank you,
Lisa

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Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:33 AM
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Subject: FW: [EXT] Fw: Notice of PIC #1 - Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd
Attachments: notice of pic - fort erie beachfront water servicing strategy.pdf

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2024 6:38 PM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
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Sun, Jun 23 6:31 PM

From: me [Show less](#)

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June 18, 2025

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RE: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/Q and Staniland Park Road - Project Update

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June 25, 2025

Project Name: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy, Fort Erie

DOCA Project Number: 2025-0685

Proponent: Town of Fort Erie

Project Location: Colony Road, Windmill point Lane E/Q & Staniland Park Road

Approval Authority: Town of Fort Erie

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The DOCA consultation team has reviewed the project-related correspondence identified above. **This project has been flagged for review.**

As this project has been flagged for review, we would like to share the following expectations for meaningful engagement:

- To begin, we would like to request an introductory meeting. This meeting can be held virtually or at the DOCA office. Please let us know your preference and some suggested dates and times for this meeting.
- Additionally, DOCA must be notified of, invited to participate in, and provided the opportunity to review any environmental and/or archaeological assessments. Please let us know as soon as possible if these studies are forthcoming and when they are anticipated to occur. If these studies have been completed, please provide us with copies of the reports prior to the introductory meeting.
- At its discretion, DOCA may request additional capacity funding from the proponent for its consultation and engagement activities relating to the project. We are happy to discuss this item in further detail at the upcoming introductory meeting.

At this time, the MCFN asserts that Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy, Fort Erie



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DOCA expects to be notified of any and all future project updates and/or changes.

If you have any questions for the DOCA consultation team, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,



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June 30, 2025

Project Name: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy, Fort Erie

DOCA Project Number: 2025-0685

Proponent: The Town of Fort Erie

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Archaeology Unit

Primary Reviewer: **Adam LaForme, MCFN DOCA- Manager of Archaeology**

Questions and Comments- *After the review of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, MCFN DOCA has no comments or concerns. Please contact me for the next steps for MCFN Stage 2 in-field participation.*

Environment Unit

Primary Reviewer: **Lindsay Wong, MCFN DOCA- Manager of Environment**

Questions and Comments- *After the review of the supported environmental reports, MCFN has no comments or concerns at this time.*

Heritage and Culture Unit

Primary Reviewer: **Darin Wybenga, MCFN DOCA- Acting Manager of Culture**

Questions and Comments- *I have had the opportunity to review the Cultural Heritage Report: Desktop Baseline Conditions, Colony Road Watermain Relocation Project, Municipal Class Environmental Assessmentm Town of Fort Erie, Niagara Region,*



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Ontario. The Final Report was Prepared for GM BluePlan Engineering Ltd., by Archaeological Services Inc., File 23CH-228, in May 2024 and revised in October 2024.

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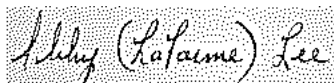
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RE: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/Q and Staniland Park Road – Comment Response

Thank you for your letters dated June 25, 2025, and June 30, 2025, confirming receipt of the project-related correspondence regarding the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Town of Fort Erie.

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We welcome the opportunity for meaningful engagement and are committed to working collaboratively with DOCA throughout the review process. We have provided responses to your comments below:

INTRODUCTORY MEETING

We would be pleased to arrange a virtual introductory meeting at your convenience. Please find below a few suggested dates and times for your consideration:

- August 19 - afternoon
- August 20 - afternoon
- September 2 - afternoon
- September 3 - afternoon
- September 4 - afternoon

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENTS

We will notify DOCA of any forthcoming environmental and archaeological assessments and ensure you are invited to participate in and review these studies. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment is planned during the detailed design phase, which is scheduled for 2025 / 2026. The Class EA project file report (PFR) will include a commitment to complete this investigation during the design phase and a commitment to invite Indigenous Communities, including Adam LaForme at MCFN to coordinate participation.

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMENTS

We will work with our team to revise the relevant sections of the cultural heritage report to reflect the distinctions noted, including:

- A clearer and more inclusive account of the Attawandaron, Haudenosaunee, and Mississaugas' respective relationships with the land.
- Clarification of the historical treaties referenced, particularly the distinction between the 1764 treaty involving the Seneca and the British crown, and Treaty No. 381 (1781) between the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Crown.

CAPACITY FUNDING

We understand that DOCA may request capacity funding to support its consultation and engagement activities. We are open to discussing this further.

We will continue to engage and consult with DOCA and refrain from ground-altering activities until DOCA's questions and concerns have been addressed to their satisfaction.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to working together in a respectful and collaborative manner.

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For more information on this study, please visit the Town's project website at:

<https://letstalk.forterie.ca/beachfront-water-servicing-strategy-in-the-area-of-colony-road-windmill-point-lane-e-w-and-staniland-park-road>

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We are almost ready to begin the project review period. Before initiating the public review, the Town would like to share the updated reports with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to ensure you have sufficient time and opportunity to review the materials. We will also have the Project File Report for your review shortly.

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Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 8:30 AM
To: Abby Lee <Abby.LaForme@mncfn.ca>
Cc: Megan DeVries <Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca>; Adam LaForme <Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca>; Lindsay Wong <Lindsay.Wong@mncfn.ca>; Darin Wybenga <Darin.Wybenga@mncfn.ca>; Simar Kaur <Simar.Kaur@mncfn.ca>; sjobson <sjobson@geiconsultants.com>; Tommy Peazel <TPeazel@forterie.ca>; DOCA Admin <DOCA.Admin@mncfn.ca>
Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Project Update

Hi Abby,

I hope you're doing well.

I'm writing to provide an update on the Beachfront Water Servicing project. We have completed revisions based on Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation's comments, and the updated Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and Cultural Heritage Report are attached for your review.

We are almost ready to begin the project review period. Before initiating the public review, the Town would like to share the updated reports with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to ensure you have sufficient time and opportunity to review the materials. We will also have the Project File Report for your review shortly.

If a meeting would be helpful, our team would be happy to arrange one, in person or virtual, in the coming weeks to walk through the updates, proposed solution, design commitments, filing schedule, or to discuss capacity funding or any agreements needed to support MCFN's review. Please let us know your preference.

Thank you again for your time and feedback throughout this project. We appreciate the continued engagement and look forward to working together.

Kind regards,

Lisa

Lisa Vespi
Project Manager
Infrastructure Services, Engineering Division

From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: August 8, 2025 11:03 AM
To: Abby LaForme <abby.laforme@mncfn.ca>
Cc: Anastasio, Sandra <sanastasio@geiconsultants.com>; Megan DeVries <Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca>; adam.laforme <adam.laforme@mncfn.ca>; Lindsay Wong <Lindsay.Wong@mncfn.ca>; Darin Wybenga <Darin.Wybenga@mncfn.ca>; Simar Kaur <Simar.Kaur@mncfn.ca>
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Do any of the proposed dates work?

Thank you,

Lisa Vespi
Project Manager
Infrastructure Services, Engineering Division

From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: July 18, 2025 3:02 PM
To: Abby LaForme <abby.laforme@mncfn.ca>
Cc: Anastasio, Sandra <sanastasio@geiconsultants.com>; Megan DeVries <Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca>; adam.laforme <adam.laforme@mncfn.ca>; Lindsay Wong <Lindsay.Wong@mncfn.ca>; Darin Wybenga <Darin.Wybenga@mncfn.ca>; Simar Kaur <Simar.Kaur@mncfn.ca>
Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Project Update

Hi Abby,

Thank you for your response to our report circulation.

Please find attached for the Town's response on your inquiries. Please let us know if any of the dates listed work for your team.

Looking forward to next steps on this project!

Thank you,
Lisa

Lisa Vespi
Project Manager
Infrastructure Services, Engineering Division

From: Abby Lee <Abby.LaForme@mncfn.ca>
Sent: June 30, 2025 9:54 AM
To: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Cc: Anastasio, Sandra <sanastasio@geiconsultants.com>; Megan DeVries <Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca>; adam.laforme <adam.laforme@mncfn.ca>; Lindsay Wong <Lindsay.Wong@mncfn.ca>; Darin Wybenga <Darin.Wybenga@mncfn.ca>; Simar Kaur <Simar.Kaur@mncfn.ca>
Subject: RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Project Update

Good Morning Lisa,

Please see the attached comment letter regarding the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA.

Thank you

Abby (LaForme) Lee (she/her)
Consultation Coordinator,
Department of Consultation & Accommodation



Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

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[Link to Fort Erie Beachfront EA Discipline Reports](#)

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Project Manager
Infrastructure Services, Engineering Division

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The Town welcomes comments and/or input you may wish to share regarding this study, and would appreciate feedback by July 18, 2025.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Lisa Vespi, P.Eng., PMP

Project Manager

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February 17, 2026



Project Name: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

DOCA Project Number: 2025-0685

Proponent: The Town of Fort Erie

Project Location: Colony Rd, Windmill Point Lane E/Q and Staniland Park Rd, Fort Erie, ON

Dear Lisa Vespi,

This letter is to confirm receipt of the project-related correspondence sent by The Town of Fort Erie, on February 9, 2026, regarding Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy.

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) are the Treaty Holders of the land on which Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy will take place. Specifically, the project is located on the Between the Lakes Treaty No. 3, of 1792. The MCFN holds Indigenous and Treaty Rights specific to the project location and its environs, which may be adversely impacted by it. The Department of Consultation and Accommodation (DOCA) is designated by the MCFN to handle consultation matters on its behalf.

The DOCA consultation team has filed the project-related correspondence identified above. **We have no questions or comments for you at this time.** This does not indicate a position of support for the project, that the Duty to Consult and Accommodate the MCFN has been met, or that there are no adverse impacts to the MCFN's Indigenous and Treaty Rights.

DOCA expects to be notified of any and all future project updates and/or changes. Additionally, DOCA must be notified of, invited to participate in, and provided the opportunity to review any environmental and/or archaeological assessments. At its discretion, DOCA may request capacity funding from the proponent for its consultation and engagement activities relating to the project.

If you have any questions for the DOCA consultation team, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

Abby (LaForme) Lee

Acting Consultation Specialist

Department of Consultation and Accommodation

Phone: 905-768-4260

Email: abby.laforme@mncfn.ca

CC: Megan DeVries, MCFN DOCA- Director, megan.devries@mncfn.ca

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
2789 Mississauga Road, Hagersville, Ontario N0A 1H0



Phone: (905) 768-1133
Fax: (905) 768-1225



Jobson, Steven

From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 10:20 PM
To: Abby LaForme
Cc: cathiej@mncfn.ca; Mark.Laforme@mncfn.ca; adam.laforme; Adrian.Blake@mncfn.ca; stacey.laforme@mncfn.ca; Jobson, Steven; Tommy Peazel
Subject: [EXT] Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy – Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Invitation to Review PFR Prior to Filing
Attachments: 260225 - Pre-Filing Letter-MCFN.pdf

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good evening Abby,

We are pleased to submit the draft Project File Report for the above noted project to Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for a pre-review prior to filing. Please let us know if you have any comments or questions, or would like to set up review agreements with the Town.

The link is embedded within the letter, but is also here for ease:

[2026-02-19_ProjectFileReport_Prefiling.pdf](#)

Kind regards,

Lisa Vespi, P.Eng., PMP

Project Manager

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February 25, 2026

Abby (LaForme) Lee
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
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Hagersville, ON
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RE: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy – Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Project File Report

Dear Ms. Lee,

The Town of Fort Erie is completing the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West, and Staniland Park Road neighbourhoods. This Schedule B Class EA is being carried out in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

The study was initiated to identify a long-term, sustainable solution to address the operational, maintenance, and water servicing risks associated with the existing 3 km watermain in this beachfront area. The current watermain is aging, difficult to access, and subject to shoreline erosion, fluctuating sand cover, limited fire flow capacity, and ongoing water quality challenges. The EA included the completion of technical discipline studies, evaluation of alternative solutions, and consultation with Indigenous communities, agencies, stakeholders, and the public.

Through the assessment of alternatives, the Town has identified Alternative 4 – Relocate the watermain along existing roadways with traditional fire hydrants as the preferred servicing solution. This solution includes:

- Installation of a new 150 mm diameter watermain primarily within existing road rights-of-way
- Replacement and relocation of fire hydrants along the new route to maintain traditional fire protection
- Reconstruction and replacement of water service connections
- Use of trenchless technology at Six Mile Creek to minimize disturbance to sensitive natural features.

This alternative best addresses long-term operational and maintenance risks while improving water quality and fire flow availability. It uses open cut construction methodology which reduces overall construction complexity and risk with the ability to construct within road right of way where possible to minimize impacts to adjacent natural features. This solution is strongly favoured by residents with the preservation of Town-supplied water and traditional hydrants.

The Project File Report (PFR) documenting the EA process, supporting studies, alternatives considered, consultation, and the recommended solution is now complete. In advance of the formal 30-day public review period, the Town is providing agencies and Indigenous communities with an early review opportunity to support meaningful input prior to final filing.

We invite you to review the PFR and provide any comments, questions, or concerns. Your perspective is valued, and your feedback will be incorporated where possible prior to issuing the Notice of Completion to the public. A link to the PFR is provided here:

[2026-02-19_ProjectFileReport_Prefiling.pdf](#)

February 25, 2026

The Town will issue a formal Notice of Completion on March 19, 2026, at which point the PFR will be placed on the public record for the required 30-day review period in accordance with the Municipal Class EA requirements. Any pre-filing comments can be raised before then. We will issue notice to you at the start of the formal 30-day review period.

Please let us know if you require accommodation, extension, or wish to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the Project File Report or preferred solution, please contact:

Lisa Vespi, P.Eng., PMP

Project Manager, Town of Fort Erie

Phone: 905-518-4770

Email: ivespi@forterie.ca

Cc: Chief R. Stacey LaForme
Cathie Jamieson
Mark LaForme
Adam LaForme
Adrian Blake

For more information on this study, please visit the Town's project website at:

<https://letstalk.forterie.ca/beachfront-water-servicing-strategy-in-the-area-of-colony-road-windmill-point-lane-e-w-and-staniland-park-road>



C.7.6 Comments Received & Consultation Tracking: Metis Nation of Ontario

Date Received	Stakeholder Group	Stakeholder Organization	Comment From	Comment To	Communication Type	Comment	Response/Action	Action Date	Status	Project Stage
4/2/2024	Indigenous Communities	Metis Nation of Ontario	Project Team	General Consultations	Email	Sent Notice of Commencement to Indigenous community contacts.	n/a	n/a	Complete	Notice of Commencement
6/23/2024	Indigenous Communities	Metis Nation of Ontario	Project Team	General Consultations	Email	Sent Notice of Public Information Centre to Indigenous community contacts.	n/a	n/a	Complete	Notice of PIC
2/6/2025	Indigenous Communities	Metis Nation of Ontario	Project Team	Derrick Pont	Mall	Sent Notice of Public Information Centre #2 to Indigenous community contacts.	n/a	n/a	Complete	Notice of PIC
6/23/2025	Indigenous Communities	Metis Nation of Ontario	Project Team	Derrick Pont	Email	The Project Team provided a project update with an opportunity to review and provide any comments on the discipline studies completed for the project.	n/a	N/A	Complete	Phase 2
6/26/2025	Indigenous Communities	Metis Nation of Ontario	Project Team	Derrick Pont	Email	The Project Team provided the link to the discipline reports for review and comment since the initial link in the letter sent on June 23, 2025 did not work.	n/a	N/A	Complete	Phase 2

Jobson, Steven

From: Lindsay Currie - GM BluePlan
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:19 PM
To: Kristen Farrell - GM BluePlan
Subject: FW: [EXT] Notice of Commencement for file - First Nations distribution

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Lindsay Currie, M.Sc., P.Eng.
Project Manager | Infrastructure Planning
(She/Her)

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2024 11:33 AM
To: Lindsay Currie - GM BluePlan <Lindsay.Currie@gmblueplan.ca>
Cc: Julien Bell - GM BluePlan <julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Notice of Commencement for file - First Nations distribution

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Lindsay,

Here is the email from the Notice of Commencement First Nations distribution. I didn't cc you because you wouldn't have been able to see the distribution list as they were all bcc.

I used your stakeholder list (please let me know if this is too hard to read.

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From: me
Cc: Julien Bell - GM BluePlan <julien.bell@gmbblueplan.ca>
Bcc: dlaforme@seanations.ca, lrs@seanations.ca, lrus2@seanations.ca, rvanstone@seanations.ca, traceyghd@gmail.com, abby.LaForme@mnch.ca <abby.laforme@mnch.ca>, DOCA.Admin@mnch.ca, cathie@mnch.ca, Mark.LaForme@mnch.ca <mark.laforme@mnch.ca>, Adam.LaForme@mnch.ca <adam.laforme@mnch.ca>, Adrian.Blake@mnch.ca, stacey.laforme@mnch.ca, cos.charlotte@coo.org, gstonefish@aiaa.on.ca, pmtjd@hotmail.com, Consultations <consultations@metisation.org>, executivedirector@ferfc.org



Notice of Commencement - Fort Erie Beachfront Water S...

Good morning,

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd. This study will identify and evaluate water servicing alternatives to develop a long-term solution to alleviate existing operations and maintain service levels in the area. Please see attached the Notice of Study Commencement which contains further details about this study.

As part of the study's engagement program, you are currently included in the study contact list. Feedback and meaningful engagement for this study is important. If you have any questions regarding this project or if you wish to provide an alternate contact person, please reach out to a member of our project team (myself, Lisa Vespi, Town of Fort Erie Project Manager – L.Vespi@forterie.ca or Julien Bell, GM BluePlan Project Manager – Julien.Bell@gmbblueplan.ca).

The project webpage is located here:

<https://letstalk.forterie.ca/beachfront-water-servicing-strategy-in-the-area-of-colony-road-windmill-point-lane-e-w-and-staniland-park-road>

Sincerely,

Thank you,
Lisa

Jobson, Steven

From: Currie, Lindsay
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:33 AM
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Fw: Notice of PIC #1 - Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd
Attachments: notice of pic - fort erie beachfront water servicing strategy.pdf

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LINDSAY CURRIE, M.Sc., P.Eng. (She/Her)
Project Manager
cell: 519.635.5145
1266 South Service Road | Unit C31 | Hamilton, Ontario L8E 5R9 | Canada



From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2024 6:38 PM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Fw: Notice of PIC #1 - Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd

EXTERNAL EMAIL

For your file - Indigenous emailing. I have not mailed them hard copy.

Notice of PIC #1 - Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd
Sun, Jun 23 6:31 PM
From: me
Cc: Bell, Julien <JuBell@geiconsultants.com>
Bcc: diaforme <diaforme@snations.ca>, lrcs@snations.ca, lruo2@snations.ca, rvanstone@snations.ca, traceyghdi@gmail.com, abby.laforme@mncfn.ca, DOCA Admin <doca.admin@mncfn.ca>, cathie@mncfn.ca, mark.laforme <mark.laforme@mncfn.ca>, adam.laforme@mncfn.ca, adrian.blake@mncfn.ca, claires@mncfn.ca, cos.charlotte@coo.org, gstonefish@aiaa.ca, portdj@hotmail.com, consultations@metisnation.org, executivedirector@fentic.org

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Thank you,

Lisa

Lisa Vespi, P. Eng.
Project Manager
The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive | Fort Erie, ON | L2A 2S6

----- Original message -----
From: Lisa Vespi/FortErie
To:
Cc: JuBell@geiconsultants.com
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Lisa

Lisa Vespi, P. Eng.

Project Manager

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

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From: [Lisa Vespi](#)
To: [pontdj](#)
Cc: [Anastasio, Sandra](#)
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Project Update
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 8:00:51 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-b0dox5kw.png](#)
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Please use this link:

[Link to Fort Erie Beachfront EA Discipline Reports](#)

Thank you,

Lisa Vespi
Project Manager
Infrastructure Services, Engineering Division

From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: June 23, 2025 7:56 AM
To: pontdj <pontdj@hotmail.com>
Cc: Anastasio, Sandra <sanastasio@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Project Update

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Lisa Vespi, P.Eng., PMP

Project Manager

Town of Fort Erie

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June 18, 2025

Derrick Pont
Metis Nation of Ontario
3250 Schmon Parkway, Unit 1A
Thorold, ON, L2V 4Y6

RE: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/Q and Staniland Park Road - Project Update

PROJECT BACKGROUND

GEI Consultants (GEI) (formerly GM BluePlan Engineering) was retained by the Town of Fort Erie (Town) to undertake a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to assess water servicing strategies for the beachfront neighbourhoods along Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West, and Staniland Park Road. The area is currently serviced by an existing 3 km watermain which is experiencing operational, maintenance, and servicing issues due to its age and location. This study identified and evaluated water servicing alternatives to develop a long-term solution to alleviate the existing operational issues while maintaining appropriate service levels for local residents.

This Class EA study is being undertaken in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process developed by the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015, 2023 and 2024), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. This study is being completed as a Schedule B Class EA, satisfying Phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA process. This study has defined the problems and opportunities associated with the study area, developed and evaluated alternative strategies, determined a feasible solution, and identified methods to avoid or minimize impacts to the community and natural environment.

PREFERRED SOLUTION

Through the Class EA process, the study has developed, evaluated and identified the preferred water servicing alignment to meet existing needs and fire flow objectives, improve access and maintenance, and improve water quality management within the study area.

The preferred water alignment includes:

- New watermain along the road right of way of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane West, Windmill Point Lane East and Staniland Park Road
- Reconstruction and replacement of water service lines
- Relocation of fire hydrants along the existing roadway
- Open cut construction methodology may be required for narrow roadways

The preferred water alignment is presented in **Figure 1**.

DISCIPLINE STUDIES COMPLETED

As part of the Class EA, several desktop studies were completed to understand the existing conditions of the study area to support the evaluation and selection of the preferred water alignment alternatives. Studies include:

- Natural Environment Desktop Review
- Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment
- Cultural Heritage Screening Report
- Geotechnical and Hydrogeological Desktop Review

The above reports are provided in the link below for your review and comment.

[Link to Fort Erie Beachfront EA Discipline Reports](#)

DESIGN COMMITMENTS

The Town understands that further field investigations are required to support the detailed design and construction of the preferred solution. The Town has committed to complete the following more detailed studies, at a minimum, during the detailed design stage of this project:

- **Archaeology:** Complete an on-site verification of archaeological potential locations along the preferred water alignment and conduct a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment at locations along the preferred water alignment that exhibit archaeological potential to confirm areas of avoidance and any required mitigation measures.
- **Natural Environment:** Field verification of natural features and wildlife habitats and conduct any site-specific surveys required along the preferred water alignment to confirm impacts and mitigation measures.
- **Cultural Heritage:** Field verification to confirm presence or absence of potential cultural heritage resources along the preferred water alignment and confirm any impacts and mitigation measures.
- **Geotechnical and Hydrogeological:** Install boreholes and monitoring wells along the preferred water alignment to confirm geological and hydrogeological subsurface properties to support detailed design and construction methodology.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT

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cc: Metis Nation of Ontario (consultations@metisnation.org)

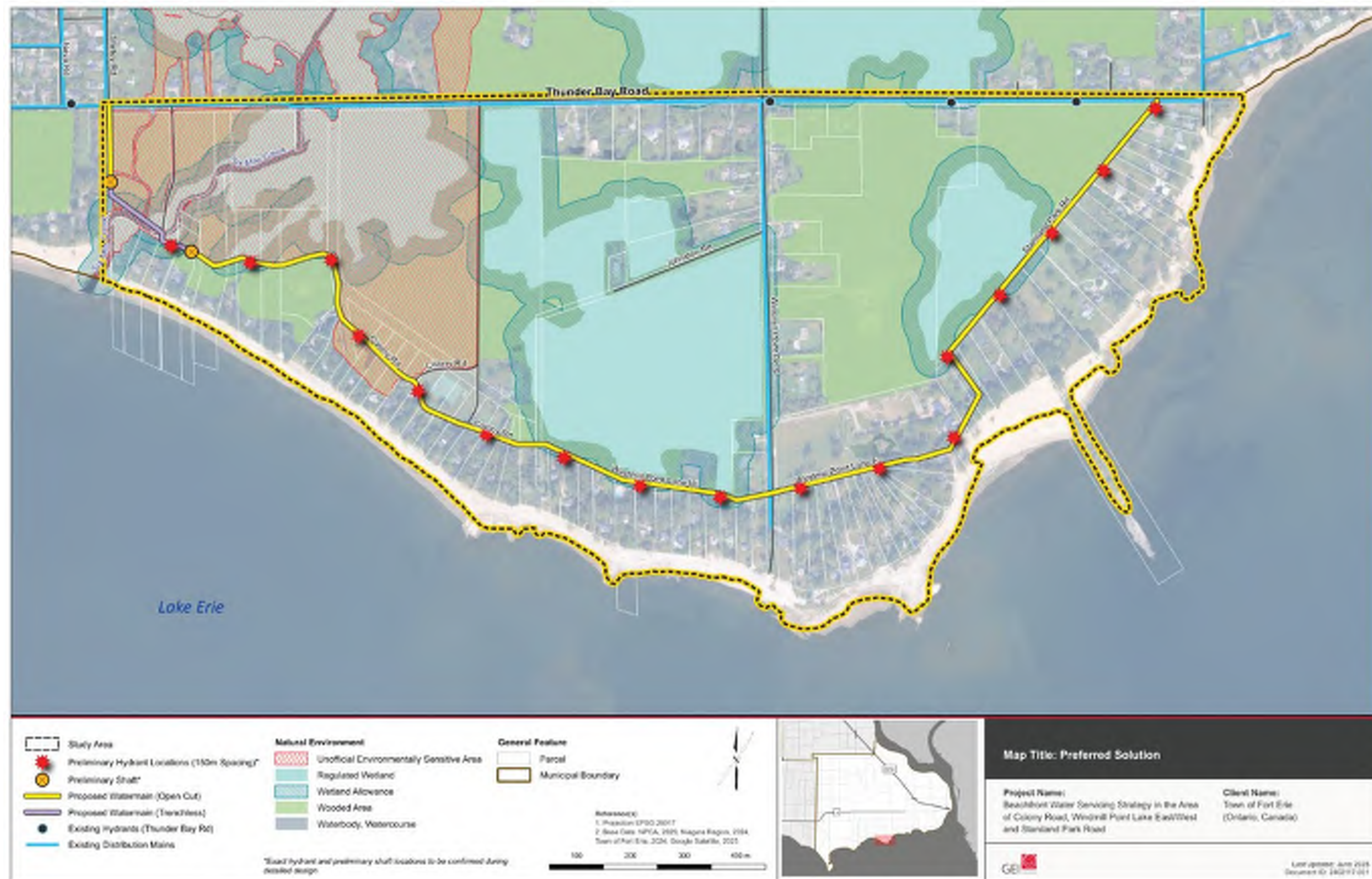


Figure 1: Preferred Water Solution

C.7.7 Comments Received & Consultation Tracking: Six Nations of the Grand River

Date Received	Stakeholder Group	Stakeholder Organization	Comment From	Comment To	Communication Type	Comment	Response/Action	Action Date	Status	Project Stage
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10/17/2025	Indigenous Communities	Six Nations of the Grand River	Project Team	Peter Graham	Email	Project team provided a follow-up response (with Project Letter) to prior response to SNGR comments sent on July 18, 2025. Project team noted that a sensitivity analysis was conducted along with a revised evaluation criteria to increase the weighting of the natural environment. Despite increased weighting, Alternative 4 was still the preferred option. Town also noted that they are committed to working closely with Indigenous communities throughout the design/construction phases, which would include an Environmental Impact Study and Tree Inventory to assess impacts in more detail than viable at the Class EA Stage. Letter also indicated the Town's design commitments (stage 2 archaeo assessment; cultural heritage impact assessment; indigenous participation in field investigations and report reviews; Environmental Impact Study; etc.).	Peter acknowledged the response and agreement to change the weighting. Peter also indicated that since what is SNGREC consider the most destructive alternative was selected, they require an EIS to be conducted as part of the EA, along with a commitment to a 10:1 tree replacement ratio and payment of \$380,000 per their Environmental Levy and Accommodation Strategy policies.	10/27/2025	Complete	Phase 2
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11/1/2025	Indigenous Communities	Six Nations of the Grand River	Project Team	Peter Graham	Email	Project team provided a follow-up question about the level of detail / scope that Six Nations would require for an EIS at the EA Stage.	No response to date. Level of detail / scope will be confirmed with Six Nations as the Environmental Impact Study moves forward in future.	11/21/2025	Complete	Phase 2
2/1/2026	Indigenous Communities	Six Nations of the Grand River	Project Team	Peter Graham	Email	Project team provided a follow-up email to Six Nations asking about scheduling a meeting to walk through the progress and schedule, as well as to discuss capacity funding and any agreements needed to support SNGR's review of the project file report.	Awaiting response from SNGR	n/a		Phase 2
2/25/2026	Indigenous Communities	Six Nations of the Grand River	Project Team	Peter Graham	Email	Project team provided a pre-filing letter to Six Nations, along with a link to the pre-filing version of the Project File Report so that any further comments/questions could be identified before filing.	No response received	n/a		Phase 2

Jobson, Steven

From: Lindsay Currie - GM BluePlan
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:19 PM
To: Kristen Farrell - GM BluePlan
Subject: FW: [EXT] Notice of Commencement for file - First Nations distribution

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Lindsay Currie, M.Sc., P.Eng.
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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2024 11:33 AM
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Cc: Julien Bell - GM BluePlan <julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca>
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Hi Lindsay,

Here is the email from the Notice of Commencement First Nations distribution. I didn't cc you because you wouldn't have been able to see the distribution list as they were all bcc.

I used your stakeholder list (please let me know if this is too hard to read.

[Reply](#) [Reply All](#) [Forward](#) |    ... | **Notice of Commencement - Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd**

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Cc: Julien Bell - GM BluePlan <julien.bell@gmbblueplan.ca>
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Notice of Commencement - Fort Erie Beachfront Water S...

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Thank you,
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From: Currie, Lindsay
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:33 AM
To: Farrell, Kristen
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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
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To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Fw: Notice of PIC #1 - Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd

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Notice of PIC #1 - Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd

Sun, Jun 23 6:31 PM

From: me

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Cc: Bell, Julien <JuBell@geiconsultants.com>

Bcc: diaforme <diaforme@snations.ca>, lrcs@snations.ca, lruo2@snations.ca, rvanstone@snations.ca, traceyghdi@gmail.com, abby.laforme@mncfn.ca, DOCA Admin <doca.admin@mncfn.ca>, cathie@mncfn.ca, mark.laforme <mark.laforme@mncfn.ca>, adam.laforme@mncfn.ca, adrian.blake@mncfn.ca, claires@mncfn.ca, cos.charlotte@coo.org, gstonefish@aiaa.ca, portdj@hotmail.com, consultations@metisnation.org, executivedirector@fentic.org

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Subject: [EXT] RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Project Update
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:23:50 AM
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June 18, 2025

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**RE: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road,
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PROJECT BACKGROUND

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PREFERRED SOLUTION

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- Reconstruction and replacement of water service lines
- Relocation of fire hydrants along the existing roadway
- Open cut construction methodology may be required for narrow roadways

The preferred water alignment is presented in **Figure 1**.

DISCIPLINE STUDIES COMPLETED

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- Natural Environment Desktop Review
- Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment
- Cultural Heritage Screening Report
- Geotechnical and Hydrogeological Desktop Review

The above reports are provided in the link below for your review and comment.

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DESIGN COMMITMENTS

The Town understands that further field investigations are required to support the detailed design and construction of the preferred solution. The Town has committed to complete the following more detailed studies, at a minimum, during the detailed design stage of this project:

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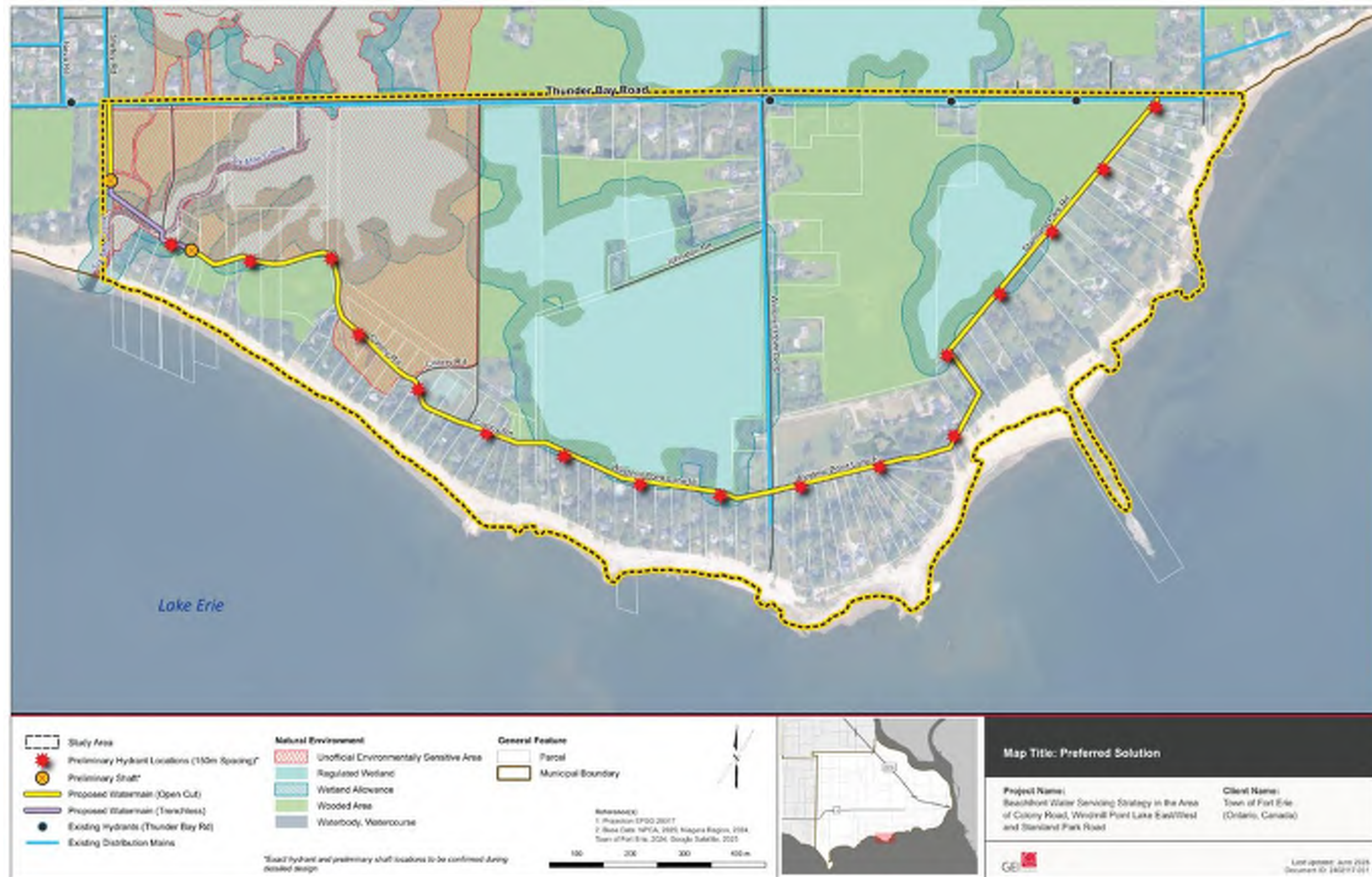


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NATURAL HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

We acknowledge your concern regarding the status of the Natural Heritage Investigations, having completed the desktop-based Natural Heritage Conditions Report. Given that this is a Schedule B project, a desktop level study was appropriate for assessing alternatives and engaging with the public and review agencies, with the understanding that more detailed investigations would be completed at a later phase. The Class EA Project File Report (PFR) will include a commitment to complete an Environmental Impact Study including site-specific field investigations during the detailed design phase prior to finalizing the design of the watermain. As with our current practice, the Town is committed to including field investigations for species and habitats of cultural significance to SNGR members. In addition, the PFR will include a commitment to invite Indigenous Communities, including Six Nations, to participate in the field investigations and review the report.

EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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CULTURAL HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL CONTEXT

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We acknowledge SNGR's request for a 10:1 tree replacement ratio. We are currently reviewing this request and will provide a response as part of our next project update.

CAPACITY FUNDING

We understand that SNGR requires capacity funding to support its consultation and engagement activities. We are open to discussing this further.

NEXT STEPS

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Please do not hesitate to reach out with any additional questions or to propose a time for further discussion.

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We acknowledge the importance of this project's location within an environmentally sensitive area and recognize the need for a more robust understanding of potential impacts on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. We would like to continue engaging with SNGR throughout the design to understand what specific adverse rights impacts are identified in relation to the compensation request.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Following receipt of your comments, the Project Team conducted a sensitivity analysis and revised the evaluation criteria to better reflect the sensitive natural features within the study area. Specifically, the weighting for the natural environment has been increased from 20% to 30%, while the weighting for financial viability has been reduced from 30% to 20%. The evaluation matrix has been updated accordingly, and Alternative 4 continues to be identified as the preferred option.

While Alternative 4 involves open-cut construction, the majority of the work will be confined to the existing road right-of-way wherever feasible. This approach is intended to minimize disruption to surrounding natural features. Work within Six Mile Creek would meet permitting requirements to minimize impacts fish and fish habitat.

The Town is committed to work closely with Indigenous Communities throughout the design and construction phases of the project to develop and implement appropriate mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts.

Also, throughout design, an Environmental Impact Study as well as Tree Inventory by a Certified Arborist will be completed for the impacted areas. The Town will engage with Indigenous Communities through that stage in order to implement tree replacement that aligns with SNGR policy and the Town's Tree Bylaw (53-2025).

CULTURAL HERITAGE

We have updated the social and cultural impact criteria in the evaluation matrix to more accurately reflect the values and impacts of the alternatives to the Indigenous Communities. We are also updating the Cultural Heritage Report to include earlier First Nation history.

DESIGN COMMITMENTS

We have included the following Cultural Heritage and Natural Environment commitments in the Class EA's Project File Report that will be completed during detailed design:

- Cultural Heritage:
 - Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment to identify any archaeological resources
 - Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment to confirm cultural heritage significance
 - Indigenous Communities to be provided the opportunity to participate in both field investigations and report review.
- Natural Environment
 - Environmental Impact Study including site visits during the growing season (May to September) are required during detailed design to confirm:
 - Overall impacts and mitigation measures of the preferred alignment.
 - Limits of the wetland complex along proposed route (consultation with NPCA and/or MNR will be required if changes to wetland boundaries are identified).
 - Limits of woodland communities along any proposed route (consultation with Town will be required regarding identification of woodland limits).
 - Assess for potential occurrence of wildlife species identified through the desktop study as well as any species important to Indigenous Communities. If suitable habitat is identified, confirmation surveys will likely be required including but not limited to:
 - Botanical inventory for White Wood Aster and Butternut
 - Habitat suitability for Fowler's Toad
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 - Tree inventory to record the location, species and characteristics of the individual trees along and near the preferred alignment.
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 - Other surveys that may be required depending on the detailed design:
 - Ecological Land Classification (ELC) and Botanical Inventories
 - Amphibian and reptile surveys
 - Aquatic habitat assessment
 - Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (incorporating source-water-protection constraints (IPZ-2, SGRA, HVA)
 - Contamination and Spill Management Response Plan (incorporating source-water-protection constraints (IPZ-2, SGRA, HVA)

Following the completion of the above studies during the design phase, the Town will refine the preferred alignment and identify the appropriate mitigation measures to minimize impacts to the natural environment and Indigenous Communities.

We are committed to working collaboratively with SNGR as we bring the Class EA phase of the project to completion. We will continue to engage and collaborate with SNGR in detailed design and construction phases too.

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As part of the Environmental Assessment process for Schedule B projects, we have addressed the requirements, including desktop studies for the entire study area. We plan to complete the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) during the design phase, following budget approval. Currently, we lack the funds to proceed with this work, as it was not initially scoped as part of Schedule B. When an EIS is completed for our other projects, it's typically done during the design phase to determine exact alignments, design concepts, and construction approaches to minimize impact and identity mitigation.

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We are committed to continuing our engagement with SNGR during the detailed design phase. We welcome the involvement of SNGR field monitors during the EIS. However, before proceeding with the EIS and monitoring, as mentioned above, we must secure additional capital budget approval.

Our aim is to advance the project in a manner that respects the rights and interests of

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Please let me know if you would prefer a site meeting or a virtual meeting to discuss our approach for the next steps.

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	Supports Fire Protection	Supports a level of fire protection that is considered suitable and achievable by the Town's Fire Department.	- Achieves fire protection using traditional fire hydrants - With 150 mm, modelling indicates entire route can achieve >50 L/s goal for fire flow at all hydrants - Improvement over existing conditions	5	- Achieves fire protection using tanker and pumper trucks with supply from Thunder Bay Road - Access challenges (road) to be improved with turn-around areas	2	- Achieves fire protection using tanker and pumper trucks with supply from Thunder Bay Road - Access challenges (road) to be improved with turn-around areas	2
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	Ease of Property / Land Acquisition	Minimizes disruption to implementation process due to property and land acquisition requirements (expropriation of land / land purchase, temporary / permanent easements).	- Majority of construction dedicated to private right of way - Some work to be planned within properties, including new service connections - New easements required - Removal/abandonment of existing watermain required	3	- Majority of construction dedicated to private right of way - Some work to be planned within properties, including new service connections - New easements required - Removal/abandonment of existing watermain required	3	- Majority of construction within private properties - Land is required within private property for cistern installation - No expropriation of land / easements required as cistern will become property of the homeowner. - Permitting may need to be completed by the Town for the residents	3
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	Weighted Score (30%)			12		12		18

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Social / Cultural	Manages and Minimizes Construction (Short-term) Impacts	Limits disruption to Indigenous Communities and their lands as well as residents caused by construction works, including creation of noise / dust / vibrations, impact to traffic flow, limited access to properties (temporary), etc.	- Construction primarily along narrow right of way with single in/out access. - Limited access to private properties during construction - Longer construction length (6-8 months) to ensure continued access to private properties during construction - New service lines to customers required with some impact within private property boundary - Long-term aesthetics have minimal impact to residents - Potential disruption in accessing traditional lands for hunting, fishing and gathering purposes	3	- Construction primarily along narrow right of way with single in/out access. Potential for limited access to private properties during construction - Moderate construction length (4-6 months) to ensure continued access to private properties during construction - New service lines to customers required with some impact within private property boundary - Access road improvements required to help support turnaround points for tanker trucks - Long-term aesthetics have minimal impact to residents - Potential disruption in accessing traditional lands for hunting, fishing and gathering purposes	3	- Construction is within private property. Scheduling can mitigate impact to each property owner - Access road improvements required to help support turnaround points for tanker trucks - Difficult constructability - Potential for increased difficulty in coordinating works for all individual properties	1
	Manages and Minimizes Long-term Impacts to Indigenous Communities and Residents	Minimizes long-term impacts to Indigenous Communities and their land as well as existing and / or future residents including service disruption, traffic, aesthetics, and landscaping. Limits / mitigates impacts on internal plumbing service.	- Residents heavily supportive of maintaining fire protection via hydrants - Residents supportive of maintaining Town water supply - Long-term aesthetics have minimal impact to residents - Potential impacts to landscapes and features that are culturally and naturally significant to Indigenous Communities, however impacts can be mitigated - Six Mile Creek will be tunnelled, with shaft locations outside the floodplain to avoid impacts to this feature	3	- Residents generally not supportive of removing hydrants; perceived as less advantageous for home insurance and property value - Residents supportive of maintaining Town water supply - Potential impacts to landscapes and features that are culturally and naturally significant to Indigenous Communities, however impacts can be mitigated - Six Mile Creek will be tunnelled, with shaft locations outside the floodplain to avoid impacts to this feature	3	- Residents generally not supportive of removing hydrants; perceived as less advantageous for home insurance and property value - Cistern on property has potential to impact landscaping depending on location - New plumbing required, with some impacts to property	2
	Protects Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Features	Limits potential impacts to areas previously determined to have high archeological potential, moderate / unknown archeological potential, or low / no archeological potential; limits potential impacts to a structure, property, district, feature, or landscape that has been previously identified to be of cultural heritage value or interest; limits potential impacts to Indigenous Peoples, including areas of cultural significance.	- Study Area exhibits archaeological potential - Stage 2 archeological assessment is required, however works will mainly be located within the road (previously disturbed land) - Open cut construction presents the largest risk to archaeological features - No known built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes are present in the Study Area - Areas of potential heritage sensitivity include: a tributary to Six Mile Creek, the historical location of the windmill/gristmill on the shoreline, and the northeastern corner of the study area where early residential structures may be present. Avoidance of these areas will eliminate potential impact and requirement to complete field survey - Study Area is in an archaeologically sensitive area, which has potential for significant impact to Indigenous Peoples if artifacts are present - Mitigation and offsetting likely required for any vegetation that is removed during construction - Six Mile Creek will be tunnelled, with shaft locations outside the floodplain to avoid impacts to this feature	2	- Study Area exhibits archaeological potential - Stage 2 archeological assessment is required for shaft locations outside the road - Potential impact can be mitigated by trenchless construction - No known built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes are present in the Study Area - Areas of potential heritage sensitivity include: a tributary to Six Mile Creek, the historical location of the windmill/gristmill on the shoreline, and the northeastern corner of the study area where early residential structures may be present. Avoidance of these areas will eliminate potential impact and requirement to complete field survey - Study Area is in an archaeologically sensitive area, which has potential for significant impact to Indigenous Peoples if artifacts are present - Potential impact can be avoided by trenchless construction. Mitigation and offsetting of impact may also be employed - Six Mile Creek will be tunnelled, with shaft locations outside the floodplain to avoid impacts to this feature	2	- Study Area exhibits archaeological potential - Stage 2 archeological assessment is required - No known built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes are present in the Study Area - Areas of potential heritage sensitivity include: a tributary to Six Mile Creek, the historical location of the windmill/gristmill on the shoreline, and the northeastern corner of the study area where early residential structures may be present. Avoidance of these areas will eliminate potential impact and requirement to complete field survey - Study Area is in an archaeologically sensitive area, which has potential for significant impact to Indigenous Peoples if artifacts are present - Mitigation and offsetting may be required for any vegetation that is removed during construction	2
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Cc: [Jobson, Steven](#); [Jordan Frost](#)
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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good evening Peter,

We are pleased to submit the draft Project File Report to Six Nations of the Grand River for a pre-review prior to filing. Please let us know if you have any comments or questions, or would like to set up review agreements with the Town.

The link is embedded within the letter, but if also here for ease:

[2026-02-19_ProjectFileReport_Prefiling.pdf](#)

Kind regards,

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Project Manager

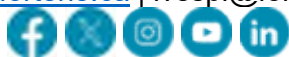
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RE: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy – Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Project File Report

Dear Mr. Graham

The Town of Fort Erie is completing the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West, and Staniland Park Road neighbourhoods. This Schedule B Class EA is being carried out in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

The study was initiated to identify a long-term, sustainable solution to address the operational, maintenance, and water servicing risks associated with the existing 3 km watermain in this beachfront area. The current watermain is aging, difficult to access, and subject to shoreline erosion, fluctuating sand cover, limited fire flow capacity, and ongoing water quality challenges. The EA included the completion of technical discipline studies, evaluation of alternative solutions, and consultation with Indigenous communities, agencies, stakeholders, and the public.

Through the assessment of alternatives, the Town has identified Alternative 4 – Relocate the watermain along existing roadways with traditional fire hydrants as the preferred servicing solution. This solution includes:

- Installation of a new 150 mm diameter watermain primarily within existing road rights-of-way
- Replacement and relocation of fire hydrants along the new route to maintain traditional fire protection
- Reconstruction and replacement of water service connections
- Use of trenchless technology at Six Mile Creek to minimize disturbance to sensitive natural features.

This alternative best addresses long-term operational and maintenance risks while improving water quality and fire flow availability. It uses open cut construction methodology which reduces overall construction complexity and risk with the ability to construct within road right of way where possible to minimize impacts to adjacent natural features. This solution is strongly favoured by residents with the preservation of Town-supplied water and traditional hydrants.

The Project File Report (PFR) documenting the EA process, supporting studies, alternatives considered, consultation, and the recommended solution is now complete. In advance of the formal 30-day public review period, the Town is providing agencies and Indigenous communities with an early review opportunity to support meaningful input prior to final filing.

We invite you to review the PFR and provide any comments, questions, or concerns. Your perspective is valued, and your feedback will be incorporated where possible prior to issuing the Notice of Completion to the public. A link to the PFR is provided here:

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The Town will issue a formal Notice of Completion on March 19, 2026, at which point the PFR will be placed on the public record for the required 30-day review period in accordance with the Municipal Class EA requirements. Any pre-filing comments can be raised before then. We will issue notice to you at the start of the formal 30-day review period.

Please let us know if you require accommodation, extension, or wish to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the Project File Report or preferred solution, please contact:

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For more information on this study, please visit the Town's project website at:

<https://letstalk.forterie.ca/beachfront-water-servicing-strategy-in-the-area-of-colony-road-windmill-point-lane-e-w-and-staniland-park-road>

