

Appendix C Consultation and Engagement

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Jobson, Steven

From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 8:00 AM
To: Kaurin, Kady (MECP)
Cc: Jobson, Steven
Subject: [EXT] Re: Draft Project File Report Submission for MECP Review – Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Kady,

Thank you for your email response.

We are aiming to have one last meeting with Six Nations as well as Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and then we will be in a position to submit for the 30-day Review Period. I'm hopeful that by the end of February we will have issued the notice. You can align your reviewers then! No worries.

Thank you,

Lisa Vespi
Project Manager
Infrastructure Services, Engineering Division

From: Kaurin, Kady (MECP) <Kady.Kaurin2@ontario.ca>
Sent: January 22, 2026 11:25 AM
To: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Subject: RE: Draft Project File Report Submission for MECP Review – Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

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Sorry Lisa, I haven't been able to review the rest of the report yet due to staff shortages and workload. When were you hoping to send the notice of completion? I will review this, just wondering the timing. If I send out to our team of specialists to look at things like surface water, groundwater, species at risk etc., it will take more time. Or I can do a preliminary review of the EA requirements/guidelines and circulate to the specialists once the notice of completion is sent and we have the 30 days to review.

Thank You

Kady Kaurin
Environmental Resource Planner/EA Coordinator | Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
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Hi Kady,

Thank you for sending these comments. We will review and incorporate as suitable.

Should we expect additional comments from MECP on the other aspects on the PFR?

Thank you,

Lisa

From: Kaurin, Kady (MECP) <Kady.Kaurin2@ontario.ca>
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Good afternoon, Lisa, I am the northern region planner covering this project, at the moment, for the west central region. One of your questions for the Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy was if MECP had any Guidance on addressing concerns raised by Indigenous communities, including recent requests from the Six Nations of the Grand River. We did hear back from Indigenous Advisor. He offers the following points. I hope this helps.

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Sent: December 15, 2025 1:54 PM

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Cc: sjobson <sjobson@geiconsultants.com>; Tommy Peazel <TPeazel@forterie.ca>

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Dear Joan,

We are submitting the draft Project File Report (PFR) for the Town of Fort Erie's Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy, covering Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West, and Staniland Park Road. This Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment addresses water servicing challenges in these neighbourhoods.

At this stage, we seek MECP's general review and feedback before issuing the public notice of completion. We especially welcome guidance regarding the following:

- Compliance with applicable environmental policies and regulations
- Guidance on addressing concerns raised by Indigenous communities, including recent requests from the Six Nations of the Grand River

Here are the links to the covering letter and report (you will also receive permission/access links from Steve Jobson at GEI, who is the Town's consultant completing the EA):

-  [2025-12-10 PreFilingMECPCoverLetter.pdf](#)
-  [2025-12-10 ProjectFileReport_PrefilingMECP.pdf](#)

We would be happy to arrange a virtual meeting to discuss your feedback at your convenience.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

Lisa Vespi, P.Eng., PMP

Project Manager

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Jobson, Steven

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Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 6:53 PM
To: Del Villar Cuicas, Joan (MECP)
Cc: Kaurin, Kady (MECP); Jobson, Steven; EA Notices to WCRegion (MECP); 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-MECP.pdf

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good evening Joan,

We are pleased to submit the draft Project File Report to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for a pre-review prior to filing. Please let us know if the technical and EA teams have any comments or questions.

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

Kind regards,

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February 25, 2026

Joan Del Villar Cuicas
Regional Environmental Planner – West Central Region
Project Review Unit, Environmental Assessment Branch

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

Dear Ms. Del Villar Cuicas,

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 intends to issue 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

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the Municipal Class EA requirements. 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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Project Manager, Town of Fort Erie

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Cc: Kady Kaurin

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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From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 6:59 PM
To: David Deluce
Cc: Carly Mason; Leilani Lee-Yates; 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-NPCA.pdf

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good evening David,

We are pleased to submit the draft Project File Report to Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for a pre-review prior to filing. Please let us know if you have any comments or questions.

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Kind regards,

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

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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hello Lisa,
Thank you for circulating the draft report for this project. We will review the document and let you know if we have any comments. Please note that MECP requires at least 30 days for the review.
Regards,

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From: Del Villar Cuicas, Joan (MECP) <Joan.DelVillarCuicas@ontario.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2026 9:07 AM
To: Lisa Vespi
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Subject: [EXT] RE: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy – Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Invitation to Review PFR Prior to Filing

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Good morning,

Thank you for providing the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd Project File Report for the Ministry's review. We are currently awaiting input from some technical reviewers . In the meantime, please see the following comments for your consideration:

Noise and Dust:

- The ministry recommends that the Report be revised to include a description of mitigation measures for noise and dust impacts from construction activities associated with the project, at a minimum. Noise and dust control measures should be addressed in construction mitigation plans in order to mitigate adverse noise impacts to nearby residential land uses within the study area during construction activities.

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Subject: RE: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy – Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Invitation to Review PFR Prior to Filing

Hi Joan,

Thank you for sending through the below comments.

We wanted to follow-up on a few of the items for further clarity since we believe many of these items in the Indigenous Consultation section were already updated in our most recent pre-submission (i.e., our most recent February 19th, 2026 version had various improvements to help answer the comments that were previously received from Kady Kaurin. Kady's comments were based on our 1st pre-submission on December 15, 2025).

- As before, here is the February 19th, 2026 submission link:
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We suspect that many of the comments provided are related to the December submission, rather than the February 19 submission.

As such, could the MECP please verify if that is the case and that our revisions in the latest PFR seem satisfactory?

Regarding the comments provided, our responses to each are below in green:

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- **Noted. We will revise by clearly adding noise and dust to our design commitments section of the PFR.**

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- MECP did not identify any potential significant adverse impacts to groundwater resources or groundwater users from the proposed watermain upgrades.
- **Noted. No action**

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consultation records it appears that the Town responded on August 7, 2024 and September 26, 2024 but failed to provide any option to meet as requested. While the Town offered to provide study results and inquired what the meeting would be about it does not appear that any time or date options were provided to the community. The Ministry recommends including any emails, scanned hard copies of letters, or descriptions of phone calls or meetings which would demonstrate efforts by the Town to arrange a meeting with HDI in response to these requests.

- **Noted.** Although specific dates were never exchanged, the Town did continue to make additional attempts to engage with HDI further to those two noted emails with both the PIC#2 notice and a subsequent project letter update providing the Discipline reports (Natural environment; Stage 1 AA; Cultural Heritage; Geotechnical & Hydrogeo) and asking for any feedback/requests. No responses were received.
- While it was noted that section 11.8- Indigenous Peoples contains a brief paragraph on engagement with Indigenous Peoples, it should provide a summary of the engagement that took place, any concerns raised and how these have been addressed throughout the EA. This should be done for each indigenous community that was consulted with.
- **Noted.** This section was updated notably (between our December and February pre-submissions) after this comment was provided to us by Kady.
 - The original brief section 11.8 was replaced by a ~2.5 page description of the overall engagement, key concerns raised and how they were addressed.
 - This is still Section 11.8 (Pages 75 to 78 of the PDF)
- Please include a tracking log for each community that contains method of communication (email, call, letter, etc.) date sent, concerns raised, reply sent, etc. in chronological order.
- **Noted.** Our Appendix C.7 (consultation tracking/comments received) changed notably (between our December and February pre-submissions) after this comment was provided to us by Kady.
 - The revised Appendices are broken out into C.7.1 to C.7.8 to highlight each community separately with a tracking log for each.
 - This is seen in the latest PDF starting from page 362.
- Indigenous consultation records must be separated from general public records and organised by community. At present, they are mixed in and hard to separate (ex. HDI email pg 670 of 831 pdf). There are some records that are redacted (pg 674 of 831 PDF) from HDI that should not be redacted (ex. 678 of 831 pdf/ Aaron Detlor emails- represents HDI). All records including Notice of Commencement, PICs, Notice of Completion, emails (unredacted) must be submitted and should follow the order of the tracking log.
- **Noted.** During our changes between our December and February submission, we made corrections to the erroneously redacted segments.
- **As per the earlier comment response relating to tracking logs, the records with indigenous communities are now organized with a chronological tracking log and individual communication records for each.**
- There is a letter from MCFN dated June 30, 2025 (pg 714 of 831) that addresses some concerns from MCFN though it is unclear if there was a response from the proponent given the records are all intertwined. Please specify if a response from the proponent was provided.

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- Noted. No action with respect to the Project File Report.
- The proponent should continue to engage with all communities that have been engaged with to date as the Class EA process proceeds.
- Noted. No action with respect to the Project File Report. The Town is committed to continued engagement with this project through the Class EA; Environmental Impact Study, and detailed design.

Best regards,

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Cc: Jobson, Steven <SJobson@geiconsultants.com>; Tommy Peazel <TPeazel@forterie.ca>; Mazzuca, Marco (MECP) <Marco.Mazzuca@ontario.ca>

Subject: [EXT] RE: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy – Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Invitation to Review PFR Prior to Filing

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning,

Thank you for providing the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd Project File Report for the Ministry's review. We are currently awaiting input from some technical reviewers . In the meantime, please see the following comments for your consideration:

Noise and Dust:

- The ministry recommends that the Report be revised to include a description of mitigation measures for noise and dust impacts from construction activities associated with the project, at a minimum. Noise and dust control measures should be addressed in construction mitigation plans in order to mitigate adverse noise impacts to nearby residential land uses within the study area during construction activities.

Groundwater:

- MECP did not identify any potential significant adverse impacts to groundwater resources or groundwater users from the proposed watermain upgrades.

Indigenous Consultation:

- Based on the consultation records it appears that HDI requested a meeting to discuss the project on August 6, 2024, and followed up again on August 20, 2024 and September 5, 2024. From the consultation records it appears that the Town responded on August 7, 2024 and September 26, 2024 but failed to provide any option to meet as requested. While the Town offered to provide study results and inquired what the meeting would be about it does not appear that any time or date options were provided to the community. The Ministry recommends including any emails, scanned hard copies of letters, or descriptions of phone calls or meetings which would demonstrate efforts by the Town to arrange a meeting with HDI in response to these requests.
- While it was noted that section 11.8- Indigenous Peoples contains a brief paragraph on engagement with Indigenous Peoples, it should provide a summary of the engagement that took place, any concerns raised and how these have been addressed throughout the EA. This should be done for each indigenous community that was consulted with.
- Please include a tracking log for each community that contains method of communication (email, call, letter, etc.) date sent, concerns raised, reply sent, etc. in chronological order.
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We will follow up with additional comments once the remaining technical reviews are complete. If timing is a constraint, comments can also be addressed during the final 30-day comment period.

Regards,

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Good evening Joan,

We are pleased to submit the draft Project File Report to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for a pre-review prior to filing. Please let us know if the technical and EA teams have any comments or questions.

We received project funding from the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream. As such, we are excited to file this EA and move into the design phase for tendering by March 31, 2027.

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Kind regards,

Lisa Vespi, P.Eng., PMP

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Sent: Friday, March 6, 2026 7:13 AM
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Subject: [EXT] Fw: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy – Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Invitation to Review PFR Prior to Filing

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Morning Steve,

Please see below from NPCA. They have provided these initial comments and intend to provide more by the end of the 30 day review period.

I heard from MECP. They require 30 days of pre-review. I think my schedule is 21days or so, and then I jump right into advertising and issuing for the public review. I guess the schedule has to be bumped to accommodate MECP requirements, and then allow GEI to incorporate the comments.

Thank you,
Lisa

From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
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To: Kim Peters <kpeters@npca.ca>
Cc: David Deluce <ddeluce@npca.ca>
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Hi Kim,

Thank you for your initial comments! We will review/respond/incorporate as required.

Appreciate your participation.

Thank you,
Lisa

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Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 3:23:05 PM
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Thanks and best regards,



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Cc: Gabrielle Bouchard
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Attachments: 2026.04.01_NPCA_Comments_Beachfront_Water_Servicing_EA.pdf
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Hi Steve,

We received these comments from NPCA yesterday. Please review and incorporate as necessary!

Thank you,
Lisa

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Hi Lisa,

Please find attached additional comments on the Beachfront Water Servicing EA. If clarification is needed, we'd be happy to meet.

Best regards,

Kim



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To: Lisa Vespi
Cc: Gabrielle Bouchard; Jobson, Steven
Subject: RE: [EXT] Re: Fw: Beachfront/Colony Rd Project - Request for Price/Schedule for EIS

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Thanks, Lisa. We would appreciate that.

Kim

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Hi Kim,

Further to your comments from the EA, I wanted to let you know that the Town is pursuing an Environmental Impact Study in the Colony Road area in the coming months.

We can keep NPCA as a close stakeholder in this if you'd like, particularly as it relates to your comments about PSW and dune stability.

Thank you,
Lisa

From: Gabrielle Bouchard <gabrielle@gabriellebouchardconsulting.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 8:01:36 a.m.
To: Male, Sean <smale@geiconsultants.com>
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Hi Sean,

I hope you are well! Attached is the RFQ for the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy Environmental Impact Study. I am pleased to say that we have received approval to single source this work. If you could please deliver a final proposal by Friday, March 27th, noting the budget limit specified in the RFQ.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

All the best,
Gabby

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April 1, 2026

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**Re: Town of Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy Municipal Class
Environmental Assessment (NPCA File No. PLEA202401169)**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Project File Report for the above-noted environmental assessment (EA). In accordance with the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Ontario Regulation 41/24, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) regulates the flooding and erosion hazards associated with Six Mile Creek, the Lake Erie shoreline (including potentially unstable backshore dunes), and the Six Mile Creek Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW). Development activities within the regulated area associated with these hazards will require permits from the NPCA.

NPCA staff notes that the preferred alternative (Alternative 4 – relocation of watermain along existing roads) may have negative impacts on Six Mile Creek and the Six Mile Creek PSW. In keeping with NPCA's policies, development activities can be permitted in a wetland only when an EA has considered all alternatives that avoid wetland loss or interference, and the preferred alternative minimizes wetland loss or interference and maintains wetland water balance to the greatest extent feasible.

Based on mapping of NPCA's approximate regulated area, the PSW complex may be limited to the north sides of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lanes East and West, and Staniland Park Road. The 30-metre regulated allowance for these wetlands overlaps Colony Road and extends into private properties on the south side of the road in several locations. To avoid negative impacts on the PSW, NPCA staff suggests locating the watermain Road 30 metres from the staked boundary of the wetland on the south side of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane West, and Staniland Park Road. Locating the watermain on the north side of the roads may have negative impacts on the PSW and may require restoration or compensation for wetland loss. The entry and exit pits for the directional drilling proposed for the Six Mile Creek crossing should be located above stable top of bank and outside the PSW.

NPCA staff also has concerns about instability of the backshore dunes on the south side of Colony Road between lots 2693 and 2901. Dunes with steep slopes are located immediately adjacent to Colony Road at lots 2819, 2841, 2853, 2889 and 2901. Construction and excavation

in these areas has the potential to destabilize the dunes. NPCA staff requests that a geotechnical study be undertaken to determine the risk and avoid slope failure and erosion.

As part of the detailed design process, NPCA staff requests a site visit during the active growing season (mid-May to mid-October) to confirm the limits of the wetland. Once this is complete and there is more information on the exact location of the watermain, NPCA staff can advise on restoration or compensation requirements. A site visit is also requested to assess the backshore dunes, in conjunction with the preparation of the geotechnical study. Provided that any negative impacts can be avoided or successfully mitigated, NPCA staff can support the preferred alternative.

With regard to the decommissioning and removal of the existing watermain under the beach, the EA does not provide any analysis of the potential impacts. Should the Town decide to proceed with removing the watermain, a permit from NPCA will be required.

As an advisory note, NPCA recommends that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks be consulted regarding both the construction of the new watermain and removal of the existing watermain because there are species at risk in the area.

Should you have any questions about these comments, please contact the undersigned at kpeters@npca.ca or (905) 933-3992.

Sincerely,



Kim Peters
Manager, Environmental Planning & Policy