Appendix C Consultation and Engagement

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Date Received	Stakeholder Group	Stakeholder Organization	Comment From	Comment To	Communication Type	Comment	Response/Action	Action Date	Status	Project Stage
2/22/2024	Provincial Agency	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Project Team	West Central Notification	Email	Sent Notice of Commencement and project information sheet to the MECP.	Received MECP's Letter of Acknowledgement in response to the Notice of Commencement.	2/26/2024	Complete	Notice of Commencement
3/28/2024	Project Stakeholders	Project Stakeholders	Project Team	Project Stakeholders	Email	Sent Notice of Commencement to general contact list.	n/a	n/a	Complete	Notice of Commencement
3/28/2024	Project Stakeholders	Project Stakeholders	Project Team	Project Stakeholders	Newspaper Ad	The Notice of Commencement was advertised in the Fort Erie Observer.	n/a	n/a	Complete	Notice of Commencement
4/2/2024	Provincial Agency	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	Sam Short	Project Team	Email	Received letter confirming receipt of the Notice of Commencement and providing information to guide in the identification and assessment of natural resources and features.	n/a	n/a	Complete	Notice of Commencement
4/2/2024	Local Municipality	Niagara Region	Project Team	Jeff Carl, Peter Paget, Tony Cimino, Michelle Miller, John Brunet, Phill Lambert	Email	Sent Notice of Commencement to Regional contacts.	n/a	n/a	Complete	Notice of Commencement
4/2/2024	Conservation Authorities	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority	Project Team	Steve Miller, David Deluce, Leilani Lee-Yates, Carly Mason	Email	Sent Notice of Commencement to NPCA contacts.	n/a	n/a	Complete	Notice of Commencement
4/2/2024	Local Municipality	Town of Fort Erie	Project Team	Kelly Walsh, Alexandria Russell, George Stojanovic, Nicholas Chevalier, Justin Kelly, Kevin Beauchamo. Alex Herlovitch	Email	Sent Notice of Commencement to local Town contacts.	n/a	n/a	Complete	Notice of Commencement
4/2/2024	Local Municipality	Niagara Region	Michelle Miller	Project Team	Email	Received request to be kept on the contact list for the project.	Confirmed inclusion on stakeholder list.	4/5/2024	Complete	Notice of Commencement
4/18/2024	Provincial Agency	Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	Liam Smythe	Project Team	Email	Received a letter acknowledging receipt of the Notice of Study Commencement and noting MCM's interest in the project including archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes.	The Project Team responded noting the EA and any follow up on design will include archaeological and cultural heritage assessments and in-water assessment are not anticipated based on the long list of alternatives under development.	4/22/2024	Complete	Notice of Commencement
5/1/2024	Neighbourhood Associations	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Project Team	Email	Received email requesting information related to the project, public meetings or strategy events and indicated an interest to help in the project.	The Project Team responded they are happy to keep the group informed of the study as it progresses. A public meeting is targeted for summer 2024 and the notice will be sent once the date is set. The Project Team also requested more information about the Thunder Bay Colony association and a map or boundary of the association.	5/3/2024	Complete	Phase 1
5/28/2024	Neighbourhood Associations	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Project Team	Email	Received information on the Association's ownership and representation and indicated the group is excited to be involved, provide feedback and learn more about the project and its impacts.	The Project Team provided an invite and information on the first PIC being held.	6/21/2024	Complete	Phase 1
6/20/2024	Project Stakeholders	Project Stakeholders	Project Team	Project Stakeholders	Email	Sent Notice of Public Information Centre to the general contact list.	n/a		Complete	Notice of PIC
6/21/2024	Local Municipality	Region of Niagara, Town of Fort Erie	Project Team	Jordan Frost, Kelly Walsh, Nic Chevalier, John Brunet, Peter Paget, Phill Lambert, Tony Cimino, Michelle Miller, Jocelyn Williams	Email	Sent Notice of Public Information Centre to the local municipality contacts.	n/a		Complete	Notice of PIC
6/21/2024	Conservation Authorities	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority	Project Team	David Deluce, Leilani Lee-Yates, Carly Mason	Email	Sent Notice of Public Information Centre to contacts at the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.	n/a		Complete	Notice of PIC
6/23/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Project Team	Local Residents	Mail	Sent Notice of Public Information Centre to local residents in the vicinity of the project study area.	n/a		Complete	Notice of PIC
7/15/2024	Local Municipality	Niagara Region	Jake McGowan	Project Team	Email	Received comments related to review of septic systems locations and Shirley Road SPS location and note to avoid durine construction.	The Project Team responded comments will be incorporated as necessary.	8/7/2024	Complete	Notice of PIC
7/30/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email from resident with request to reach out to discuss concerns around a newly built house and pipe and easement location.	The Project Team responded by phone call and email follow up providing slides presented at PIC#1.	8/2/2024	Complete	Notice of PIC
8/2/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email indicating the link providing PIC#1 slides doesn't work and requesting the information in a different format.	The Project Team provided a PDF copy of the PIC#1 slides.	8/6/2024	Complete	Notice of PIC
8/7/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email noting formal comments would follow.			Complete	Notice of PIC
8/7/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Project Team	Resident	Email	The Project Team sent an email inquiring if there are any comments from the Association members on the PIC material. Also requested contact information for the other area associations if available.	Received email noting a board meeting was occurring that evening and options would be discussed and comments would be provided.	8/8/2024	Complete	Notice of PIC
8/7/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Windmill Point Association	Windmill Point Association	Project Team	Phone	Received a voicemail related to the project.	The Project Team sent an email indicating a voicemail was received and noted interest in hearing comments from the Association members.		Complete	Notice of PIC
8/8/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email noting a board meeting was occurring that night to discuss options and information would be provided on the discussion.			Complete	Notice of PIC
8/9/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with support for Option 4 due to insurance coverage, property value preservation, fire safety, long term maintenance and quality, technical, environmental, social/cultural, and financial factors.	The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed based on evaluation of technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced solution but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/9/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing input for the project noting Option 4 is the most feasible option for the community due to insurance coverage, property value preservation, fire safety, and long term maintenance and quality concerns.	Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for sharing this perspective. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager also responded with thanks for the comments and noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are evaluated considering technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced option.	8/10/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/10/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing input for the project noting Option 4 is the most feasible option for the community due to insurance coverage, property value preservation, fire safety, and long term maintenance and quality concerns.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for sharing this perspective. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager also responded with thanks for the comments and noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are evaluated considering technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced option.	8/10/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/10/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing input for the project noting Option 4 is the most feasible option for the community due to insurance coverage, property value preservation, fire safety, and long term maintenance and quality concerns.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 of Fort Erie responded with thanks for sharing this perspective. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager also responded with thanks for the comments and noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are evaluated considering technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced option.	8/10/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/11/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing input for the project noting Option 4 is the most feasible option for the community due to insurance coverage, property value preservation, fire safety, and long term maintenance and quality concerns.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for sharing this perspective. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager also responded with thanks for the comments and noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/11/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/11/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing input for the project noting Option 4 is the most feasible option for the community due to safety and insurability of their homes. Noted Option 6 is an unacceptable step backward for the community.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for sharing this perspective. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager also responded with thanks for providing comments and noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed based on evaluation of technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced solution but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/11/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/12/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing input for the project noting Option 4 is the most feasible option for the community due to insurance coverage, property value preservation, fire safety, and long term maintenance and quality concerns.	The Project Team responded with thanks for the comments and noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed. Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie also responded with thanks for the feedback.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/12/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Project Team	Email	Received email with feedback on the various options and questions on the potential alternatives (Options 4, 5, 6) and noting the Board voted that Option 6 is not a consideration.	The Project Team responded with additional information regarding the alternative options.	8/22/2024	Complete	Phase 2

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8/13/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with strong support for Option 4 due to insurance coverage, property value preservation, fire safety, long term maintenance and quality, and financial impact.	The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed based on evaluation of technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced solution but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/15/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing support for Option 4 as it is essential for maintaining fire safety, property values, and water quality in the community.	The Project Team responded with thanks for the comments and noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed. Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie also responded with thanks for the feedback.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/15/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing support for Option 4 due to maintaining fire safety, property values, and water quality and strong opposition to the use of cisterns or wells.	The Project Team responded with thanks for the feedback and noted as part of the process all options are evaluated based on technical, operational, social, environmental, and financial factors to determine a balanced solution.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/15/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing strong support for Option 4 and indicated it's the only acceptable solution as it maintains safety, value and insurability of homes.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for the comments provided. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager responded with thanks for the comments and noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	2024-08-15 2024-08-19	Complete	Phase 2
8/15/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing comments and support for Option 4 based on fire safety, property values, and water quality in the community.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for the comments provided. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager also responded with thanks for the comments and noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/16/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/15/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received letter providing support for Option 4 due to fire safety, property values, and water quality. Noted the property was purchased for its water and natural gas services and losing the water service would impact property value and living conditions.	The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed based on evaluation of technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced solution but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/15/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing strong support for Option 4 due to insurance requirements, property values, fire safety and sustainability and maintenance.	The Project Team responded with thanks for the comments and noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/15/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing strong support for Option 4 and indicated it's the only acceptable solution due to insurance requirements, property values, fire safety, and sustainability and maintenance.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redelop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for the comments provided. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager responded with thanks for the comments and noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/15/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/16/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing comments and support for Option 4 based on fire safety, property values, and water quality in the community.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Lisa Vespi, Project Manager responded with thanks for the comments provided and noted this is one phase of the overall project to identify and assess alternatives and is necessary for sound public policy development. Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie also responded with thanks for the comments.	8/16/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/16/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing comments and strong opposition to Option 6 due to additional cost, burden, risk it presents to homeowners and urges the Town removes Option 6 from potential options to be further considered.	The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments as a local resident and contractor. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/17/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing comments and support for Option 4 based on fire safety, property values, and water quality in the community.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4, Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie, and Lisa Vespi, Project Manager responded with thanks for the comments provided.	8/17/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/18/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing support for Option 4 urging it is the only fair and just thing to do as it is essential for residents to have fire hydrants to ensure property values, obtain insurance, and the best possibly water quality.	The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments on the project and that all input is currently being reviewed and responses will be provided. Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie also responded with thanks for the feedback.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/18/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing support for Option 4 as it is essential to maintain fire safety, property values, and water quality.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4, Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie and the Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments on the project and that all input is currently being reviewed and responses will be provided. Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie also responded with thanks for the feedback.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/18/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with strong opposition to Option 6 due to health and safety risks, overall cost and disruption to private property. Also provided support for Option 4. Provided response to Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie indicating looking forward to Council's favourable decision on the project.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4, Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie and Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments as a local resident and contractor. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed. Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie also responded with thanks for the feedback and noted through the Class EA process, all options need to be evaluated and Council ultimately makes the final decision.	2024-08-19 2024-08-20 2024-08-22	Complete	Phase 2
8/19/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing strong support for Option 4 due to insurance requirements, property values, fire safety, sustainability and maintenance, Water quality and resident status and taxation.	The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed based on evaluation of technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced solution but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/19/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing strong support for Option 4 based on insurance requirements, property values, fire safety, sustainability and maintenance, water quality, and resident status and taxation.	The Project Team, Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed. Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie also responded with thanks for the feedback.	2024-08-20 2024-08-26	Complete	Phase 2
8/19/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing comments on the process and provided feedback suggesting replacing the watermain along the front of properties would be the best option.	The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/26/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/19/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received letter with strong support for Option 4 and notes water services have been there for many years and the Town would not consider taking away water service from other more populated areas.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for the feedback and noted al the Class EA process requires all alternatives be considered. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager also responded with thanks for the feedback and noted al input is being reviewed.	8/19/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/19/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing support for Option 4. It was also noted there is strong opposition to Option 5 and 6 due to considerable cost & burden of private water service, reduction of property values, increased large truck traffic, and Town reputational risk.	The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed. Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 also responded with thanks for the feedback.	8/26/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/20/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with strong support for Option 4 and opposition to Options 5 and 6.Noted the current watermain needs to be replaced however water trucks would have trouble keeping up with demand and have difficulty accessing properties.	Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for the feedback.	8/20/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/20/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing comments related to private water delivery would not be able to keep up with water consumption, increased truck traffic and the difficulty on navigating the narrow lanes, fire safety, and environmental considerations (specifically Fowler toad) and noted Option 6 would be unacceptably disruptive. Noted Option 4 is the only logical solution.	The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed based on evaluation of technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced solution but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/26/2024	Complete	Phase 2

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8/20/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing support for Option 4 due to insurance requirements, property values, fire safety, sustainability and maintenance, water quality, resident status and taxation.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 responded noting the EA process requires options identification and analysis and the consultant will take this input as part of the overall public consultation before a report is brought before Council. The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed based on evaluation of technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced solution but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/26/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/20/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email agreeing with another resident's feedback with strong opposition to Option 6 due to health and safety risks, overall cost and disruption to private property. Also provided support for Option 4.	The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed based on evaluation of technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced solution but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed. Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 also responded with thanks for the feedback and noted al the Class EA process requires all alternatives be considered.	8/26/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/20/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Staniland Park Property Owners Association	Staniland Park Property Owners Association	Project Team	Email	Received email noting meetings have been conducted with members of the association and have compiled feedback received from the members and have agreed Option 4 is the only feasible solution. The main factors in supporting Option 4 are insurance coverage, property value preservation, fire safety, long term maintenance and quality, and financial impact on homeowners.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for the feedback and noted al the Class EA process requires all alternatives be considered. It was also noted the current assessment is part of phase 2 and feedback will be considered before a report is brought to Council.	8/22/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/20/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Project Team	Email	The Thunder Bay Colony Association Board Executives provided a letter from an insurance broker regarding options for the project. The letter noted a strong recommendation for Option 4 as it is the best option from an insurance perspective. Fire safety and the use of fire hydrants was noted as a concern for other options and without fire hydrants in the area, homeowners would experience much higher premiums and significant reduction in insurance coverages.	The Project Team responded confirming receipt of the letter and that it will be included in the project files. Also noted the Fire Department has been a key stakeholder in the project and the project is targeting similar levels of service and fire protection with each option.	8/26/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/21/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with support for Option 4 due to fire safety and water quality. Also noted strong opposition to Option 6 and indicated their property is a summer cottage and recently required replacing the connection to the main watermain and noted understanding the need to have a more stable, long-term solution for water supply. Resident responded with thanks to Joan Christensen.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for the feedback and noted al the Class EA process requires all alternatives be considered. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager also responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed based on evaluation of technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced solution but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/26/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/21/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email from a long term resident of the area providing total support for Option 4 noting the elimination of fire hydrants would create a safety issues for homeowners. Water quality and service, financial impacts, health and safety concerns were also noted as reasons for support for Option 4 and opposition to Option 6.	The Project Team responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed based on evaluation of technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced solution but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed. Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 also responded with thanks for the feedback and noted al the Class EA process requires all alternatives be considered.	8/26/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/22/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with strong support for Option 4 due to fire safety, financial concerns, property values, and water quality.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for the feedback and noted al the Class EA process requires all alternatives be considered. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager also responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed based on evaluation of technical, operational, social, environmental and financial factors to select a balanced solution but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/22/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/22/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie	Email	Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie received email requesting clarification about funding of the water and wastewater systems in the Town through system rates and not property taxes. The correspondence requested education on how the water and wastewater system is funded among customers and how the costs are allocated.	Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie provided a response clarifying that the system is funded similar to a utility with a rate for base service and variable charge for usage and are used to pay the Region for treatment. Also provided clarification that municipal property taxes have not been used to subsidize water services in many years.	8/22/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/23/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing strong support for Option 4 due to health and safety, insurability, and water quality.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for sharing feedback. Lisa Vespi, Project Manager also responded with thanks for providing comments. It was noted that as part of the MCEA process, all options are required to be reviewed but all input and considerations are currently being reviewed.	8/24/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/26/2024	Council	Town of Fort Erie	Project Team	Wayne Redekop, Joan Christensen	Email	The Project Team sent an email to Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie and Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 with thanks for responding to the inquiries and engagement received from residents. The Project Team noted that the consultant is working on an FAQ and noted that the emails are being taken as input and that modelling is currently being undertaken for all options.	Joan Christensen responded noting her purpose for responding was to acknowledge their emails and ensure residents have a general understanding of how options development fits in the overall process. Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie also responded noting he's unsure about how each identified option would provide a similar level of service and fire protection but looking forward to the report.	8/26/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/27/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with support for Option 4 and providing information about the current the current pipes and the thought that they are functional. Also noted opposition to Option 6.	Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for sharing feedback.	8/27/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/27/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with support for Option 4 due to fire safety, insurance requirements, water quality and long term sustainability.		N/A	Complete	Phase 2
8/27/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie	Email	Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie received a follow up email asking if the Town's Fire and Emergency services are funded in a similar utility-based funding model.	Project Team and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with additional information on utility charges.	8/22/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/31/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with formal comments noting strong support to Option 4 and opposition to Option 6 due to cost of private water service, safety risk of cisterns, and fire safety.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for providing feedback.	8/31/2024	Complete	Phase 2
8/31/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received letter with opposition to Option 6 and strong support for Option 4 due to safe and reliable water supply, fire safety, and insurability.	Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded noting the EA process being followed is prescribed by the Province and Council doesn't have involvement until ultimate decisions are made by Council. Resident (Janice Barrett) responded with thanks for the clarification.	9/1/2024	Complete	Phase 2
9/2/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with strong support to Option 4 due to insurance coverage, property value preservation, fire safety, and long-term maintenance and quality.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for sharing feedback.	9/2/2024	Complete	Phase 2
9/5/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email providing strong support due to insurance requirements, property values, fire safety, sustainability and maintenance, water quality, and resident status and taxation.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 responded with thanks for sharing feedback.	9/5/2024	Complete	Phase 2
9/6/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received comments providing support for Option 4 due to insurance coverage, property value preservation, long term maintenance and quality, and fire safety. Also noted involvement in working with the municipality to secure a municipal water supply in a different area in the early 2000s.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 and Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie responded with thanks for sharing feedback.	9/6/2024	Complete	Phase 2
9/16/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with request for any updates/developments on the project and timing of a second public information centre.	The Project Team responded indicating the evaluation of alternatives is currently being completed and noted that although a second PIC has not been scheduled, the contact list has been updated and a notification will be sent out when one has been scheduled.	9/23/2024	Complete	Phase 2

Date Received	Stakeholder Group	Stakeholder Organization	Comment From	Comment To	Communication Type	Comment	Response/Action	Action Date	Status	Project Stage
10/9/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team & Councillor Christensen	Email	Received email follow up requesting an update on the status of project progress, decisions, meeting dates with the community, or a scheduled vote date for Town council.	Joan Christensen, Councillor for Ward 4 responded with thanks for sharing feedback and noted staff will provide updates.	10/9/2024	Complete	Phase 2
10/15/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email follow up indicating an update on a scheduled meeting or when a vote with town council would occur has not been received. Requested dates of a scheduled meeting.	The Project Team responded indicating the evaluation of the short listed alternatives is currently occurring. Also indicated no public meetings are currently scheduled however an email will be sent when a meeting is scheduled.	10/16/2024	Complete	Phase 2
10/21/2024	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project	Email	Received response in follow up to the previous email chain with thanks for the response and noted some members seem anxious about the topic being slated for town council meeting without being able to attend.		N/A	Complete	Phase 2
2/7/2025	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Received email with request to share preferred solution ahead of PIC #2.	A link to the PIC No. 2 materials was provided.	4/7/2025	Complete	Notice of PIC
3/25/2025	Provincial Agency	Ministry of Transportation	Vereen Rattigan	Project Team	Email	MTO noted that this Class EA is outside the ministry's permit control area. Therefore, no further notice is required about it	n/a	n/a	Complete	Phase 2
4/14/2025	Conservation Authorities	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority	Project Team	Carly Mason & Brendan Buggeln	Email	The Project Team provided a link to the PIC2 materials with an opportunity to provide any comments and/or coordinate a meeting.	Collen Bain noted that NPCA does not have any concerns/comments and will review and provide any comments once the draft report is circulated pre-filing.	30-May-25	Complete	Phase 2
6/25/2025	Neighbourhood Associations	Windmill Point Association	Project Team	Windmill Point Association	Email	The Project Team requested status of the land ownership/easement and whether the Windmill Point Association supports in principle Option 4 as the preferred solution.		N/A	Complete	Phase 2
6/25/2025	Neighbourhood Associations	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Project Team	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Email	The Project Team requested status of the land ownership/easement and whether the Thunder bay Colony Association supports in principle Option 4 as the preferred solution.	Catherine confirmed that the association is on board with entering into a new easement agreement in principle but will be depending on a few requirements in the design. Homeowners requested information on the timing, process and potential costs of the new watermain. The final easement will need to be reviewed by the association's legal counsel.	9-Jul-25	Complete	Phase 2
6/27/2025	Neighbourhood Associations	Staniland Park Property Owners Association	Project Team	Staniland Park Property Owners Association	Email	The Project Team requested status of the land ownership/easement and whether he supports in principle Option 4 as the preferred solution.	Howard Neubauer confirmed that he would share this information with members. He requested additional clarification on the new watermain location and easement.	27-Jun-25	Complete	Phase 2
6/27/2025	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Requested more information on the watermain alignment to identify any conflicts with a planned addition to resident's home (construction likely to begin in Fall 2025).	Project team provided additional information on the existing watermain near resident's property. Project team requested the addition plans for review.	7-Jul-25	Complete	Phase 2
7/7/2025	Local Residents/Businesses	Local Residents	Resident	Project Team	Email	Resident provided the plans for the addition to home including the current easement for the existing watermain. Resident has concerns on where the new watermain will be constructed.	Project team provided additional information on the location of the new watermain and that the project team will keep resident posted on any updates through the EA/design phases.	10-Jul-25	Complete	Phase 2
7/8/2025	Neighbourhood Associations	Staniland Park Property Owners Association	Staniland Park Property Owners Association	Project Team	Email	Howard confirmed that the association tentatively agrees o the easement request in principle, pending written details on the pre-construction and watermain placement plan. Howard provided additional requirements that is dependent on their agreement. Howard also inquired about an additional property and the impact from the project.	Project team confirmed receipt of response. The easement agreement and negotiations will be part of the subsequent design phase, so the remaining requests from the Staniland Park Property Owners Association will be considered/addressed at that time.	10-Jul-25	Complete	Phase 2
7/8/2025	Neighbourhood Associations	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Project Team	Thunder Bay Colony Association	Email	Project team confirmed receipt of response and that the details requested will be worked out during detailed design and construction planning	N/A	N/A	Complete	Phase 2
12/15/2025	Provincial Agency	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Project Team	West Central Notification	Email	Sent preliminary draft project file report to the MECP so that general review and feeback could be provided before issuing a public notice of completion.	Received feedback from MECP on January 12, 2026	1/12/2026	Complete	Phase 2
1/12/2026	Provincial Agency	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Kady Kaurin, EA Coordinator	Project Team	Email	MECP provided some feedback to the project team about some areas of improvement in the documentation (trackign log; etc.) and suggestions on continued engagement with all communites.	Project team indicated receipt of comments and that these would be incorporated, as suitable.	1/19/2026	Complete	Phase 2
2/9/2026	Provincial Agency	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Project Team	Kady Kaurin, EA Coordinator	Email	As an update to MECP, project team indicated that the aim is to have one last meeting with MCFN and Six Nations, if they desire, prior to submitting for 30 day review	No action	2/9/2026	Complete	Phase 2
2/25/2026	Provincial Agency	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Project Team	Joan Del Villar Cuicas / Kady Kaurin / West Central Notification	Email	Project team provided a pre-filing letter to MECP, 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.	On Feb 27, MECP indicated that they would need at least 30 days for review. As such, the filign date was deferred long-enough to allow for 30 day pre filing review and subsequent edits to PFR.	3/26/2026	Complete	Phase 2
2/25/2026	Conservation Authorities	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority	Project Team	David Deluce, Leilani Lee-Yates, Carly Mason	Email	Project team provided a pre-filing letter to NPCA, 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.	Comments were later received from NPCA	4/7/2026	Complete	Phase 2
3/6/2026	Conservation Authorities	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority	Kim Peters	Project Team	Email	NPCA provided some initial feedback (a few editorical comments) relating to some of the comments about the wordine on setbacks andNPCA permits.	Updates incorporated into latest PFR	4/9/2026	Complete	Phase 2
3/26/2026	Provincial Agency	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Joan Del Villar Cuicas	Project Team	Email	MECP provided some feedback to the project team about some areas of improvement in the PFR, including the inclusion of noise and dust mitigation measures during detailed design and indigenous consultation documentation	GEI and the Town prepared and sent a response on April 9 which indicated the incorporation of these suggested edits in the latest versions of the PFR	4/9/2026	Complete	Phase 2
4/7/2026	Conservation Authorities	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority	Kim Peters	Project Team	Email	NPCA provided susbequent feedback relating to the pre-filign Project File Report. (Email with attached letter). This indicated a few requests and suggestions for updates in the PFR and for incorporation during future detailed design, including: -Considering during detailed design locating the watermain slightly south of Colony Road in areas to remain 30+ meters away from wetland. - Include a geotechnical study during detailed design regarding the potential to impact the sand dunes (sloep failure/erosion) - Request for site visit during active growing season and for geotechncial study	Updates incorporated into latest PFR, including additional notes relating to the requirements/commitments during detailed design. Also noted that during upcoming Environmental Impact Study, NPCA will be offered site visits (along with MECP and indigenous communities)	4/9/2026	Complete	Phase 2
4/8/2026	Conservation Authorities	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority	Project Team	Kim Peters	Email	NPCA were informed that an upcoming Environmental Impact Study is going to be undertaken. NPCA will be kept as a close stakeholder throughout this regarding the wetlands, dune stability and more.	No action	4/8/2026	Complete	Phase 2
4/9/2026	Provincial Agency	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Project Team	Joan Del Villar Cuicas	Email	GEI and the Town prepared and sent a response on April 9 which indicated the incorporation of these suggested edits in the latest versions of the PFR.	No action	4/9/2026	Complete	Phase 2

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached MECP's Letter of Acknowledgement and attachments in response to the Notice of Commencement for The Town of Fort Erie, MEA Class EA, Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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Good afternoon,

The Town of Fort Erie is undertaking the above noted project under the MEA Class EA process. I have attached the Project Information Form, as well as the Notice of Commencement for this study.

Should you have any questions regarding this project, please contact myself or the Town's Project Manager, Lisa Vespi (LVespi@forterie.ca).

Kind Regards,

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Re: **Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd**
Town of Fort Erie
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule B
Acknowledgement of Notice of Commencement

Dear Project Team,

This letter is in response to the Notice of Commencement for the above noted project. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) acknowledges that the Town of Fort Erie (proponent) has indicated that the study is following the approved environmental planning process for a Schedule B project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA).

The **updated (August 2022)** attached "Areas of Interest" document provides guidance regarding the ministry's interests with respect to the Class EA process. Please address all areas of interest in the EA documentation at an appropriate level for the EA study. Proponents who address all the applicable areas of interest can minimize potential delays to the project

schedule. **Further information is provided at the end of the Areas of Interest document relating to recent changes to the Environmental Assessment Act through Bill 197, Covid-19 Economic Recovery Act 2020.**

The Crown has a legal duty to consult Aboriginal communities when it has knowledge, real or constructive, of the existence or potential existence of an Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that may adversely impact that right. Before authorizing this project, the Crown must ensure that its duty to consult has been fulfilled, where such a duty is triggered. Although the duty to consult with Aboriginal peoples is a duty of the Crown, the Crown may delegate procedural aspects of this duty to project proponents while retaining oversight of the consultation process.

The proposed project may have the potential to affect Aboriginal or treaty rights protected under Section 35 of Canada's *Constitution Act* 1982. Where the Crown's duty to consult is triggered in relation to the proposed project**, the MECP is delegating the procedural aspects of rights-based consultation to the proponent through this letter.** The Crown intends to rely on the delegated consultation process in discharging its duty to consult and maintains the right to participate in the consultation process as it sees fit.

Based on information provided to date and the Crown`s preliminary assessment the proponent is required to consult with the following communities who have been identified as potentially affected by the proposed project:

- Mississaugas of the Credit
- Six Nations of the Grand River ((both elected and *Haudenosaunee Confederacy* Chiefs Council (HCCC)/ *Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI)).*

Steps that the proponent may need to take in relation to Aboriginal consultation for the proposed project are outlined in the "Code of Practice for Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process". Additional information related to Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act is available online at: www.ontario.ca/environmentalassessments.

Please also refer to the attached document "A Proponent's Introduction to the Delegation of Procedural Aspects of consultation with Aboriginal Communities" for further information, including the MECP's expectations for EA report documentation related to consultation with communities.

The proponent must contact the Director of Environmental Assessment Branch (EABDirector@ontario.ca) under the following circumstances after initial discussions with the communities identified by the MECP:

- Aboriginal or treaty rights impacts are identified to you by the communities;
- You have reason to believe that your proposed project may adversely affect an

Aboriginal or treaty right;
- Consultation with Indigenous communities or other stakeholders has reached an impasse; or
- A Section 16 Order request is expected based on impacts to Aboriginal or treaty rights

The MECP will then assess the extent of any Crown duty to consult for the circumstances and will consider whether additional steps should be taken, including what role you will be asked to play should additional steps and activities be required.

A draft copy of the report should be sent directly to me prior to the filing of the final report, allowing a minimum of 30 days for the ministry's technical reviewers to provide comments.

Please also ensure a copy of the final notice is sent to the ministry's West Central Region EA notification email account (eanotification.wcregion@ontario.ca) after the draft report is reviewed and finalized.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at Joan.DelVillarCuicas@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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

Cc: Kim Groombridge, Manager, Niagara District Office, MECP
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Enclosed: Areas of Interest

Attached: Client's Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk

A Proponent's Introduction to the Delegation of Procedural Aspects of Consultation with Aboriginal Communities

AREAS OF INTEREST (v. August 2022)

It is suggested that you check off each section after you have considered / addressed it.

Planning and Policy

- Applicable plans and policies should be identified in the report, and the proponent should describe how the proposed project adheres to the relevant policies in these plans.
    - Projects located in MECP Central, Eastern or West Central Region may be subject to **A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2020)**.
    - Projects located in MECP Central or Eastern Region may be subject to the **Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2017)** or the **Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (2014)**.
    - Projects located in MECP Central, Southwest or West Central Region may be subject to the **Niagara Escarpment Plan (2017)**.
    - Projects located in MECP Central, Eastern, Southwest or West Central Region may be subject to the **Greenbelt Plan (2017)**.
    - Projects located in MECP Northern Region may be subject to the **Growth Plan for Northern Ontario (2011).**

- The **Provincial Policy Statement (2020)** contains policies that protect Ontario's natural heritage and water resources. Applicable policies should be referenced in the report, and the proponent should describe how the proposed project is consistent with these policies.

- In addition to the provincial planning and policy level, the report should also discuss the planning context at the municipal and federal levels, as appropriate.

Source Water Protection

The *Clean Water Act*, 2006 (CWA) aims to protect existing and future sources of drinking water. To achieve this, several types of vulnerable areas have been delineated around surface water intakes and wellheads for every municipal residential drinking water system that is located in a source protection area. These vulnerable areas are known as a Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPAs) and surface water Intake Protection Zones (IPZs). Other vulnerable areas that have been delineated under the CWA include Highly Vulnerable Aquifers (HVAs), Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas (SGRAs), Event-based modelling areas (EBAs), and Issues Contributing Areas (ICAs). Source protection plans have been developed that include policies to address existing and future risks to sources of municipal drinking water within these vulnerable areas.

Projects that are subject to the Environmental Assessment Act that fall under a Class EA, or one of the Regulations, have the potential to impact sources of drinking water if they occur in designated vulnerable areas or in the vicinity of other at-risk drinking water systems (i.e. systems that are not municipal residential systems). MEA Class EA projects may include

activities that, if located in a vulnerable area, could be a threat to sources of drinking water (i.e. have the potential to adversely affect the quality or quantity of drinking water sources) and the activity could therefore be subject to policies in a source protection plan. Where an activity poses a risk to drinking water, policies in the local source protection plan may impact how or where that activity is undertaken. Policies may prohibit certain activities, or they may require risk management measures for these activities. Municipal Official Plans, planning decisions, Class EA projects (where the project includes an activity that is a threat to drinking water) and prescribed instruments must conform with policies that address significant risks to drinking water and must have regard for policies that address moderate or low risks.

- In October 2015, the MEA Parent Class EA document was amended to include reference to the Clean Water Act (Section A.2.10.6) and indicates that proponents undertaking a Municipal Class EA project must identify early in their process whether a project is or could potentially be occurring with a vulnerable area. **Given this requirement, please include a section in the report on source water protection.**

    - The proponent should identify the source protection area and should clearly document how the proximity of the project to sources of drinking water (municipal or other) and any delineated vulnerable areas was considered and assessed. Specifically, the report should discuss whether or not the project is located in a vulnerable area and provide applicable details about the area.

    - If located in a vulnerable area, proponents should document whether any project activities are prescribed drinking water threats and thus pose a risk to drinking water (this should be consulted on with the appropriate Source Protection Authority). Where an activity poses a risk to drinking water, the proponent must document and discuss in the report how the project adheres to or has regard to applicable policies in the local source protection plan. This section should then be used to inform and be reflected in other sections of the report, such as the identification of net positive/negative effects of alternatives, mitigation measures, evaluation of alternatives etc.

- While most source protection plans focused on including policies for significant drinking water threats in the WHPAs and IPZs it should be noted that even though source protection plan policies may not apply in HVAs, these are areas where aquifers are sensitive and at risk to impacts and within these areas, activities may impact the quality of sources of drinking water for systems other than municipal residential systems.

- In order to determine if this project is occurring within a vulnerable area, proponents can use Source Protection Information Atlas, which is an online mapping tool available to the public. Note that various layers (including WHPAs, WHPA-Q1 and WHPA-Q2, IPZs, HVAs, SGRAs, EBAs, ICAs) can be turned on through the “Map Legend” bar on the left. The mapping tool will also provide a link to the appropriate source protection plan in order to identify what policies may be applicable in the vulnerable area.

- For further information on the maps or source protection plan policies which may relate to their project, proponents must contact the appropriate source protection authority. **Please consult with the local source protection authority to discuss potential impacts on drinking water. Please document the results of that consultation within the report and include all communication documents/correspondence.**

More Information

For more information on the *Clean Water Act*, source protection areas and plans, including specific information on the vulnerable areas and drinking water threats, please refer to Conservation Ontario's website where you will also find links to the local source protection plan/assessment report.

A list of the prescribed drinking water threats can be found in section 1.1 of Ontario Regulation 287/07 made under the *Clean Water Act*. In addition to prescribed drinking water threats, some source protection plans may include policies to address additional "local" threat activities, as approved by the MECP.

Climate Change

The document "Considering Climate Change in the Environmental Assessment Process" (Guide) is now a part of the Environmental Assessment program's Guides and Codes of Practice. The Guide sets out the MECP's expectation for considering climate change in the preparation, execution and documentation of environmental assessment studies and processes. The guide provides examples, approaches, resources, and references to assist proponents with consideration of climate change in EA. Proponents should review this Guide in detail.

- **The MECP expects proponents of Class EA projects to:**

    1. Consider during the assessment of alternative solutions and alternative designs, the following:
        a. the project's expected production of greenhouse gas emissions and impacts on carbon sinks (climate change mitigation); and
        b. resilience or vulnerability of the undertaking to changing climatic conditions (climate change adaptation).
    2. Include a discrete section in the report detailing how climate change was considered in the EA.

How climate change is considered can be qualitative or quantitative in nature and should be scaled to the project's level of environmental effect. In all instances, both a project's impacts on climate change (mitigation) and impacts of climate change on a project (adaptation) should be considered.

- The MECP has also prepared another guide to support provincial land use planning direction related to the completion of energy and emission plans. The "Community Emissions Reduction Planning: A Guide for Municipalities" document is designed to educate stakeholders on the municipal opportunities to reduce energy and greenhouse gas emissions, and to provide guidance on methods and techniques to incorporate consideration of energy and greenhouse gas emissions into municipal activities of all types. We encourage you to review the Guide for information.

Air Quality, Dust and Noise

- If there are sensitive receptors in the surrounding area of this project, a quantitative air quality/odour impact assessment will be useful to evaluate alternatives, determine impacts and identify appropriate mitigation measures. The scope of the assessment can be determined based on the potential effects of the proposed alternatives, and typically includes source and receptor characterization and a quantification of local air quality impacts on the sensitive receptors and the environment in the study area. The assessment will compare to all applicable standards or guidelines for all contaminants of concern. **Please contact this office for further consultation on the level of Air Quality Impact Assessment required for this project if not already advised.**

- If a quantitative Air Quality Impact Assessment is not required for the project, the MECP expects that the report contain a qualitative assessment which includes:

    - A discussion of local air quality including existing activities/sources that significantly impact local air quality and how the project may impact existing conditions;
    - A discussion of the nearby sensitive receptors and the project's potential air quality impacts on present and future sensitive receptors;
    - A discussion of local air quality impacts that could arise from this project during both construction and operation; and
    - A discussion of potential mitigation measures.

- As a common practice, "air quality" should be used an evaluation criterion for all road projects.

- Dust and noise control measures should be addressed and included in the construction plans to ensure that nearby residential and other sensitive land uses within the study area are not adversely affected during construction activities.

- The MECP recommends that non-chloride dust-suppressants be applied. For a comprehensive list of fugitive dust prevention and control measures that could be applied, refer to *Cheminfo Services Inc. Best Practices for the Reduction of Air Emissions from Construction and Demolition Activities* report prepared for Environment Canada. March 2005.

- The report should consider the potential impacts of increased noise levels during the operation of the completed project. The proponent should explore all potential measures to mitigate significant noise impacts during the assessment of alternatives.

Ecosystem Protection and Restoration

- Any impacts to ecosystem form and function must be avoided where possible. The report should describe any proposed mitigation measures and how project planning will protect and enhance the local ecosystem.

- Natural heritage and hydrologic features should be identified and described in detail to assess potential impacts and to develop appropriate mitigation measures. The following sensitive environmental features may be located within or adjacent to the study area:
    - Key Natural Heritage Features: Habitat of endangered species and threatened species, fish habitat, wetlands, areas of natural and scientific interest (ANSIs), significant valleylands, significant woodlands; significant wildlife habitat (including habitat of special concern species); sand barrens, savannahs, and tallgrass prairies; and alvars.
    - Key Hydrologic Features: Permanent streams, intermittent streams, inland lakes and their littoral zones, seepage areas and springs, and wetlands.
    - Other natural heritage features and areas such as: vegetation communities, rare species of flora or fauna, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Environmentally Sensitive Policy Areas, federal and provincial parks and conservation reserves, Greenland systems etc.

We recommend consulting with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and your local conservation authority to determine if special measures or additional studies will be necessary to preserve and protect these sensitive features. In addition, for projects located in Central Region you may consider the provisions of the Rouge Park Management Plan if applicable.

Species at Risk

- The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has now assumed responsibility of Ontario's Species at Risk program. Information, standards, guidelines, reference materials and technical resources to assist you are found at https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk.

- The Client's Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk (Draft May 2019) has been attached to the covering email for your reference and use. Please review this document for next steps.

- For any questions related to subsequent permit requirements, please contact SAROntario@ontario.ca.

Surface Water

- The report must include enough information to demonstrate that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or ecological functions of any watercourses within the study area. Measures should be included in the planning and design process to ensure that any impacts to watercourses from construction or operational activities (e.g. spills, erosion, pollution) are mitigated as part of the proposed undertaking.

- Additional stormwater runoff from new pavement can impact receiving watercourses and flood conditions. Quality and quantity control measures to treat stormwater runoff should be considered for all new impervious areas and, where possible, existing surfaces. The ministry's Stormwater Management Planning and Design Manual (2003) should be referenced in the report and utilized when designing stormwater control methods. **A Stormwater Management Plan should be prepared as part of the Class EA process** that includes:

    - Strategies to address potential water quantity and erosion impacts related to stormwater draining into streams or other sensitive environmental features, and to ensure that adequate (enhanced) water quality is maintained
    - Watershed information, drainage conditions, and other relevant background information
    - Future drainage conditions, stormwater management options, information on erosion and sediment control during construction, and other details of the proposed works
    - Information on maintenance and monitoring commitments.

- Ontario Regulation 60/08 under the *Ontario Water Resources Act* (OWRA) applies to the Lake Simcoe Basin, which encompasses Lake Simcoe and the lands from which surface water drains into Lake Simcoe. If a proposed sewage treatment plant is listed in Table 1 of the regulation, the report should describe how the proposed project and its mitigation measures are consistent with the requirements of this regulation and the OWRA.

- Any potential approval requirements for surface water taking or discharge should be identified in the report. A Permit to Take Water (PTTW) under the OWRA will be required for any water takings that exceed 50,000 L/day, except for certain water taking activities that have been prescribed by the Water Taking EASR Regulation – *O. Reg. 63/16*. These prescribed water-taking activities require registration in the EASR instead of a PTTW. Please review the Water Taking User Guide for EASR for more information. Additionally, an

Environmental Compliance Approval under the OWRA is required for municipal stormwater management works.

Groundwater

- The status of, and potential impacts to any well water supplies should be addressed. If the project involves groundwater takings or changes to drainage patterns, the quantity and quality of groundwater may be affected due to drawdown effects or the redirection of existing contamination flows. In addition, project activities may infringe on existing wells such that they must be reconstructed or sealed and abandoned. Appropriate information to define existing groundwater conditions should be included in the report.

- If the potential construction or decommissioning of water wells is identified as an issue, the report should refer to Ontario Regulation 903, Wells, under the OWRA.

- Potential impacts to groundwater-dependent natural features should be addressed. Any changes to groundwater flow or quality from groundwater taking may interfere with the ecological processes of streams, wetlands or other surficial features. In addition, discharging contaminated or high volumes of groundwater to these features may have direct impacts on their function. Any potential effects should be identified, and appropriate mitigation measures should be recommended. The level of detail required will be dependent on the significance of the potential impacts.

- Any potential approval requirements for groundwater taking or discharge should be identified in the report. A Permit to Take Water (PTTW) under the OWRA will be required for any water takings that exceed 50,000 L/day, with the exception of certain water taking activities that have been prescribed by the Water Taking EASR Regulation – *O. Reg. 63/16*. These prescribed water-taking activities require registration in the EASR instead of a PTTW. Please review the Water Taking User Guide for EASR for more information.

- Consultation with the railroad authorities is necessary wherever there is a plan to use construction dewatering in the vicinity of railroad lines or where the zone of influence of the construction dewatering potentially intercepts railroad lines.

Excess Materials Management

- In December 2019, MECP released a new regulation under the Environmental Protection Act, titled "On-Site and Excess Soil Management" (O. Reg. 406/19) to support improved management of excess construction soil. This regulation is a key step to support proper management of excess soils, ensuring valuable resources don't go to waste and to provide clear rules on managing and reusing excess soil. New risk-based standards referenced by

this regulation help to facilitate local beneficial reuse which in turn will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from soil transportation, while ensuring strong protection of human health and the environment. The new regulation is being phased in over time, with the first phase in effect on January 1, 2021. For more information, please visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/handling-excess-soil.

- The report should reference that activities involving the management of excess soil should be completed in accordance with O. Reg. 406/19 and the MECP's current guidance document titled "Management of Excess Soil – A Guide for Best Management Practices" (2014).

- All waste generated during construction must be disposed of in accordance with ministry requirements.

Contaminated Sites

- Any current or historical waste disposal sites should be identified in the report. The status of these sites should be determined to confirm whether approval pursuant to Section 46 of the EPA may be required for land uses on former disposal sites. We recommend referring to the MECP's D-4 guideline for land use considerations near landfills and dumps.
    - Resources available may include regional/local municipal official plans and data; provincial data on large landfill sites and small landfill sites; Environmental Compliance Approval information for waste disposal sites on Access Environment.

- Other known contaminated sites (local, provincial, federal) in the study area should also be identified in the report (Note – information on federal contaminated sites is found on the Government of Canada's website).

- The location of any underground storage tanks should be investigated in the report. Measures should be identified to ensure the integrity of these tanks and to ensure an appropriate response in the event of a spill. The ministry's Spills Action Centre must be contacted in such an event.

- Since the removal or movement of soils may be required, appropriate tests to determine contaminant levels from previous land uses or dumping should be undertaken. If the soils are contaminated, you must determine how and where they are to be disposed of, consistent with *Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act* (EPA) and Ontario Regulation 153/04, Records of Site Condition, which details the new requirements related to site assessment and clean up. Please contact the appropriate MECP District Office for further consultation if contaminated sites are present.

Servicing, Utilities and Facilities

- The report should identify any above or underground utilities in the study area such as transmission lines, telephone/internet, oil/gas etc. The owners should be consulted to discuss impacts to this infrastructure, including potential spills.

- The report should identify any servicing infrastructure in the study area such as wastewater, water, stormwater that may potentially be impacted by the project.

- Any facility that releases emissions to the atmosphere, discharges contaminants to ground or surface water, provides potable water supplies, or stores, transports or disposes of waste must have an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) before it can operate lawfully. Please consult with MECP's Environmental Permissions Branch to determine whether a new or amended ECA will be required for any proposed infrastructure.

- We recommend referring to the ministry's environmental land use planning guides to ensure that any potential land use conflicts are considered when planning for any infrastructure or facilities related to wastewater, pipelines, landfills or industrial uses.

Mitigation and Monitoring

- Contractors must be made aware of all environmental considerations so that all environmental standards and commitments for both construction and operation are met. Mitigation measures should be clearly referenced in the report and regularly monitored during the construction stage of the project. In addition, we encourage proponents to conduct post-construction monitoring to ensure all mitigation measures have been effective and are functioning properly.

- Design and construction reports and plans should be based on a best management approach that centres on the prevention of impacts, protection of the existing environment, and opportunities for rehabilitation and enhancement of any impacted areas.

- The proponent's construction and post-construction monitoring plans must be documented in the report, as outlined in Section A.2.5 and A.4.1 of the MEA Class EA parent document.

Consultation

- The report must demonstrate how the consultation provisions of the Class EA have been fulfilled, including documentation of all stakeholder consultation efforts undertaken during the planning process. This includes a discussion in the report that identifies concerns that were raised and **describes how they have been addressed by the proponent** throughout

the planning process. The report should also include copies of comments submitted on the project by interested stakeholders, and the proponent's responses to these comments (as directed by the Class EA to include full documentation).

- Please include the full stakeholder distribution/consultation list in the documentation.

Class EA Process

- If this project is a Master Plan: there are several different approaches that can be used to conduct a Master Plan, examples of which are outlined in Appendix 4 of the Class EA. **The Master Plan should clearly indicate the selected approach for conducting the plan**, by identifying whether the levels of assessment, consultation and documentation are sufficient to fulfill the requirements for Schedule B or C projects. Please note that any Schedule B or C projects identified in the plan would be subject to Part II Order Requests under the Environmental Assessment Act, although the plan itself would not be. **Please include a description of the approach being undertaken (use Appendix 4 as a reference).**

- If this project is a Master Plan: Any identified projects should also include information on the MCEA schedule associated with the project.

- The report should provide clear and complete documentation of the planning process in order to allow for transparency in decision-making.

- The Class EA requires the consideration of the effects of each alternative on all aspects of the environment (including planning, natural, social, cultural, economic, technical). The report should include a level of detail (e.g. hydrogeological investigations, terrestrial and aquatic assessments, cultural heritage assessments) such that all potential impacts can be identified, and appropriate mitigation measures can be developed. Any supporting studies conducted during the Class EA process should be referenced and included as part of the report.

- Please include in the report a list of all subsequent permits or approvals that may be required for the implementation of the preferred alternative, including but not limited to, MECP's PTTW, EASR Registrations and ECAs, conservation authority permits, species at risk permits, MTO permits and approvals under the *Impact Assessment Act*, 2019.

- Ministry guidelines and other information related to the issues above are available at http://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/environment-and-energy. We encourage you to review all the available guides and to reference any relevant information in the report.

Amendments to the EAA through the Covid-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020
Once the EA Report is finalized, the proponent must issue a Notice of Completion providing a minimum 30-day period during which documentation may be reviewed and comment and input can be submitted to the proponent. The Notice of Completion must be sent to the appropriate MECP Regional Office email address.

The public can request a higher level of assessment on a project if they are concerned about potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. In addition, the Minister may issue an order on his or her own initiative within a specified time period. The Director (of the Environmental Assessment Branch) will issue a Notice of Proposed Order to the proponent if the Minister is considering an order for the project within 30 days after the conclusion of the comment period on the Notice of Completion. At this time, the Director may request additional information from the proponent. Once the requested information has been received, the Minister will have 30 days within which to make a decision or impose conditions on your project.

Therefore, the proponent cannot proceed with the project until at least 30 days after the end of the comment period provided for in the Notice of Completion. Further, the proponent may not proceed after this time if:

- a Section 16 Order request has been submitted to the ministry regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, or
- the Director has issued a Notice of Proposed order regarding the project.

Please ensure that the Notice of Completion advises that outstanding concerns are to be directed to the proponent for a response, and that in the event there are outstanding concerns regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, Section 16 Order requests on those matters should be addressed in writing to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

A PROPONENT'S INTRODUCTION TO THE DELEGATION OF PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF CONSULTATION WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are specific to this document and may not apply in other contexts:

Aboriginal communities – the First Nation or Métis communities identified by the Crown for the purpose of consultation.

Consultation – the Crown's legal obligation to consult when the Crown has knowledge of an established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that might adversely impact that right. This is the type of consultation required pursuant to s. 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. Note that this definition does not include consultation with Aboriginal communities for other reasons, such as regulatory requirements.

Crown – the Ontario Crown, acting through a particular ministry or ministries.

Procedural aspects of consultation – those portions of consultation related to the process of consultation, such as notifying an Aboriginal community about a project, providing information about the potential impacts of a project, responding to concerns raised by an Aboriginal community and proposing changes to the project to avoid negative impacts.

Proponent – the person or entity that wants to undertake a project and requires an Ontario Crown decision or approval for the project.

I. PURPOSE

The Crown has a legal duty to consult Aboriginal communities when it has knowledge of an existing or asserted Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that may adversely impact that right. In outlining a framework for the duty to consult, the Supreme Court of Canada has stated that the Crown may delegate procedural aspects of consultation to third parties. This document provides general information about the Ontario Crown's approach to delegation of the procedural aspects of consultation to proponents.

This document is not intended to instruct a proponent about an individual project, and it does not constitute legal advice.

II. WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO CONSULT WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES?

The objective of the modern law of Aboriginal and treaty rights is the *reconciliation* of Aboriginal peoples and non-Aboriginal peoples and their respective rights, claims and interests. Consultation is an important component of the reconciliation process.

The Crown has a legal duty to consult Aboriginal communities when it has knowledge of an existing or asserted Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that might adversely impact that right. For example, the Crown's duty to consult is triggered when it considers issuing a permit, authorization or approval for a project which has the potential to adversely impact an Aboriginal right, such as the right to hunt, fish, or trap in a particular area.

The scope of consultation required in particular circumstances ranges across a spectrum depending on both the nature of the asserted or established right and the seriousness of the potential adverse impacts on that right.

Depending on the particular circumstances, the Crown may also need to take steps to accommodate the potentially impacted Aboriginal or treaty right. For example, the Crown may be required to avoid or minimize the potential adverse impacts of the project.

III. THE CROWN'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE DELEGATED CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Crown has the responsibility for ensuring that the duty to consult, and accommodate where appropriate, is met. However, the Crown may delegate the procedural aspects of consultation to a proponent.

There are different ways in which the Crown may delegate the procedural aspects of consultation to a proponent, including through a letter, a memorandum of understanding, legislation, regulation, policy and codes of practice.

If the Crown decides to delegate procedural aspects of consultation, the Crown will generally:

- Ensure that the delegation of procedural aspects of consultation and the responsibilities of the proponent are clearly communicated to the proponent;
- Identify which Aboriginal communities must be consulted;
- Provide contact information for the Aboriginal communities;
- Revise, as necessary, the list of Aboriginal communities to be consulted as new information becomes available and is assessed by the Crown;
- Assess the scope of consultation owed to the Aboriginal communities;

- Maintain appropriate oversight of the actions taken by the proponent in fulfilling the procedural aspects of consultation;
- Assess the adequacy of consultation that is undertaken and any accommodation that may be required;
- Provide a contact within any responsible ministry in case issues arise that require direction from the Crown; and
- Participate in the consultation process as necessary and as determined by the Crown.

IV. THE PROPONENT'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE DELEGATED CONSULTATION PROCESS

Where aspects of the consultation process have been delegated to a proponent, the Crown, in meeting its duty to consult, will rely on the proponent's consultation activities and documentation of those activities. The consultation process informs the Crown's decision of whether or not to approve a proposed project or activity.

A proponent's role and responsibilities will vary depending on a variety of factors including the extent of consultation required in the circumstance and the procedural aspects of consultation the Crown has delegated to it. Proponents are often in a better position than the Crown to discuss a project and its potential impacts with Aboriginal communities and to determine ways to avoid or minimize the adverse impacts of a project.

A proponent can raise issues or questions with the Crown at any time during the consultation process. If issues or concerns arise during the consultation that cannot be addressed by the proponent, the proponent should contact the Crown.

a) What might a proponent be required to do in carrying out the procedural aspects of consultation?

Where the Crown delegates procedural aspects of consultation, it is often the proponent's responsibility to provide notice of the proposed project to the identified Aboriginal communities. The notice should indicate that the Crown has delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to the proponent and should include the following information:

- a description of the proposed project or activity;
- mapping;
- proposed timelines;
- details regarding anticipated environmental and other impacts;
- details regarding opportunities to comment; and
- any changes to the proposed project that have been made for seasonal conditions or other factors, where relevant.

Proponents should provide enough information and time to allow Aboriginal communities to provide meaningful feedback regarding the potential impacts of the project. Depending on the nature of consultation required for a project, a proponent also may be required to:

- provide the Crown with copies of any consultation plans prepared and an opportunity to review and comment;
- ensure that any necessary follow-up discussions with Aboriginal communities take place in a timely manner, including to confirm receipt of information, share and update information and to address questions or concerns that may arise;
- as appropriate, discuss with Aboriginal communities potential mitigation measures and/or changes to the project in response to concerns raised by Aboriginal communities;
- use language that is accessible and not overly technical, and translate material into Aboriginal languages where requested or appropriate;
- bear the reasonable costs associated with the consultation process such as, but not limited to, meeting hall rental, meal costs, document translation(s), or to address technical & capacity issues;
- provide the Crown with all the details about potential impacts on established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights, how these concerns have been considered and addressed by the proponent and the Aboriginal communities and any steps taken to mitigate the potential impacts;
- provide the Crown with complete and accurate documentation from these meetings and communications; and
- notify the Crown immediately if an Aboriginal community not identified by the Crown approaches the proponent seeking consultation opportunities.

b) What documentation and reporting does the Crown need from the proponent?

Proponents should keep records of all communications with the Aboriginal communities involved in the consultation process and any information provided to these Aboriginal communities.

As the Crown is required to assess the adequacy of consultation, it needs documentation to satisfy itself that the proponent has fulfilled the procedural aspects of consultation delegated to it. The documentation required would typically include:

- the date of meetings, the agendas, any materials distributed, those in attendance and copies of any minutes prepared;
- the description of the proposed project that was shared at the meeting;
- any and all concerns or other feedback provided by the communities;
- any information that was shared by a community in relation to its asserted or established Aboriginal or treaty rights and any potential adverse impacts of the proposed activity, approval or disposition on such rights;

- any proposed project changes or mitigation measures that were discussed, and feedback from Aboriginal communities about the proposed changes and measures;
- any commitments made by the proponent in response to any concerns raised, and feedback from Aboriginal communities on those commitments;
- copies of correspondence to or from Aboriginal communities, and any materials distributed electronically or by mail;
- information regarding any financial assistance provided by the proponent to enable participation by Aboriginal communities in the consultation;
- periodic consultation progress reports or copies of meeting notes if requested by the Crown;
- a summary of how the delegated aspects of consultation were carried out and the results; and
- a summary of issues raised by the Aboriginal communities, how the issues were addressed and any outstanding issues.

In certain circumstances, the Crown may share and discuss the proponent's consultation record with an Aboriginal community to ensure that it is an accurate reflection of the consultation process.

c) Will the Crown require a proponent to provide information about its commercial arrangements with Aboriginal communities?

The Crown may require a proponent to share information about aspects of commercial arrangements between the proponent and Aboriginal communities where the arrangements:

- include elements that are directed at mitigating or otherwise addressing impacts of the project;
- include securing an Aboriginal community's support for the project; or
- may potentially affect the obligations of the Crown to the Aboriginal communities.

The proponent should make every reasonable effort to exempt the Crown from confidentiality provisions in commercial arrangements with Aboriginal communities to the extent necessary to allow this information to be shared with the Crown.

The Crown cannot guarantee that information shared with the Crown will remain confidential. Confidential commercial information should not be provided to the Crown as part of the consultation record if it is not relevant to the duty to consult or otherwise required to be submitted to the Crown as part of the regulatory process.

V. WHAT ARE THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES' IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS?

Like the Crown, Aboriginal communities are expected to engage in consultation in good faith. This includes:

- responding to the consultation notice;
- engaging in the proposed consultation process;
- providing relevant information;
- clearly articulating the potential impacts of the proposed project on Aboriginal or treaty rights; and
- discussing ways to mitigate any adverse impacts.

Some Aboriginal communities have developed tools, such as consultation protocols, policies or processes that provide guidance on how they would prefer to be consulted. Although not legally binding, proponents are encouraged to respect these community processes where it is reasonable to do so. Please note that there is no obligation for a proponent to pay a fee to an Aboriginal community in order to enter into a consultation process.

To ensure that the Crown is aware of existing community consultation protocols, proponents should contact the relevant Crown ministry when presented with a consultation protocol by an Aboriginal community or anyone purporting to be a representative of an Aboriginal community.

VI. WHAT IF MORE THAN ONE PROVINCIAL CROWN MINISTRY IS INVOLVED IN APPROVING A PROPONENT'S PROJECT?

Depending on the project and the required permits or approvals, one or more ministries may delegate procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult to the proponent. The proponent may contact individual ministries for guidance related to the delegation of procedural aspects of consultation for ministry-specific permits/approvals required for the project in question. Proponents are encouraged to seek input from all involved Crown ministries sooner rather than later.

Client's Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Species at Risk Branch, Permissions and Compliance

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1.0 Purpose, Scope, Background and Context

1.1 Purpose of this Guide

This guide has been created to:

- help clients better understand their obligation to gather information and complete a preliminary screening for species at risk before contacting the ministry,
- outline guidance and advice clients can expect to receive from the ministry at the preliminary screening stage,
- help clients understand how they can gather information about species at risk by accessing publicly available information housed by the Government of Ontario, and
- provide a list of other potential sources of species at risk information that exist outside the Government of Ontario.

It remains the client's responsibility to:

- carry out a preliminary screening for their projects,
- obtain best available information from all applicable information sources,
- conduct any necessary field studies or inventories to identify and confirm the presence or absence of species at risk or their habitat,
- consider any potential impacts to species at risk that a proposed activity might cause, and
- comply with the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA).

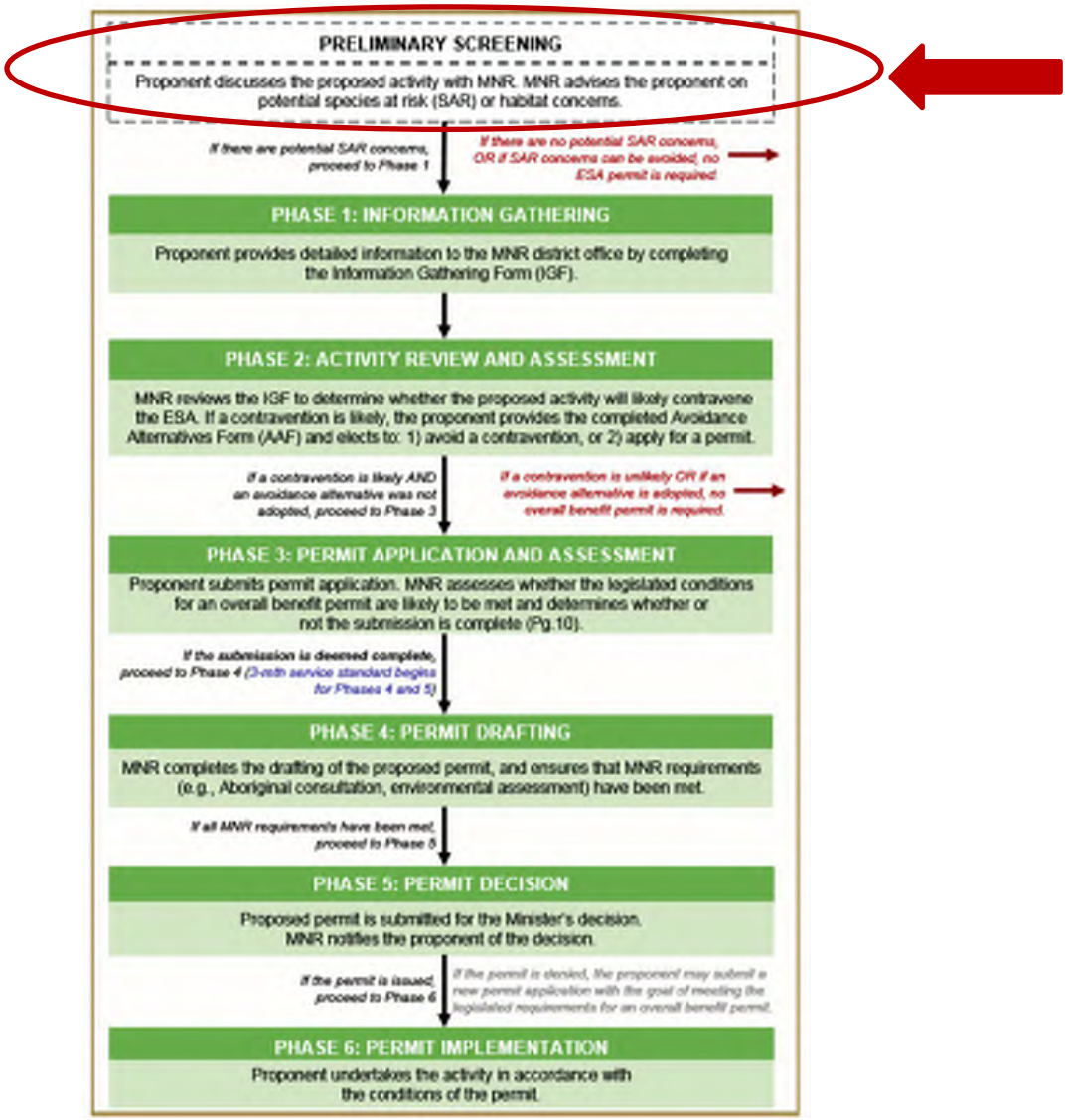
To provide the most efficient service, clients should initiate species at risk screenings and seek information from all applicable information sources identified in this guide, at a minimum, prior to contacting Government of Ontario ministry offices for further information or advice.

1.2 Scope

This guide is a resource for clients seeking to understand if their activity is likely to impact species at risk or if they are likely to trigger the need for an authorization under the ESA. It is not intended to circumvent any detailed site surveys that may be necessary to document species at risk or their habitat nor to circumvent the need to assess the impacts of a proposed activity on species at risk or their habitat. This guide is not an exhaustive list of available information sources for any given area as the availability of information on species at risk and their habitat varies across the province. This guide is intended to support projects and activities carried out on Crown and private land, by private landowners, businesses, other provincial ministries and agencies, or municipal government.

1.3 Background and Context

To receive advice on their proposed activity, clients must first determine whether any species at risk or their habitat exist or are likely to exist at or near their proposed activity, and whether their proposed activity is likely to contravene the ESA. Once this step is complete, clients may contact the ministry at SAROntario@ontario.ca to discuss the main purpose, general methods, timing and location of their proposed activity as well as information obtained about species at risk and their habitat at, or near, the site. At this stage, the ministry can provide advice and guidance to the client about potential species at risk or habitat concerns, measures that the client is considering to avoid adverse effects on species at risk or their habitat and whether additional field surveys are advisable. This is referred to as the "Preliminary Screening" stage. For more information on additional phases in the diagram below, please refer to the *Endangered Species Act Submission Standards for Activity Review and 17(2)(c) Overall Benefit Permits* policy available online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-overall-benefit-permits. Please note: any reference to MNR in the diagram is replaced by MECP.



2.0 Roles and Responsibilities

To provide the most efficient service, clients should initiate species at risk screenings and seek information from all applicable information sources identified in this guide prior to contacting Government of Ontario ministry offices for further information or advice.

Step 1: Client seeks information regarding species at risk or their habitat that exist, or are likely to exist, at or near their proposed activity by referring to all applicable information sources identified in this guide.

Step 2: Client reviews and consider guidance on whether their proposed activity is likely to contravene the ESA (see section 3.4 of this guide for guidance on what to consider).

Step 3: Client gathers information identified in the checklist in section 4 of this guide.

Step 4: Client contacts the ministry at SAROntario@ontario.ca to discuss their preliminary screening. Ministry staff will ask the client questions about the main purpose, general methods, timing and location of their proposed activity as well as information obtained about species at risk and their habitat at, or near, the site. Ministry staff will also ask the client for their interpretation of the impacts of their activity on species at risk or their habitat as well as measures the client has considered to avoid any adverse impacts.

Step 5: Ministry staff will provide advice on next steps.

Option A: Ministry staff may advise the client they can proceed with their activity without an authorization under the ESA where the ministry is confident that:

- no protected species at risk or habitats are likely to be present at or near the proposed location of the activity; or
- protected species at risk or habitats are known to be present but the activity is not likely to contravene the ESA; or
- through the adoption of avoidance measures, the modified activity is not likely to contravene the ESA.

Option B: Ministry staff may advise the client to proceed to Phase 1 of the overall benefit permitting process (i.e. Information Gathering in the previous diagram), where:

- there is uncertainty as to whether any protected species at risk or habitats are present at or near the proposed location of the activity; or
- the potential impacts of the proposed activity are uncertain; or
- ministry staff anticipate the proposed activity is likely to contravene the ESA.

3.0 Information Sources

Land Information Ontario (LIO) and the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) maintain and provide information about species at risk, as well as related information about fisheries, wildlife, crown lands, protected lands and more. This information is made available to organizations, private individuals, consultants, and developers through online sources and is often considered under various pieces of legislation or as part of regulatory approvals and planning processes.

The information available from LIO or NHIC and the sources listed in this guide should not be considered as a substitute for site visits and appropriate field surveys. Generally, this information can be regarded as a starting point from which to conduct further field surveys, if needed. While this data represents best available current information, it is important to note that a lack of information for a site does not mean that species at risk or their habitat are not present. There are many areas where the Government of Ontario does not currently have information, especially in more remote parts of the province. The absence of species at risk location data at or near your site does not necessarily mean no species at risk are present at that location. On-site assessments can better verify site conditions, identify and confirm presence of species at risk and/or their habitats.

Information on the location (i.e. observations and occurrences) of species at risk is considered sensitive and therefore publicly available only on a 1km square grid as opposed to as a detailed point on a map. This generalized information can help you understand which species at risk are in the general vicinity of your proposed activity and can help inform field level studies you may want to undertake to confirm the presence, or absence of species at risk at or near your site.

Should you require specific and detailed information pertaining to species at risk observations and occurrences at or near your site on a finer geographic scale; you will be required to demonstrate your need to access this information, to complete data sensitivity training and to obtain a Sensitive Data Use License from the NHIC. Information on how to obtain a license can be found online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-natural-heritage-information.

Many organizations (e.g. other Ontario ministries, municipalities, conservation authorities) have ongoing licensing to access this data so be sure to check if your organization has this access and consult this data as part of your preliminary screening if your organization already has a license.

3.1 Make a Map: Natural Heritage Areas

The Make a Natural Heritage Area Map (available online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/make-natural-heritage-area-map provides public access to natural heritage information, including species at risk, without the user needing to have Geographic Information System (GIS) capability. It allows users to view and identify generalized species at risk information, mark areas of interest, and create and print a custom map directly from the web application. The tool also shows topographic information such as roads, rivers, contours and municipal boundaries.

Users are advised that sensitive information has been removed from the natural areas dataset and the occurrences of species at risk has been generalized to a 1-kilometre grid to mitigate the risks to the species (e.g. illegal harvest, habitat disturbance, poaching).

The web-based mapping tool displays natural heritage data, including:

- Generalized Species at risk occurrence data (based on a 1-km square grid),
- Natural Heritage Information Centre data.

Data cannot be downloaded directly from this web map; however, information included in this application is available digitally through Land Information Ontario (LIO) at https://www.ontario.ca/page/land-information-ontario.

3.2 Land Information Ontario (LIO)

Most natural heritage data is publicly available. This data is managed in a large provincial corporate database called the LIO Warehouse and can be accessed online through the LIO Metadata Management Tool at https://www.javacoeapp.lrc.gov.on.ca/geonetwork/srv/en/main.home. This tool provides descriptive information about the characteristics, quality and context of the data. Publicly available geospatial data can be downloaded directly from this site.

While most data are publicly available, some data may be considered highly sensitive (i.e. nursery areas for fish, species at risk observations) and as such, access to some data maybe restricted.

3.3 Additional Species at Risk Information Sources

- The Breeding Bird Atlas can be accessed online at http://www.birdsontario.org/atlas/index.jsp?lang=en
- eBird can be accessed online at https://ebird.org/home
- iNaturalist can be accessed online at https://www.inaturalist.org/
- The Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas can be accessed online at https://ontarionature.org/programs/citizen-science/reptile-amphibian-atlas
- Your local Conservation Authority. Information to help you find your local Conservation Authority can be accessed online at https://conservationontario.ca/conservation-authorities/find-a-conservation-authority/

  Local naturalist groups or other similar community-based organizations
- Local Indigenous communities
- Local land trusts or other similar Environmental Non-Government Organizations
- Field level studies to identify if species at risk, or their habitat, are likely present or absent at or near the site.
- When an activity is proposed within one of the continuous caribou ranges, please be sure to consider the caribou Range Management Policy. This policy includes figures and maps of the continuous caribou range, can be found online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/range-management-policy-support-woodland-caribou-conservation-and-recovery

3.4 Information Sources to Support Impact Assessments

- Guidance to help you understand if your activity is likely to adversely impact species at risk or their habitat can be found online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/policy-guidance-harm-and-harass-under-endangered-species-act and https://www.ontario.ca/page/categorizing-and-protecting-habitat-under-endangered-species-act
- A list of species at risk in Ontario is available online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-ontario. On this webpage, you can find out more about each species, including where is lives, what threatens it and any specific habitat protections that apply to it by clicking on the photo of the species.

4.0 Check-List

Please feel free to use the check list below to help you confirm you have explored all applicable information sources and to support your discussion with Ministry staff at the preliminary screening stage.

- ✓ Land Information Ontario (LIO)
- ✓ Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC)
- ✓ The Breeding Bird Atlas
- ✓ eBird
- ✓ iNaturalist
- ✓ Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas
- ✓ List Conservation Authorities you contacted:_____

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- ✓ List local naturalist groups you contacted:_____

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- ✓ List local Indigenous communities you contacted:_____

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- ✓ List any other local land trusts or Environmental Non-Government Organizations you contacted:_____

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- ✓ List and field studies that were conducted to identify species at risk, or their habitat, likely to be present or absent at or near the site: _____

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- ✓ List what you think the likely impacts of your activity are on species at risk and their habitat (e.g. damage or destruction of habitat, killing, harming or harassing species at risk):_____

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From:	Julien Bell - GM BluePlan
To:	Lindsay Currie - GM BluePlan; Kristen Farrell - GM BluePlan
Subject:	FW: 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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Subject: [EXT] RE: 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

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hello,

Thank you for circulating the attached notice to our office for review.

MNRF's Land Use Planning and Strategic Issues Section (LUPSI) has received the Notice of Study Commencement prepared for the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd Project. We provide the attached comments for your consideration at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry | Ontario Public Service

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Sincerely,

Kristen Farrell, EPt
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Notice of Study Commencement

Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd

The Study

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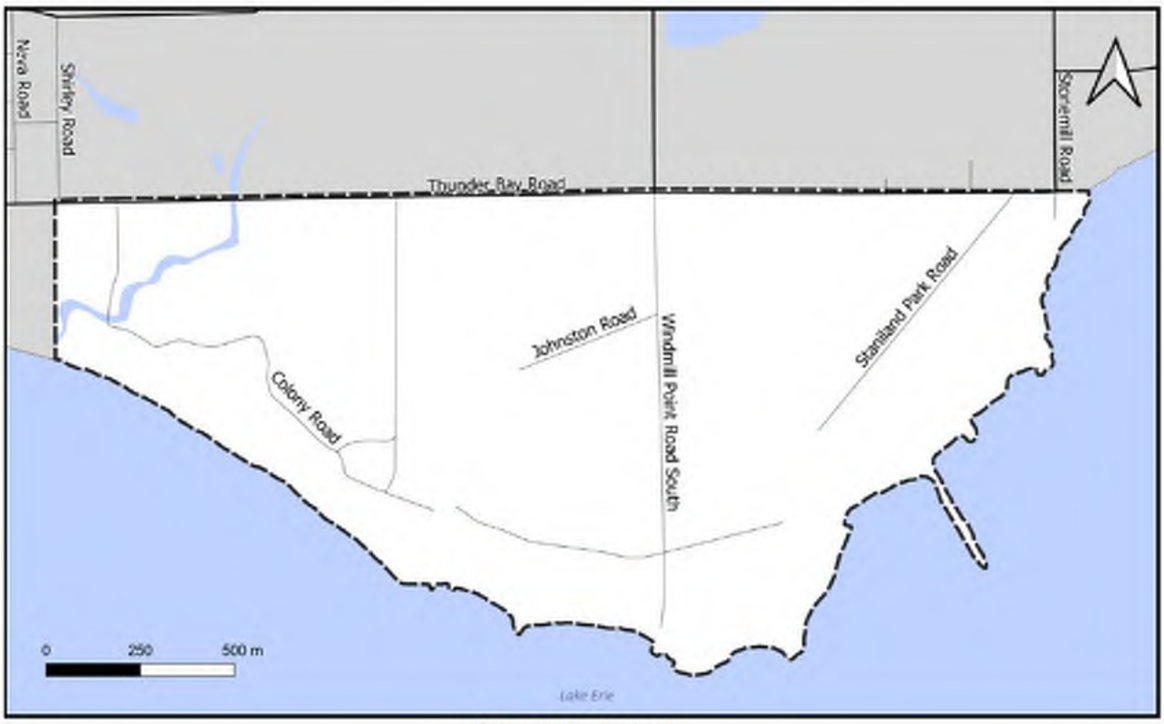


Figure 1 Study Area

The Process

The Town has retained GM BluePlan Engineering to complete the Class EA and conceptual design. The study will be completed as a Schedule B Class EA, satisfying Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class EA process. This study will define the problems and opportunities associated with the study area, develop and evaluate alternative strategies, determine a feasible solution, and identify methods to avoid or minimize impacts to the community and natural environment. Public and stakeholder input will be sought throughout the process and a Project File Report will be prepared and filed for public review upon project completion.

Get Involved

The Town encourages the public and stakeholders to actively participate in this Class EA process. Throughout the study, we invite the public to share comments and concerns with the Project Team. Additionally, two Public Information Centres will be held to inform the public on study details and to gather input on potential alternative solutions, evaluation methodology and preferred solution. For more information on the study, please visit the project webpage:

https://letstalk.forterie.ca

To submit a comment or question via email, or if you have accessibility requirements, please contact a member of the Project Team:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

This notice was first issued on March 28, 2024.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

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April 4, 2024

To

Lisa Vespi
Project Manager
Town of Fort Erie

Julien Bell
Project Manager
GM BluePlan Engineering Limited

SUBJECT: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) received the Notice of Study Commencement for the above mentioned project on March 28, 2024. Thank you for circulating this to our office. Please note that we have not competed a screening of natural heritage or other resource values for the project at this time. This response, however, does provide information to guide you in identifying and assessing natural features and resources as required by applicable policies and legislation, as well as engaging with the Ministry for advice as needed.

Please also note that it is the proponent's responsibility to be aware of, and comply with, all relevant federal or provincial legislation, municipal by-laws or other agency approvals.

Natural Heritage

MNRF's natural heritage and natural resources GIS data layers can be obtained through the Ministry's Land Information Ontario (LIO) website. You may also view natural heritage information online (e.g., Provincially Significant Wetlands, ANSI's, woodlands, etc.) using the Make a Map: Natural Heritage Areas tool.

We recommend that you use the above-noted sources of information during the review of your project proposal.

Natural Hazards

A series of natural hazard technical guides developed by MNRF are available to support municipalities and conservation authorities implement the natural hazard policies in the

Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). For example, standards to address flood risks and the potential impacts and costs from riverine flooding are addressed in the *Technical Guide River and Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit (2002)*. We recommend that you consider these technical guides as you assess specific improvement projects that can be undertaken to reduce the risk of flooding.

Petroleum Wells & Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act

There may be petroleum wells within the proposed project area. Please consult the Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library website (www.ogsrlibrary.com) for the best-known data on any wells recorded by MNRF. Please reference the 'Definitions and Terminology Guide' listed in the publications on the library website to better understand the well information available. Any oil and gas wells in your project area are regulated by the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resource Act*, and the supporting regulations and operating standards. If any unanticipated wells are encountered during development of the project, or if the proponent has questions regarding petroleum operations, the proponent should contact the Petroleum Operations Section at POSRecords@ontario.ca or 519-873-4634.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act

Please note, that should the project require:

- The relocation of fish outside of the work area, a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* will be required.
- The relocation of wildlife outside of the work area (including amphibians, reptiles, and small mammals), a Wildlife Collector's Authorization under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* will be required.

Public Lands Act & Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act

Some Project may be subject to the provisions of the *Public Lands Act* or *Lakes and River Improvement Act*. Please review the information on MNRF's web pages provided below regarding when an approval is, or is not, required. Please note, *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* approval from the Ministry is not required for certain activities within the area of jurisdiction of a Conservation Authority. Please see the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* administrative guide for more information and contact your local Conservation Authority where unsure if work is subject to regulation under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

- For more information about the *Public Lands Act*: https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-work-permits
- For more information about the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*: https://www.ontario.ca/page/lakes-and-rivers-improvement-act-administrative-guide

After reviewing the information provided, if you have not identified any of MNRF's interests stated above, there is no need to circulate any subsequent notices to our office. If you have identified any of MNRF's interests and/or may require permit(s) or further technical advice,

please direct your specific questions to the undersigned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

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Good Afternoon Lisa,

Thanks for the email. Yes please add us to your list.

Thanks,

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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

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Subject:	[EXT] MCM Response - 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 [MCM File # 0021278]
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Good morning Lisa,

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the Notice of Study Commencement for the above-referenced project. MCM's initial letter on this project is attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Liam Smythe
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Sincerely,

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April 18, 2024 EMAIL ONLY

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MCM File	**:**	**0021278**
Proponent	**:**	**Town of Fort Erie**
Subject	**:**	**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment – Schedule B – Notice of Study Commencement**
Project	**:**	**Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd**
Location	**:**	**Town of Fort Erie, Niagara Region**

Dear Lisa Vespi:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the Notice of Study Commencement for the above-referenced project.

MCM's interest in this project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, which includes:

- archaeological resources, including land and marine;
- built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and
- cultural heritage landscapes.

Under the EA process, the proponent is required to determine a project's potential impact on known (previously recognized) and potential cultural heritage resources.

Project Summary
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Identifying Cultural Heritage Resources
While some cultural heritage resources may have already been formally identified, others may be identified through screening and evaluation.

Archaeological Resources
This EA project may impact archaeological resources and should be screened using the Ministry's *Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential* and *Criteria for Evaluating Marine Archaeological Potential* (if shoreline or in-water works are proposed) to determine if an archaeological assessment is needed. MCM archaeological sites data are available at *archaeology@ontario.ca*.

If the EA project area exhibits archaeological potential, then an archaeological assessment (AA) shall be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the *Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)*, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MCM for review.

Proponents must follow the recommendations of the archaeological assessment report(s). MCM recommends that further stages of archaeological assessment (if recommended) be undertaken as early as possible during detailed design and prior to any ground disturbing activities.

Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes
The Ministry's *Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes* should be completed to help determine whether this EA project may impact known or potential built heritage resources and/or cultural heritage landscapes.

If there is potential for built heritage resources and/or cultural heritage landscapes within the study area, then a Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment should be undertaken for the entire study area during the planning phase and will be summarized in the EA Report. This study will:

1. Describe the existing baseline cultural heritage conditions within the study area by identifying all known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes, including a historical summary of the study area. The Ministry has developed a screening checklist that may assist with this exercise: *Criteria for Evaluating for Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes*.

2. Identify preliminary potential project-specific impacts on the known and potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes that have been identified. The report should include a description of the anticipated impact to each known or potential built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape that has been identified.

3. Recommend measures to avoid or mitigate potential negative impacts to known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. The proposed mitigation measures are to inform the next steps of project planning and design.

Given that this project covers a large study area, MCM recommends that the Cultural Heritage Report is carried out so that step 1 described above is undertaken early in the planning process. Then, steps 2 and 3 can be undertaken once the preferred alternatives have been selected.

Cultural Heritage Reports will be undertaken by a qualified person who has expertise, recent experience, and knowledge relevant to the type of cultural heritage resources being considered and the nature of the activity being proposed.

Community input should be sought to identify locally recognized and potential cultural heritage resources. Sources include, but are not limited to, municipal heritage committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations.

Cultural heritage resources are often of critical importance to Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to them.

Environmental Assessment Reporting
All technical cultural heritage studies and their recommendations are to be addressed and incorporated into EA projects. Please advise MCM whether any technical cultural heritage studies will be completed for this EA project and provide them to MCM before issuing a Notice of Completion or commencing any work on the site. If screening has identified no known or potential cultural heritage resources, or no impacts to these resources, please include the completed checklists and supporting documentation in the EA report or file.

Please note that the responsibility for administration of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and matters related to cultural heritage have been transferred from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). Individual staff roles and contact information remain unchanged. Please continue to send any notices, report and/or documentation **via email only** to both Karla Barboza and myself.

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- Liam Smythe, Heritage Planner | Heritage Planning Unit (Citizenship and Multiculturalism) | 416-301-4797 | Liam.Smythe@ontarioo.ca

Thank you for consulting MCM on this project and please continue to do so throughout the EA process. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Liam Smythe
Heritage Planner
Liam.Smythe@ontario.ca

Copied to: Julien Bell, GM Blue Plan
Kristen Farrell, GM Blue Plan
Karla Barboza, MCM

It is the sole responsibility of proponents to ensure that any information and documentation submitted as part of their EA report or file is accurate. The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the any checklists, reports or supporting documentation submitted as part of the EA process, and in no way shall MCM be liable for any harm, damages, costs, expenses, losses, claims or actions that may result if any checklists, reports or supporting documents are discovered to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.

Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33* requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 30/11* the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at archaeology@ontario.ca) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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Cc: Julien Bell - GM BluePlan; Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca; Kristen Farrell - GM BluePlan; Lindsay Currie - GM BluePlan
Subject: [EXT] Re: MCM Response - 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 [MCM File # 0021278]
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 10:00:20 AM
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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Liam,

Thank you for the response. The Environmental Assessment, and any follow on design, will include archeological assessments and cultural heritage assessments. We do not anticipate in-water assessments being required based on the long list of alternatives being developed.

We will continue to MCM engaged as requested.

Thank you
Lisa

> ----- Original message -----
> From: "Smythe, Liam (He/Him) (MCM)" <Liam.Smythe@ontario.ca>
> To: "LVespi@forterie.ca" <LVespi@forterie.ca>
> Cc: "julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca" <julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca>, "Kristen.Farrell@gmblueplan.ca" <Kristen.Farrell@gmblueplan.ca>, "Barboza, Karla (She/Her) (MCM)" <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>
> Subject: MCM Response - 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 [MCM File # 0021278]
> Date: Thu, Apr 18, 2024 5:54 AM
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>
> Good morning Lisa,
>
> Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the Notice of Study Commencement for the above-referenced project. MCM's initial letter on this project is attached.
>
> Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.
>
> Best regards,
>
> **Liam Smythe**
> Heritage Planner | Citizenship, Inclusion and Heritage Division
> Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism | Ontario Public Service
> 416-301-4797 | Liam.Smythe@ontario.ca

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From: Kristen Farrell - GM BluePlan <Kristen.Farrell@gmblueplan.ca>
Sent: March 28, 2024 2:41 PM
Cc: Julien Bell - GM BluePlan <julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Subject: 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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Good Afternoon,

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 operational issues 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 from the community is important for this study. 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 (Lisa Vespi, Town of Fort Erie Project Manager – LVespi@forterie.ca or Julien Bell, GM BluePlan Project Manager – Julien.Bell@gmblueplan.ca).

Sincerely,

Kristen Farrell, EPt
Office/Project Coordinator
(she/her)

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From: Bell, Julien
To: Currie, Lindsay; Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:21:32 AM
Attachments: image001.png

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(he\him)

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From: Thunder Bay Colony Association <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2024 5:19 PM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Bell, Julien <julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Greetings Lisa and Julien,

Our Thunder Bay Colony Association is looking forward to all your work regarding the:

Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W and Staniland Park Road

As a group we would like to be kept posted on any public meeting or strategy events. We would also like to help in any way we can. I heard that perhaps the Summer public meeting has already been scheduled. Can you please share that date with me so I can forward it to the owners?

Thanks,

Catherine Black
TBCA President.

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 11:27:53 AM

Can you please file this response to 623180

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From: LVespi@forterie.ca <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2024 10:56 AM
To: thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
Cc: Bell, Julien <jubell@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Catherine,

Thank you for reaching out and we are happy to keep you informed of the study as it progresses. We are still targeting a public meeting this summer and will send the notice along once the date is set.

I'd love to hear more about what area the Thunder Bay Colony Association covers. Can you please provide a map or boundary through email so we can best understand.

Thank you,
Lisa

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> From: "Thunder Bay Colony Association" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
> To: LVespi@forterie.ca, "julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca" <julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca>
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TBCA President.

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 8:11:55 AM
Attachments: TO .pdf.pdf

Please file for 2402117

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From: Bell, Julien <JuBell@geiconsultants.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 5:09 PM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request

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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 4:41 PM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Cc: Bell, Julien <JuBell@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Sorry for the late response. The Thunder Bay Colony Association represents 31 cottages. We have a tenanted property [redacted] where our property manager lives. Here is a list of our owners attached in pdf format:

[redacted].

We all are excited that the process is beginning, as the water shut offs over the last few years have been disruptive. This is positive news that a plan is being developed.

We are keen to help out and have heard that the water main may be moving from the beach. Everyone is interested in where and when... and how it will affect them.

Look forward to working together!

Best regards,

Catherine Black
TBCA President

On Fri, May 3, 2024 at 10:55 AM <LVespi@forterie.ca> wrote:

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>
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SCHEDULE "RA-1"

List of registered owners of the real properties abutting or having access to the private road known as [redacted] in the Town of Fort Erie, the Province of Ontario as of November 23, 2023

Municipal Address [redacted]	PIN	Legal Description	Assessment Roll No.	Owner(s)
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted] Includes the [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Municipal Address [redacted]	PIN	Legal Description	Assessment Roll No.	Owner(s)
	[redacted]			[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Municipal Address [redacted]	PIN	Legal Description	Assessment Roll No.	Owner(s)
Not Assigned immediately north of [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd
Date: Monday, August 12, 2024 3:29:29 PM

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From: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Sent: Saturday, August 10, 2024 8:30 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; [redacted]; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning, [redacted]. Thank you for sharing your analysis and perspectives with me.

Joan
Joan M. Christensen
Councillor, Ward 4
Town of Fort Erie

E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

> ----- Original message -----
> From: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>
> To: "LVespi@forterie.ca" <lvespi@forterie.ca>, "lcurrie@geiconsultants.com" <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>, "WRedekop@forterie.ca" <wredekop@forterie.ca>, "jchristensen@forterie.ca" <jchristensen@forterie.ca>
> Cc: [redacted]
> Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd
> Date: Sat, Aug 10, 2024 8:14 AM
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To Lindsey and Lisa

I hope you are both doing well and enjoying the summer.

As project managers hired to assess the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy,

I want to share some critical considerations regarding the available options. Having reviewed the proposals, I believe that Option 4 is the only feasible solution for our community.

Here's why:

1. **Insurance Coverage:** Many insurance providers refuse to cover waterfront properties lacking fire hydrant access. This infrastructure is crucial to ensure our homes remain insurable, protecting homeowners from significant financial risk.

2. **Property Value Preservation:** Without adequate fire protection, our property values risk significant decline. We have invested substantially in our homes, and it's vital that we maintain their value by ensuring they remain safe and insurable.

3. **Fire Safety:** Reliable fire protection is paramount. Traditional hydrants provide the necessary fire flow to safeguard our homes during emergencies, a safety measure that cannot be compromised.

4. **Long-Term Maintenance and Quality:** Relocating the water main along existing roadways, as proposed in Option 4, will greatly enhance access for maintenance and improve water quality. This sustainable solution addresses both current and future needs.

5. **Financial Impact on Homeowners:** Any option besides Option 4

would impose substantial upfront costs on homeowners, as well as recurring yearly expenses. This financial burden would be unreasonable and unfair to our community members.

It's crucial to understand that Option 4 provides the most comprehensive and reliable solution for our community.

While other options might seem more economical initially, they come with hidden risks and recurring costs that could negatively impact the residents' security and financial well-being.

Option 4 ensures robust fire protection with the installation of traditional hydrants, significantly improves access and maintenance by relocating the water main along the roadways, and offers enhanced water quality.

Though the initial investment is higher, this option fully addresses our community's needs without sacrificing safety or the sustainability of our infrastructure.

Additionally, it's important to note that the city has provided water services in this area since the mid-1940s. Removing this service now could set a concerning precedent for other parts of the city, particularly regarding the withdrawal of basic infrastructure. Legally, this could be seen as a failure to maintain essential public utilities, potentially exposing the city to challenges from residents who rely on consistent and reliable municipal services. Such a move could be interpreted as a violation of the implied contract between the city and its residents to maintain essential services, potentially leading to legal disputes and a loss of public trust.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight that many of us live at [redacted] full-time. This decision could place us at considerable risk if the fire department is ever called to respond to an emergency. The absence of adequate fire protection would compromise our safety and well-being.

Considering these factors, I strongly urge you to support Option 4. The initial investment may be high, but it is essential for the continued safety, value, and insurability of our homes.

Thank you for your diligent work on this project and for considering our community's needs. We trust that your assessment will reflect the best interests of our residents.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Windmill Point Water Project
Date: Monday, August 12, 2024 3:30:01 PM

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From: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Sent: Saturday, August 10, 2024 9:46 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Windmill Point Water Project

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you for your comments on this matter, [redacted].

Wayne

Sent from my iPad

> On Aug 9, 2024, at 8:48 PM, [redacted]
> <[redacted]> wrote:
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>
> To Project Managers Lindsey and Lisa, Mayor Redekop and Town Councilor Christensen,
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> I have attached a letter with my input regarding the water project under consideration for Windmill Point, Colony and Staniland.

Thank you for taking the time to review and consider my input

[redacted]

<Windmill Pt Water Project OJO.docx>

From:	Currie, Lindsay
To:	Farrell, Kristen
Subject:	FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd
Date:	Monday, August 12, 2024 3:29:40 PM

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Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you for copying me on your perspective, [redacted].

Joan
Joan M. Christensen
Councillor, Ward 4
Town of Fort Erie

E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

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> Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd
> Date: Sat, Aug 10, 2024 12:56 AM
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Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

I hope you're both doing well.

As consultants hired to assess the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy, I want to share some critical considerations regarding the available options. Having reviewed the proposals, I believe that Option 4 is the only feasible solution for our community. Here's why:

1. **Insurance Coverage:** Many insurance providers refuse to cover waterfront properties lacking fire hydrant access. This infrastructure is crucial to ensure our homes remain insurable, protecting homeowners from significant financial risk.
2. **Property Value Preservation:** Without adequate fire protection, our property values risk significant decline. We have invested substantially in our homes, and it's vital that we maintain their value by ensuring they remain safe and insurable.
3. **Fire Safety:** Reliable fire protection is paramount. Traditional hydrants provide the necessary fire flow to safeguard our homes during emergencies, a safety measure that cannot be compromised.
4. **Long-Term Maintenance and Quality:** Relocating the water main along existing roadways, as proposed in Option 4, will greatly enhance access for maintenance and improve water quality. This sustainable solution addresses both current and future needs.

Given the importance of this decision, it is essential to consider the detailed evaluation process for the short-listed options. The criteria for this process include:

- **Technical:** Ensuring a safe drinking water supply, supporting fire protection, minimizing operational and maintenance risks, and reducing conflicts with existing infrastructure.
- **Environmental:** Minimizing impacts on natural heritage features, protecting wildlife and species at risk, and mitigating climate change impacts.
- **Social/Cultural:** Managing and minimizing construction impacts, protecting cultural and archaeological features, and considering Indigenous interests.
- **Financial:** Minimizing both capital and operational costs.

Option 4 meets these criteria comprehensively. It supports fire protection through traditional hydrants, improves access and maintenance with the new roadway

alignment, and enhances water quality. Although the capital cost is high, it addresses all critical needs without compromising safety or long-term viability.

Furthermore, any decision short of the optimal solution could lead to significant community backlash. In the Staniland Park Association alone, 13 of the 17 residents live here full-time or utilize their properties throughout the year and directly impacted by this decision. We are deeply invested in the outcome and will strongly oppose any option that jeopardizes our safety and property values.

Considering these factors, I strongly urge you to support Option 4. The initial investment may be high, but it is essential for the continued safety, value, and insurability of our homes.

Thank you for your diligent work on this project and for considering our community's needs. We trust that your assessment will reflect the best interests of our residents.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Colony, Windmill and Staniland - Beachfront Watermain Strategy
Date: Monday, August 12, 2024 3:33:17 PM

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Subject: [EXT] Re: Colony, Windmill and Staniland - Beachfront Watermain Strategy

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[redacted]

Thank you for your message and comments on this matter.

Wayne

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> Dear Lisa and Lindsay,
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> We hope you're both doing well.

We are reaching out regarding the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy, specifically to advocate for Option 4. After reviewing the proposals, it's clear that this option is the most viable for our community. Here are the key reasons why:

1. **Insurance Coverage:** Many insurance providers will not cover waterfront properties that lack fire hydrant access. This critical infrastructure is essential to ensure our homes are insurable, protecting homeowners from significant financial risk.
2. **Property Value Preservation:** Without adequate fire protection, our property values are at risk of significant decline. We've all invested in our homes, and it's crucial that we maintain their value by ensuring they remain safe and insurable.
3. **Fire Safety:** The importance of reliable fire protection cannot be overstated. Traditional hydrants provide the necessary fire flow to protect our homes in emergencies, a safety measure that cannot be compromised.
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the Staniland Park Property Association either live here full-

time or utilize their properties throughout the year and are directly impacted by this decision. We are deeply invested in the outcome and will strongly oppose any option that jeopardizes our safety and property values.

Considering the long-term benefits and the critical nature of these issues, we strongly urge you to support Option 4. The initial investment may be high, but it is essential for the continued safety, value, and insurability of our homes.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this matter. We trust that you will make a decision that reflects the best interests of our community.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

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To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Colony, Windmill and Staniland - Beachfront Watermain Strategy
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Subject: [EXT] Re: Colony, Windmill and Staniland - Beachfront Watermain Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi [redacted]
Thank you for your comments.

Joan

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[redacted] --- Colony, Windmill and Staniland - Beachfront Watermain Strategy ---

From: [redacted]
To: lvespi@forterie.ca, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
Cc: WRedekop@forterie.ca, jchristensen@forterie.ca, [redacted]
Date: Sun, Aug 11, 2024 11:40 a.m.
Subject: Colony, Windmill and Staniland - Beachfront Watermain Strategy

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Kind Regards,

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy: Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd
Date: Monday, August 12, 2024 3:33:07 PM

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From: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 10:38 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy: Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd

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Thank you or your message and comments, [redacted].

Wayne

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[redacted]

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From: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 8:47 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy: Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good evening, [redacted],

Thank you for your comments and rationale for your preferred approach.

Joan
Joan M. Christensen
Councillor, Ward 4
Town of Fort Erie

E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

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EXTERNAL EMAIL

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Wayne

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On Aug 10, 2024, at 12:56 AM, [redacted] > wrote:

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Given the importance of this decision, it is essential to consider the detailed evaluation process for the short-listed options. The criteria for this process include:

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- **Financial:** Minimizing both capital and operational costs.

Option 4 meets these criteria comprehensively. It supports fire protection through traditional hydrants, improves access and maintenance with the new roadway alignment, and enhances water quality. Although the capital cost is high, it addresses all critical needs without compromising safety or long-term viability.

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Thank you for your diligent work on this project and for considering our community's needs. We trust that your assessment will reflect the best interests of our residents.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

From:	Currie, Lindsay
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Subject:	FW: [EXT] Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd
Date:	Monday, August 12, 2024 3:39:50 PM

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 11:58 AM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
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Additionally, it is important to recognize that any option besides 4 would impose substantial upfront and yearly costs on homeowners. These financial burdens, combined with the potential decrease in property values and increased insurance risks, make other options untenable for our community.

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Warm regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Colony Road Association (TBCA) - Water Servicing Strategy Request
Date: Monday, August 12, 2024 3:39:19 PM

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From: Thunder Bay Colony Association <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 9:14 AM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Colony Road Association (TBCA) - Water Servicing Strategy Request

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Lisa,

I hope you're doing well! Thanks again for sharing the PIC boards and for all the effort that has clearly gone into the project.

I wanted to share some feedback from our recent Board meeting (we had two members at your meeting on July 15):

First off, we recognize and appreciate the considerable time and effort that has gone into creating the PIC. The material is very thorough. From what we can see, it appears that Options 1, 2, and 3 (Maintaining existing infrastructure, Watermain lining in low-risk areas, and replacing the entire length with a deeper water main) are off the table. Could you please confirm if this is the case?

Regarding the remaining options, we have a few specific questions:

Option 4 (Relocate watermain along existing roadways):

- What would be the disruption to the road and forest, and what reforestation plan would be in place?
- How long would the process take?

This option appears to be the best long-term solution with the greatest potential for comprehensive fire safety and protection.

- Could the 12 existing hydrants be repurposed?

- How would the watermain work around 6-mile creek/bridge?

Option 5 (Relocate watermain with smaller diameter):

- How exactly would it impact the forest? Would there be a reforestation plan in place?
- Can you confirm if we lose fire hydrants with this option? This would lead to an increase or ineligibilty of home fire insurance costs. We are working with a registered insurance agent to confirm.
- How long would the process take in the forested area?How would the watermain work around 6-mile creek/bridge?

Option 6 (Replace municipal service with individual private servicing, including cisterns or wells):

Our Board vote showed that this Option is not a consideration for the following reasons:

- This option seems like a step backward and could significantly impact our property values and, by extension, the city's property tax revenue. It doesn't seem beneficial for either homeowners or the city.
- With the city moving forward with STRs, this option feels counterintuitive.

- The limitations regarding fire accessibility would remain the same as with Option 5 and could ultimately affect our ability to obtain fire insurance.
- We also assume that several of our full-time Canadian owners would have concerns about this option.

Regarding the contact information for the other associations, I can definitely help with that. I've been given three contacts for the Staniland Association:

- [redacted]

Please let me know if you need assistance with any other associations.

We look forward to your response so we can clarify these issues with all 31

> Colony Association Members who own homes.
>
> Catherine Black, TBCA President

On Wed, Aug 7, 2024 at 12:39 PM Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca> wrote:

> Hi Catherine,
>
> Hope you're doing well! I'm touching base after our first public meeting in July. Did you hear anything from your members on the PIC material? We'd love to receive input if residents have any ideas, comments or concerns.
>
> I've attached the PIC boards that were posted to the web in July for information.
>
> Also, in the spirit of consultation for this project, do you by chance know the contact information for the other associations in the area? We have heard from the Windmill Point Association, but believe there to be 1 or 2 additional groups that we do not have contact information for (i.e. Staniland Park). If you're able to put me in touch with them or share my contact information with them, that would be much appreciated!
>
> Thank you,
> Lisa
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> > ----- Original message -----
> > From: LVespi@forterie.ca
> > To: thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
> > Cc: jubell@geiconsultants.com
> > Subject: Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
> > Date: Fri, Jun 21, 2024 2:31 PM
> >
> > Hi Catherine,
> >
> > Thank you for your patience with my response!
> >
> > We are hosting our first Public Information Centre on **Monday, July 15, 2024 at 5-7 pm**. You are invited to attend to learn more about the study, provide input, and to ask questions about the study.
> >
> > Similar to the Six Mile Creek project, display boards and other relevant information for this project will be posted to our webpage:
> >
> > https://letstalk.forterie.ca/beachfront-water-servicing-strategy-in-the-area-of-colony-road-windmill-point-lane-e-w-and-staniland-park-road
> >
> > Thank you for the information on the extents of your association.
> >
> > Lisa
> >
> > **Lisa Vespi, P. Eng.**
> > **Project Manager - Six Mile Creek**

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive | Fort Erie, ON | L2A 2S6

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From: "Thunder Bay Colony Association" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
To: LVespi@forterie.ca
Cc: jubell@geiconsultants.com
Subject: Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
Date: Tue, May 28, 2024 4:41 PM

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Sorry for the late response. The Thunder Bay Colony Association represents 31 cottages. We have a tenanted property [redacted]. Here is a list of our owners attached in pdf format:

[redacted].

We all are excited that the process is beginning, as the water shut offs over the last few years have been disruptive. This is positive news that a plan is being developed.

We are keen to help out and have heard that the water main may be moving from the beach. Everyone is interested in where and when... and how it will affect them.

Look forward to working together!

Best regards,

Catherine Black
TBCA President

On Fri, May 3, 2024 at 10:55 AM <LVespi@forterie.ca> wrote:

> Hi Catherine,
>
> Thank you for reaching out and we are happy to keep you informed of the study as it progresses. We are still targeting a public meeting this summer and will send the notice along once the date is set.
>
> I'd love to hear more about what area the Thunder Bay Colony Association covers. Can you please provide a map or boundary through email so we can best understand.
>
> Thank you,
> Lisa
>
> > ----- Original message -----
> > From: "Thunder Bay Colony Association" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
> > To: LVespi@forterie.ca, "julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca" <julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca>
> > Cc:
> > Subject: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
> > Date: Wed, May 1, 2024 5:19 PM

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Greetings Lisa and Julien,

Our Thunder Bay Colony Association is looking forward to all your work regarding the:

Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W and Staniland Park Road

As a group we would like to be kept posted on any public meeting or strategy events. We would also like to help in any way we can. I heard that perhaps the Summer public meeting has already been scheduled. Can you please share that date with me so I can forward it to the owners?

Thanks,

Catherine Black
TBCA President.

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Colony, Windmill and Staniland - Beachfront Watermain Strategy
Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 10:16:12 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 4:53 PM
To: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]
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EXTERNAL EMAIL

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Kind Regards,
[redacted]
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Kind Regards,

[redacted]

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: FW: Beach Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Friday, August 16, 2024 8:46:34 AM

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From: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 9:45 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: FW: Beach Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hello [redacted]

Thank you for providing your comments on the draft Beach Water Servicing Strategy. Staff and the consultant will be informed by your perspective and concerns.

Joan
Joan M. Christensen
Councillor, Ward 4
Town of Fort Erie

E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

> ----- Original message -----
> From: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 8:46:27 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Beach Water Servicing Strategy

Subject: Support for Option 4 - Water Servicing Strategy

Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

As homeowners at [redacted], we support Option 4 of the Beachfront and 6 mile Creek,Water Servicing Strategy. This option is critical for maintaining fire safety, property values, and water quality in our community.

Fire hydrants are necessary for home insurance and safety. Without them, our properties could become uninsurable, leading to significant financial losses. Option 4 also addresses long-term sustainability and maintenance, which is vital for our community's future.

Moving to cisterns or wells will lower water quality. The town has a responsibility, as outlined in the document "Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A Guide for Members of Municipal Councils," to maintain and improve our water services. Here at [redacted] we have no room on our property for a cistern or well. Part of our purchase decision making was due to the fact the property had Town water and Natural gas services. Losing our current water service would be devastating to our property value and living conditions that we are currently enjoying. We would deeply appreciate if Your Worship would approve the new water line and hydrants to all Colony resident properties.

Our board, the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is investigating what we all pay in property taxes and water services to provide clarity on the financial implications of this decision. We have also consulted with insurance and medical professionals to understand the risks associated with reverting to cistern or well water sources, particularly for home insurance.

The suggestion in the Presentation Boards that all residents are seasonal is inaccurate. Many of us are full-time residents, and many families have invested in these properties long-term with the intention of retiring as full-time residents. Despite this, we all pay the same high waterfront tax rates and deserve equal consideration in this decision.

I urge you to choose Option 4 to protect our community.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Fw: [redacted] Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:51:58 PM
Attachments: Colony Water service strategy.odt

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Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 7:59 AM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Fw: [redacted] Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Attachment from [redacted]

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From: [redacted]>
To: LVespi@forterie.ca, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
Cc: joan.christensen@forterie.ca, "wredekop@forterie.ca" <wredekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [redacted] Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Thu, Aug 15, 2024 5:30 PM

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Dear Fort Erie Council and all Concerned

Attached is our response letter requesting option 4 as a safe and long term future for all Colony residents and our greater surrounding community.

Thank you
[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
Date: Friday, August 16, 2024 8:47:44 AM

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 10:59 PM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Cc: WRedekop@forterie.ca; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; jchristensen@forterie.ca
Subject: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

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Fire hydrants are crucial for insurance and safety. Without them, our properties risk becoming uninsurable. Additionally, moving to cisterns or wells will reduce water quality, which the town is responsible for maintaining.

The board representing the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is reviewing the financial impact of this decision on all fronts, and consulting with insurance and medical experts to understand the ramifications of reverting to cisterns or wells. Losing such an essential service for our homes is consequential to say the least, including a potential effect on the health of our families and the protection of property.

Like all residents in the area, we pay our taxes and are part of the fabric of the Fort Erie community at large. This is an extremely important issue for us and we urge you to consider Option 4 as the sensible choice for all concerned.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

All the very best,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
Date: Friday, August 16, 2024 8:46:18 AM

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From: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 9:15 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; [redacted]; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you for your comments and perspective with respect to the Strategy Options, [redacted]. I appreciate receiving the information.

Joan
Joan M. Christensen
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E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

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> Cc: WRedekop@forterie.ca, "Catherine Black" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>, jchristensen@forterie.ca, [redacted]
> Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
> Date: Thu, Aug 15, 2024 12:14 PM
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Dear Lisa & Lindsay

As a homeowner of [redacted], we are writing to express our strong support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. This option is the only acceptable solution for our community's needs for the following reasons:

- **Insurance Requirements:** Insurance companies will not insure waterfront homes that do not have access to a fire hydrant. Without this essential infrastructure, our homes will be deemed uninsurable, posing a significant risk to ourselves and our neighbours on Colony Rd.
- **Property Values:** The absence of adequate fire protection will drastically lower our property values. We have invested heavily in our properties, and any decrease in its value will be substantial if we do not maintain proper municipal water services.
- **Fire Safety:** Ensuring fire protection through traditional hydrants is not just a matter of convenience; it is a critical safety issue. The reliability and efficiency of fire hydrants during emergencies cannot be overstated, especially for the homes along Colony Road, where quick response times are vital.
- **Sustainability and Maintenance:** Option 4 will likely improve fire flow conditions and address the issues related to access and maintenance. New infrastructure along roadways, including Colony Road, will enhance water quality and provide a more sustainable solution in the long term.
- **Water Quality:** If the town regresses to cisterns or wells, water quality will undoubtedly decline. We understand through the document "Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A Guide for Members of Municipal Councils" the water maintenance responsibilities of the town, councillors, and municipality in Ontario. We trust that you will take this obligation to heart. We look forward to maintenance and improvement, not the removal of existing essential water services.
- **Resident Status and Taxation:** In the Presentation Boards distributed, there is a suggestion that we are all seasonal owners. This is not factual; many of our neighbors and families along Colony Road are full-time residents. Our home is a four season property and we make use of our lakefront property throughout the year. Along with many of our neighbours, we have invested in our property long-term with the intention of retiring full-time. Regardless, we all pay the same higher tax rate due to our waterfront properties and should be treated equally in the decision-making process.

Additionally, we must stress that there could be significant backlash if the proper solution is not selected. The community is deeply invested in this matter, and a decision that undermines our safety and property values will undoubtedly lead to strong opposition. Specifically, within the

Thunder Bay Colony Association, there are numerous residents, including full-time occupants, who will be directly impacted by this decision.

Our board, the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is actively investigating what we all pay in property taxes and current water services to help translate these financials into the decision-making process. We have also consulted with insurance and medical professionals to understand the implications of reverting to cistern or well water sources, especially regarding home insurance for the highest waterfront taxpayers in Fort Erie.

We urge you to consider the long-term impacts on our community. Option 4 ensures we maintain the safety, value, and insurability of our homes. While the capital cost associated with this option is high, it is a necessary investment to safeguard our properties and community well-being.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. We trust that you will make the decision that best supports the needs and safety of our community.

Best regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Fwd: Support for Option 4 - Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024 1:47:17 PM

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 12:23 PM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Fwd: Support for Option 4 - Water Servicing Strategy

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Date: Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 12:17
Subject: Support for Option 4 - Water Servicing Strategy
To: <LVespi@forterie.ca>, <lcurrie@geinconsultants.com>
CC: <joan.christensen@forterie.ca>, wredekop@forterie.ca <wredekop@forterie.ca>, Thunder Bay Colony Association <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>

Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

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maintaining. Our board, the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is reviewing property taxes and water services to help translate the financial impact of this decision, and we have consulted with insurance and medical experts to understand the implications of reverting to cisterns or wells, especially for home insurance.

It's also important to mention that many of us are already full-time residents, and many other families have made invested in these properties with plans to retire full-time.

We all pay high waterfront taxes and we ask that we be treated equally in this decision.

We hope that you choose Option 4 to protect our homes and community long-term.

Kindest Regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024 11:56:31 AM
Importance: High

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To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
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Subject: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
Importance: High

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

As a homeowner and full-time resident at [redacted] I am writing to express my support for Option 4. This option is essential for maintaining fire safety, property values, and water quality in our community.

Fire hydrants are crucial for insurance and safety. Without them, our properties risk becoming uninsurable. Additionally, moving to cisterns or wells will reduce water quality, which the town is responsible for maintaining. Our board, the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is reviewing property taxes and water services to help translate the financial impact of this decision, and we have consulted with insurance and medical experts to understand the implications of reverting to cisterns or wells, especially for home insurance.

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We all pay high waterfront taxes and we ask that we be treated equally in this decision.

We hope that you choose Option 4 to protect our homes and community long-term.

Kindest Regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: Watermain replacement for Staniland Park
Date: Friday, August 16, 2024 8:41:13 AM
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 4:26 PM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Watermain replacement for Staniland Park

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to express my strong support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. This option is the only acceptable solution for our community's needs, and here's why:

1. **Insurance Requirements:** Insurance companies will not insure waterfront homes that do not have access to a fire hydrant. Without this essential infrastructure, our homes will be deemed uninsurable, which poses a significant risk to homeowners.
2. **Property Values:** The absence of adequate fire protection will drastically lower our property values. Many of us have invested heavily in our properties, and the decrease in value will be substantial if we do not maintain proper municipal water services.
3. **Fire Safety:** Ensuring fire protection through traditional hydrants is not just a matter of convenience; it is a critical safety issue. The reliability and efficiency of fire hydrants in emergencies cannot be understated.
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solution in the long term.

Additionally, I must stress that there could be significant backlash if the proper solution is not selected. The community is deeply invested in this matter, and a decision that undermines our safety and property values will undoubtedly lead to strong opposition. Specifically, in the Staniland Park Property Owners Association alone 13 of the 17 residents either live here full-time or utilize their properties throughout the year and are directly impacted by this decision.

I urge you to consider the long-term impacts on our community. Option 4 ensures we maintain the safety, value, and insurability of our homes. The high capital cost associated with this option is a necessary investment to safeguard our properties and community well-being.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. I trust that you will make the decision that best supports the needs and safety of our community.



From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 7:59:23 AM
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Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 3:03 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hello, [redacted]:

Thank you for your comments and perspectives re the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. I want to make you aware that this is one phase of the overall project, which is required to identify and assess alternatives; the process is a necessary aspect of sound public policy development.

Joan
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Councillor, Ward 4
Town of Fort Erie

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> Cc: <jchristensen@forterie.ca>, <WRedekop@forterie.ca>, <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
> Subject: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
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Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

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Please choose Option 4 to protect our homes and community.

Best regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W and Staniland Park Road
Date: Friday, August 16, 2024 11:17:52 AM

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To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Cc: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W and Staniland Park Road

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Ms. Vespi and Ms. Currie,

I am a property owner at [redacted] and am writing to provide my feedback regarding the current review of the water servicing strategies for the beachfront neighbourhoods along Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West, and Staniland Park Road.

From my review of the information contained in the Public Information Centre #1 presentation, I understand that the Town has narrowed the water servicing options to Options #4, 5, and 6, with Option #6 being the replacement of municipal service with individual private water servicing (water cisterns).

I am strongly opposed to Option #6 for the following reasons:

- Saddling residents with the considerable cost, burden and risk of a private service for water should not be a valid option. I am surprised and, frankly, stunned that this option was not screened out with Options #1-3 in the course of the environmental assessment. Option #6 would put residents' water safety at risk, as it relies on residents to undertake cleaning, disinfection and testing to ensure

water safety. This is significant burden and risk.

- Option #6 would further burden residents with the additional costs associated with private water servicing, including the cost of water delivery, the cost of installing a cistern, the cost of additional insurance, the cost of new plumbing upgrades and changes, and the potential cost of a water filtration system. Further, I understand that many insurance providers refuse to provide insurance for waterfront properties that lack fire hydrant access, which would result if the current municipal water delivery was replaced with private water servicing.

- Option #6 would lead to a reduction of property values in the area, as a result of the lack of municipal water delivery and the lack of adequate fire protection. This is unfair to residents, many of whom have contributed to paying for municipal water delivery through municipal taxes for decades.

- Option #6 will lead to increased large truck traffic for private water delivery and such traffic will increase the long-term emission of greenhouse gases, an issue which the Town should be considering in its assessment of the environmental impacts of Option #6.

- Many of the residences in the area are now year-round residences and this trend is increasing. With Option #6, residents would need to rely on private water delivery year-round, including during the winter when road conditions may not be amenable to such delivery, particularly in this waterfront area, which tends to experience more weather-related events than other areas of Fort Erie.

- Water cisterns are vulnerable to extreme weather conditions and such conditions (including flooding) are occurring with greater frequency, particularly in areas along the waterfront.

- Although there may be a higher capital cost associated with installing new water mains, water mains are expected to last decades and benefit from the central treatment and testing of water. As noted in a recent overview of water delivery systems by the MacDonald Laurier Institute “cisterns need to be cleaned and disinfected regularly” and may pose “health risks to consumers”.

- Option #6 would increase large truck traffic in the Area and require upgrades to many driveways (my property, for example, is inaccessible by larger trucks). The regular large truck traffic (cisterns typically need to be filled weekly or bi-weekly)

may also negatively impact wildlife, including endangered species, living in the area such as, for example, damaging Fowler's Toad habitat and killing vulnerable Fowler's Toad (Fowler's Toad is listed as Endangered in the federal *Species at Risk Act* and in Ontario in the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*).

- Option #6 presents a significant reputational and litigation risk for the Town as it is a virtual certainty that some residents and/or homeowners' associations will not accept a gratuitous removal of service before exhausting all potential remedies that may be available through regulatory bodies and the courts.

I hope that the Town will seriously consider the above and remove Option #6 from the potential options to be further considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

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To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
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From: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
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Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning, [redacted]

Thank you for including me in your email and for your comments with respect to the Beachfront Water Serving Strategy.

Joan
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Town of Fort Erie

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Like all residents in the area, we pay our taxes and are part of the fabric of the Fort Erie community at large. This is an extremely important issue for us and we urge you to consider Option 4 as the sensible choice for all concerned.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

All the very best,

[redacted]

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Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
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Dear [redacted]:

Thank you for copying me on your comments and perspective re the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy.

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Dear Ms. Vespa and Ms. Currie,

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Please choose Option 4 to protect our homes and community.

Best regards,

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To: Farrell, Kristen
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Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2024 10:07 AM
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Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road

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Thank you for your message, [redacted]

Wayne

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 17, 2024, at 8:59 AM, [redacted] wrote:

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Best regards,

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 8:05:58 AM

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Subject: [EXT] Re: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you for your message and comments, [redacted].

Wayne

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Best regards,

[redacted]

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 8:26:03 AM

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2024 1:06 PM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Cc: JChristensen@forterie.ca
Subject: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road

EXTERNAL EMAIL

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Waterfront strategy project
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 8:28:15 AM

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2024 3:41 PM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; jchristensen@forterie.ca; WRedekop@forterie.ca; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
Subject: [EXT] Waterfront strategy project

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Sent from my iPhone
As a resident at [redacted] in Thunder Bay I am urging you to select proposal 4. It is urgent and essential for us to have fire hydrants, to ensure our property values, have house insurance and the best possible water quality. As a waterfront resident paying high taxes we deserve equal treatment as all other residents of Fort Erie. Please please choose option 4 which is only the fair and just thing to do!
Thank you,
[redacted]

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To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:01:41 AM

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Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning,

I spoke with [redacted] this morning, so I'm sure you and [redacted] will discuss as well. But I wanted to share that we appreciate your interest and involvement in this project both as a resident in the area, and as a local contractor with intimate knowledge of the infrastructure and constraints. As part of the MCEA process, we are required to review various options. No option has been selected yet. Your feedback is valuable to us and we are currently reviewing all input and considerations to formulate more fulsome responses.

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Project Manager
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> To: "LVespi@forterie.ca" <LVespi@forterie.ca>, "lcurrie@geiconsultants.com" <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>
> Cc: "JChristensen@forterie.ca" <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
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To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Subject: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 3:17:48 PM

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From: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 2:35 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Re: Subject: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you for your messages and comments on this matter, [redacted]

Wayne

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On Aug 18, 2024, at 3:52 PM, [redacted] wrote:

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Subject: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 10:56:30 AM

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From: LVespi@forterie.ca <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 10:53 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted] Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; [redacted] thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; [redacted] Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Subject: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

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> From: [redacted]
> To: jchristensen@forterie.ca, LVespi@forterie.ca, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com, WRedekop@forterie.ca, thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
> Cc: [redacted]

[redacted]
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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beach Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 3:18:30 PM

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Subject: [EXT] Re: Beach Water Servicing Strategy

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Thank you for your message, [redacted].

Wayne

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From: [redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 8:46:27 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Beach Water Servicing Strategy

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: FW: Beach Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:30:21 AM

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:23 AM
To: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Cc: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Re: FW: Beach Water Servicing Strategy

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> From: Joan Christensen/FortErie
> To: [redacted]
> Cc: lcurrie@geiconsultants.com, Lisa Vespi/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, Wayne Redekop/FortErie@TownOfFortErie

Subject: Re: FW: Beach Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Thu, Aug 15, 2024 9:45 PM

Hello [redacted]

Thank you for providing your comments on the draft Beach Water Servicing Strategy. Staff and the consultant will be informed by your perspective and concerns.

Joan
Joan M. Christensen
Councillor, Ward 4
Town of Fort Erie

E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

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From: [redacted]
To: "LVespi@forterie.ca" <LVespi@forterie.ca>, "lcurrie@geiconsultants.com" <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>, "WRedekop@forterie.ca" <WRedekop@forterie.ca>, "jchristensen@forterie.ca" <jchristensen@forterie.ca>
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To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:05:32 AM

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> Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
> Date: Sat, Aug 17, 2024 3:08 PM
>
> Dear [redacted]

Thank you for copying me on your comments and perspective re the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy.

Joan
Joan M. Christensen
Councillor, Ward 4
Town of Fort Erie

E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

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From: [redacted]
To: LVespi@forterie.ca, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
Cc: jchristensen@forterie.ca, WRedekop@forterie.ca, thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
Date: Sat, Aug 17, 2024 8:59 AM

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Fw: Re: Fwd: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:54:23 PM

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:42 AM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Fw: Re: Fwd: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd

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> Subject: Re: Fwd: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd
> Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2024 11:31 AM
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From: [redacted]
Date: August 13, 2024 at 7:53:47 PM EDT
To: [redacted]
Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd

Dear Lindsey & Lisa

I understand that you both have been hired to assess the beachfront water servicing strategy.
I knew there was a meeting to address the situation which I didn't attend. I didn't attend because I never imagined that my water services would be stopped and I would have to install my own system. I'm in disbelief that my house has had water services since the mid 1940's and there is talk of removing it.
I have reviewed the different approaches to resolve the issues and I feel option 4 is the only feasible solution for our community.
There are numerous reasons: insurance coverage, property value preservation, fire safety, long term maintenance and quality and financial impact on homeowners.
It will be more costly to do option 4, but it is the option that addresses our community's needs, without sacrificing safety or the sustainability of our infrastructure.
Warm Regards,

[redacted]

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To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:45:20 AM

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From: LVespi@forterie.ca <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:40 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted] Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; [redacted] Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd
Date: Sat, Aug 10, 2024 8:14 AM

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To Lindsey and Lisa

I hope you are both doing well and enjoying the summer.

As project managers hired to assess the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy,

I want to share some critical considerations regarding the available options. Having reviewed the proposals, I believe that Option 4 is the only feasible solution for our community.

Here's why:

1. **Insurance Coverage:** Many insurance providers refuse to cover waterfront properties lacking fire hydrant access. This infrastructure is crucial to ensure our homes remain insurable, protecting homeowners from significant financial risk.

2. **Property Value Preservation:** Without adequate fire protection, our property values risk significant decline. We have invested substantially in our homes, and it's vital that we maintain their value by ensuring they remain safe and insurable.

3. **Fire Safety:** Reliable fire protection is paramount. Traditional hydrants provide the necessary fire flow to safeguard our homes during emergencies, a safety measure that cannot be compromised.

4. **Long-Term Maintenance and Quality:** Relocating the water main along existing roadways, as proposed in Option 4, will greatly enhance access for maintenance and improve water quality. This sustainable solution addresses both current and future needs.

5. **Financial Impact on Homeowners:** Any option besides Option 4 would impose substantial upfront costs on homeowners, as well as recurring yearly expenses. This financial burden would be unreasonable and unfair to our community members.

It's crucial to understand that Option 4 provides the most comprehensive and reliable solution for our community.

While other options might seem more economical initially, they come with hidden risks and recurring costs that could negatively impact the residents' security and financial well-being.

Option 4 ensures robust fire protection with the installation of traditional hydrants, significantly improves access and maintenance by relocating the water main along the roadways, and offers enhanced water quality.

Though the initial investment is higher, this option fully addresses our community’s needs without sacrificing safety or the sustainability of our infrastructure.

Additionally, it's important to note that the city has provided water services in this area since the mid-1940s. Removing this service now could set a concerning precedent for other parts of the city, particularly regarding the withdrawal of basic infrastructure. Legally, this could be seen as a failure to maintain essential public utilities, potentially exposing the city to challenges from residents who rely on consistent and reliable municipal services. Such a move could be interpreted as a violation of the implied contract between the city and its residents to maintain essential services, potentially leading to legal disputes and a loss of public trust.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight that many of us live at [redacted] full-time. This decision could place us at considerable risk if the fire department is ever called to respond to an emergency. The absence of

adequate fire protection would compromise our safety and well-being.

Considering these factors, I strongly urge you to support Option 4. The initial investment may be high, but it is essential for the continued safety, value, and insurability of our homes.

Thank you for your diligent work on this project and for considering our community's needs. We trust that your assessment will reflect the best interests of our residents.

Warm regards,



From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:17:25 AM

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:14 AM
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Cc: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
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Thank you again for your comments and engagement.
Regards,

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> Cc: lcurrie@geiconsultants.com, Lisa Vespi/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, Joan Christensen/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
> Subject: Re: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
> Date: Sat, Aug 17, 2024 9:54 AM
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> Thank you for your message and comments, [redacted]

Wayne

Sent from my iPad

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It's also important to note that many of us are full-time residents, and many families have invested in these properties with plans to retire full-time. We all pay high waterfront taxes and should be treated equally in this decision.

Please choose Option 4 to protect our homes and community.

Best regards,

[redacted]

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Waterfront strategy project
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 3:17:57 PM

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Thank you for your message, [redacted]

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Waterfront strategy project
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 10:56:42 AM

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Subject: [EXT] Re: Waterfront strategy project

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August 19, 2024

Mayor Wayne Redekop
Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2S6

RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy for Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, Staniland Park Road

Dear Mayor Redekop,

The above referenced Town project is in the analysis phase with only options 4,5 and 6 still being considered. I fully support option 4 as being the only reasonable option going forward.

I realize that the Town is finding it difficult to identify resources for all the capital projects that need to be undertaken in the next decade but to seriously consider taking away Town services as an answer needs to be more fully discussed before a full open series of meetings of all Town residents.

Town water has been provided in these areas for more than the 70 years my family has resided here. Will the Town consider taking away water services from the Niagara Boulevard? Or discontinue sewer services at the outer boundaries of those service areas? If Bell, Fortis or Enbridge decided to stop servicing rural areas of the Town, would we not all vocally object?

The decision the Town reaches regarding this project will affect property values, insurance rates, fire safety and the environment. I trust that Town government will move forward with selecting option 4 as the only viable direction.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

cc: J Christensen
L Currie
L Vespi

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Water Servicing Strategy Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln, Staniland Park Rd.
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 10:55:46 AM

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 10:51 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
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> Subject: Re: Water Servicing Strategy Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln, Staniland Park Rd.
> Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2024 9:46 AM
>
> Good morning, [redacted]

Thank you for your comments and rationale for your preferred option.

Joan

Sent from HCL Verse

[redacted] --- Water Servicing Strategy Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln, Staniland Park Rd. ---

From: [redacted]

To: LVespi@forterie.ca, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com, WRedekop@forterie.ca, jchristensen@forterie.ca

Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2024 7:59 a.m.

Subject: Water Servicing Strategy Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln, Staniland Park Rd.

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All,

Please read my thoughts in the attached letter to His Worship.

Thank you for your time.

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: Water Servicing Strategy Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln, Staniland Park Rd.
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:31:47 AM
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Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W and Staniland Park Road
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:18:23 AM

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> Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W and Staniland Park Road

Date: Fri, Aug 16, 2024 10:54 AM

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Dear Ms. Vespi and Ms. Currie,

I am a property owner at [redacted] and am writing to provide my feedback regarding the current review of the water servicing strategies for the beachfront neighbourhoods along Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West, and Staniland Park Road.

From my review of the information contained in the Public Information Centre #1 presentation, I understand that the Town has narrowed the water servicing options to Options #4, 5, and 6, with Option #6 being the replacement of municipal service with individual private water servicing (water cisterns).

I am strongly opposed to Option #6 for the following reasons:

- Saddling residents with the considerable cost, burden and risk of a private service for water should not be a valid option. I am surprised and, frankly, stunned that this option was not screened out with Options #1-3 in the course of the environmental assessment. Option #6 would put residents' water safety at risk, as it relies on residents to undertake cleaning, disinfection and testing to ensure water safety. This is significant burden and risk.

- Option #6 would further burden residents with the additional costs associated with private water servicing, including the cost of water delivery, the cost of installing a cistern, the cost of additional insurance, the cost of new plumbing upgrades and changes, and the potential cost of a water filtration system. Further, I understand that many insurance providers refuse to provide insurance for waterfront properties that lack fire hydrant access, which would result if the current municipal water delivery was replaced with private water servicing.

- Option #6 would lead to a reduction of property values in the area, as a result of the lack of municipal water delivery and the lack of adequate fire protection. This is unfair to residents, many of whom have contributed to paying for municipal water delivery through municipal taxes for decades.

- Option #6 will lead to increased large truck traffic for private water delivery and such traffic will increase the long-term emission of greenhouse gases, an issue which the Town should be considering in its assessment of the

environmental impacts of Option #6.

- Many of the residences in the area are now year-round residences and this trend is increasing. With Option #6, residents would need to rely on private water delivery year-round, including during the winter when road conditions may not be amenable to such delivery, particularly in this waterfront area, which tends to experience more weather-related events than other areas of Fort Erie.

- Water cisterns are vulnerable to extreme weather conditions and such conditions (including flooding) are occurring with greater frequency, particularly in areas along the waterfront.

- Although there may be a higher capital cost associated with installing new water mains, water mains are expected to last decades and benefit from the central treatment and testing of water. As noted in a recent overview of water delivery systems by the MacDonald Laurier Institute "cisterns need to be cleaned and disinfected regularly" and may pose "health risks to consumers".

- Option #6 would increase large truck traffic in the Area and require upgrades to many driveways (my property, for example, is inaccessible by larger trucks). The regular large truck traffic (cisterns typically need to be filled weekly or bi-weekly) may also negatively impact wildlife, including endangered species, living in the area such as, for example, damaging Fowler's Toad habitat and killing vulnerable Fowler's Toad (Fowler's Toad is listed as Endangered in the federal *Species at Risk Act* and in Ontario in the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*).

- Option #6 presents a significant reputational and litigation risk for the Town as it is a virtual certainty that some residents and/or homeowners' associations will not accept a gratuitous removal of service before exhausting all potential remedies that may be available through regulatory bodies and the courts.

I hope that the Town will seriously consider the above and remove Option #6 from the potential options to be further considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Fw: Re: 2892 Colony Rd Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:54:56 PM

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Fw: Re: [redacted] Water Servicing Strategy

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> Subject: Re: [redacted] Water Servicing Strategy
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Cc: joan.christensen@forterie.ca, "wredekop@forterie.ca" <wredekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [redacted] Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Thu, Aug 15, 2024 5:30 PM

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Dear Fort Erie Council and all Concerned

Attached is our response letter requesting option 4 as a safe and long term future for all Colony residents and our greater surrounding community.

Thank you
[redacted]

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All the very best,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Good morning, [redacted]

Thank you for including me in your email and for your comments with respect to the Beachfront Water Serving Strategy.

Joan
Joan M. Christensen
Councillor, Ward 4
Town of Fort Erie

E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

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From: Currie, Lindsay
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Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Colony, Windmill and Staniland - Beachfront Watermain Strategy
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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:33 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Colony, Windmill and Staniland - Beachfront Watermain Strategy

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> From: [redacted]
> To: "Wayne Redekop" <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
> Cc: "Lisa Vespi" <LVespi@forterie.ca>, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com, "Joan Christensen" <JChristensen@forterie.ca>, [redacted]

Subject: Re: Colony, Windmill and Staniland - Beachfront Watermain Strategy
Date: Tue, Aug 13, 2024 4:53 PM

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Hi Wayne and Joan,
You're welcome and thank you for acknowledging our email.

Kind Regards,
[redacted]
Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 11, 2024, at 10:38 PM, Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca> wrote:
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> > We hope you're both doing well.
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> > We are reaching out regarding the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy, specifically to advocate for Option 4. After reviewing the proposals, it's clear that this option is the most viable for our community. Here are the key reasons why:
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It's also important to highlight that any decision short of the optimal solution could lead to significant backlash from the community.

13 of the 17 homeowners in the Staniland Park Property Association either live here full-time or utilize their properties throughout the year and are directly impacted by this decision. We are deeply invested in the outcome and will strongly oppose any option that jeopardizes our safety and property values.

Considering the long-term benefits and the critical

nature of these issues, we strongly urge you to support Option 4. The initial investment may be high, but it is essential for the continued safety, value, and insurability of our homes.

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
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Wayne

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Date: Thu, Aug 15, 2024 9:14 PM

Thank you for your comments and perspective with respect to the Strategy Options, [redacted]
I appreciate receiving the information.

Joan
Joan M. Christensen
Councillor, Ward 4
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E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

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Thank you for allowing us to comment on the decision on how to move forward servicing water to our community and for seriously considering our comments.

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We have been members of the Windmill Point community since 1975 and have paid taxes, and supported the community. We need to have basic necessities such as reliable water delivery just like our neighbors in other Fore Erie Neighborhoods. We treasure the opportunity to reside in and support this community. We deserve the best available system to insure water delivery to our homes. Needless to say with option 6 we will not have fire hydrants to facilitate fighting a fire that could occur. Our initial home was destroyed by a fire in 1984 and I hate to think of what could happen to the entire neighborhood if such a fire occurred today with only archaic ways to fight the fire.

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Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:54:35 PM

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Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:45:07 AM

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From: LVespi@forterie.ca <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:39 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Windmill Point Water Project

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning [redacted],

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and interest on the project. Your feedback is valuable to us.

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Thank you again for your comments and engagement.

Regards,

Lisa Vespi, P. Eng.
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> From: [redacted]
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> Cc:

Subject: Windmill Point Water Project
Date: Fri, Aug 9, 2024 8:48 PM

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To Project Managers Lindsey and Lisa, Mayor Redekop and Town Councilor Christensen,

I have attached a letter with my input regarding the water project under consideration for Windmill Point, Colony and Staniland.

Thank you for taking the time to review and consider my input

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Robert L. Miller, Jr.
Cc: Lisa Vespi
Subject: RE: Beach front water servicing
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:57:08 PM

Good morning [redacted]

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and interest on the project. Your feedback is valuable to us.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 10:51 AM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Beach front water servicing

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Lindsay,

I hope this message finds you well.

My family has owned [redacted] since the 1940s. I have spent my whole life enjoying summers here and hope I can continue to do so. The potential changes to my water supply could put that in jeopardy. It would also jeopardize my ability to sell the house when the time comes.

I am writing to express my strong support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. This option is the only acceptable solution for our community's needs, and here's why:

- **Insurance Requirements:** Insurance companies will not insure waterfront homes that do not have access to a fire

hydrant. Without this essential infrastructure, our homes will be deemed uninsurable, posing a significant risk to homeowners along Colony Road.

- **Property Values:** The absence of adequate fire protection will drastically lower our property values, and the associated tax base. Many of us have invested heavily in our properties, and any decrease in value will be substantial if we do not maintain proper municipal water services.

- **Fire Safety:** Ensuring fire protection through traditional hydrants is not just a matter of convenience; it is a critical safety issue. The reliability and efficiency of fire hydrants during emergencies cannot be overstated, especially for the homes along Colony Road, where quick response times are vital.

- **Sustainability and Maintenance:** Option 4 will likely improve fire flow conditions and address the issues related to access and maintenance. New infrastructure along roadways, including Colony Road, will enhance water quality and provide a more sustainable solution in the long term.

- **Water Quality:** If the town regresses to cisterns or wells, water quality will undoubtedly decline. We understand through the document "Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A Guide for Members of Municipal Councils" the water maintenance responsibilities of the town, councillors, and municipality in Ontario. We trust that you will take this obligation to heart. We look forward to maintenance and improvement, not the removal of existing essential water services.

- **Resident Status and Taxation:** In the Presentation Boards distributed, there is a suggestion that we are all seasonal owners. This is not factual; many of our neighbors and families along Colony Road are full-time residents. Many families have invested in these properties long-term with the intention of retiring full-time. Regardless, we all pay the same higher tax rate due to our waterfront properties and should be treated equally in the decision-making process.

Our board, the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is actively investigating what we all pay in property taxes and current water services to help translate these financials into the decision-making process. We have also consulted with insurance and medical professionals to understand the implications of reverting to cistern or well water sources, especially regarding home insurance for the highest waterfront taxpayers in Fort Erie.

We urge you to consider the long-term impacts on our community. Option 4 ensures we maintain the safety, value, and insurability of our homes. While the capital cost associated with this option is high, it is a necessary investment to safeguard our properties and community well-being.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. We trust that you will make the decision that best supports the needs and safety of our community.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 3:18:10 PM

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From: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 2:37 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; joan.christensen@forterie.ca; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you for your message and comments, [redacted]

Wayne

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 15, 2024, at 10:57 AM, [redacted] wrote:

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Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

As a homeowner and full-time resident at [redacted] I am writing to express my support for Option 4. This

option is essential for maintaining fire safety, property values, and water quality in our community.

Fire hydrants are crucial for insurance and safety. Without them, our properties risk becoming uninsurable. Additionally, moving to cisterns or wells will reduce water quality, which the town is responsible for maintaining. Our board, the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is reviewing property taxes and water services to help translate the financial impact of this decision, and we have consulted with insurance and medical experts to understand the implications of reverting to cisterns or wells, especially for home insurance.

It's also important to mention that many of us are already full-time residents, and many other families have made invested in these properties with plans to retire full-time.

We all pay high waterfront taxes and we ask that we be treated equally in this decision.

We hope that you choose Option 4 to protect our homes and community long-term.

Kindest Regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:29:22 AM

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:20 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: joan.christensen@forterie.ca; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road

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Good morning [redacted]
Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and interest on the project. Your feedback is valuable to us.
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Thank you again for your comments and engagement.
Regards,
Lisa

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> Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W,

and Staniland Park Road
Date: Thu, Aug 15, 2024 10:57 AM

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Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

As a homeowner and full-time resident at [redacted], I am writing to express my support for Option 4. This option is essential for maintaining fire safety, property values, and water quality in our community.

Fire hydrants are crucial for insurance and safety. Without them, our properties risk becoming uninsurable. Additionally, moving to cisterns or wells will reduce water quality, which the town is responsible for maintaining. Our board, the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is reviewing property taxes and water services to help translate the financial impact of this decision, and we have consulted with insurance and medical experts to understand the implications of reverting to cisterns or wells, especially for home insurance.

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We hope that you choose Option 4 to protect our homes and community long-term.

Kindest Regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Watermain replacement for Staniland Park
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:30:37 AM
Attachments: Image.image001.jpg@01DAEF2F.A8D8E8E0.jpg

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To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Watermain replacement for Staniland Park

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning [redacted],

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and interest on the project. Your feedback is valuable to us.

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Thank you again for your comments and engagement.

Regards,

Lisa

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<LVespi@forterie.ca>
Cc:
Subject: Watermain replacement for Staniland Park
Date: Thu, Aug 15, 2024 4:26 PM

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Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

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I am writing to express my strong support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. This option is the only acceptable solution for our community's needs, and here's why:

1. **Insurance Requirements:** Insurance companies will not insure waterfront homes that do not have access to a fire hydrant. Without this essential infrastructure, our homes will be deemed uninsurable, which poses a significant risk to homeowners.
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4. **Sustainability and Maintenance:** Option 4 will likely improve fire flow conditions and address the issues related to access and maintenance. New infrastructure along roadways will enhance water quality and provide a more sustainable solution in the long term.

Additionally, I must stress that there could be significant backlash if the proper solution is not selected. The community is deeply invested in this matter, and a decision that undermines our safety and property values will undoubtedly lead to strong opposition. Specifically, in the Staniland Park Property Owners Association alone 13 of the 17 residents either live here full-time or utilize their properties throughout the year and are directly impacted by this decision.

I urge you to consider the long-term impacts on our community. Option 4 ensures we maintain the safety, value, and insurability of our homes. The high capital cost associated with this option is a necessary investment to safeguard our properties and community well-being.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. I trust that you will make the decision that best supports the needs and safety of our community.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Fw: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy Response
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:53:53 PM

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:41 AM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Fw: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy Response

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Here is my response

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> From: LVespi@forterie.ca
> To: [redacted]
> Cc: Joan Christensen/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, lcurrie@forterie.ca, wredkop@forterie.ca
> Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy Response
> Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2024 11:40 AM
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> Good morning [redacted],
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> **Project Manager**
> The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

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From: [redacted]
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Cc: jchristensen@forterie.ca, wredkop@forterie.ca
Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy Response
Date: Fri, Aug 9, 2024 8:57 AM

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August 8, 2024
Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd

Dear Lisa and Lindsay,
As a resident, property owner, and long-time taxpayer of [redacted] in the Region of Niagara for over 69 years I want to share some critical considerations regarding the available options of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. Having reviewed the proposal,
I believe that Option 4 is the only feasible solution for our community. Here's why:

1. Insurance Coverage: Many insurance providers refuse to cover waterfront properties lacking fire hydrant access. This infrastructure is crucial to ensure our homes remain insurable, protecting homeowners from significant financial risk.

2. Property Value Preservation: Without adequate fire protection, our property values risk
significant decline. We have invested substantially in our homes and community, and it's vital that we maintain their value by ensuring they remain safe and insurable.

3. Fire Safety: Reliable fire protection is paramount. Traditional hydrants provide the necessary fire flow to safeguard our homes during emergencies, a safety measure that cannot be compromised. As a volunteer firefighter in a rural community myself, I know how
much more difficult fighting fires without fire hydrants is. The Town of Fort Erie are building
a tremendous number of high-density housing units that are all provided with water hydrant
service. Why should a neighborhood that has been in existence for well over 100 years not have fire hydrant service?

4. Long-Term Maintenance and Quality: Relocating the water main along existing roadways, as proposed in Option 4, will greatly enhance access for maintenance and improve water quality. This sustainable solution addresses both current and future needs.
Given the importance of this decision, it is essential to consider the detailed evaluation Process for the short-listed options. The criteria for this process include:

5. Technical: Ensuring a safe drinking water supply, supporting fire protection,

minimizing
operational and maintenance risks and reducing conflicts with existing infrastructure are paramount. For seasonal dwellings such as ours, not only is there significant added expense of a well, water pump, water filtration and water sterilization equipment, but this system would have to be shut down and drained in the winter and then started backup in the spring. In addition, there is a thick layer of limestone running under all of Windmill Point, and drilling through hard rock is very expensive and the shale and sand deposits under the limestone are known to contain natural gas that often makes the water of this type of geological area non-potable.

6. Environmental: Minimizing impacts on natural heritage features, protecting wildlife and
species at risk, and mitigating climate change impacts.

7. Social/Cultural: Managing and minimizing construction impacts, protected cultural and archaeological features and considering Indigenous interests.

8. Financial: Minimizing both capital and operational costs.

Option 4 meets these criteria comprehensively. It supports fire protection through traditional hydrants, improves access and maintenance with the new roadway alignment, and enhances water quality. Although the capital cost is high, it addresses all critical needs without compromising safety or long-term viability.
Furthermore, any decision short of the optimal solution could lead to significant community backlash. In the Windmill Point Association alone, there are more than seven full-time residents directly impacted by this decision. We are deeply invested in the outcome and will strongly oppose any option that jeopardizes our safety and property values.
Considering these factors, I strongly urge you to support Option 4. The initial investment may be high, but it is essential for the continued safety, value, and insurability of our homes.
Thank you for your diligent work on this project and for considering our community's needs. We trust that your assessment will reflect the best interests of our residents.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:44:43 AM

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From: LVespi@forterie.ca <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:36 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd

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Regards,

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Cc:
Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd
Date: Sat, Aug 10, 2024 12:56 AM

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Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

I hope you're both doing well.

As consultants hired to assess the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy, I want to share some critical considerations regarding the available options. Having reviewed the proposals, I believe that Option 4 is the only feasible solution for our community. Here's why:

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2. **Property Value Preservation:** Without adequate fire protection, our property values risk significant decline. We have invested substantially in our homes, and it's vital that we maintain their value by ensuring they remain safe and insurable.
3. **Fire Safety:** Reliable fire protection is paramount. Traditional hydrants provide the necessary fire flow to safeguard our homes during emergencies, a safety measure that cannot be compromised.
4. **Long-Term Maintenance and Quality:** Relocating the water main along existing roadways, as proposed in Option 4, will greatly enhance access for maintenance and improve water quality. This sustainable solution addresses both current and future needs.

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- **Environmental:** Minimizing impacts on natural heritage features, protecting wildlife and species at risk, and mitigating climate change

impacts.

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Warm regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road
Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 1:25:11 PM

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Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road

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Thank you Wayne for your reply.

Looking forward to staff and council's favourable decision on this project.

[redacted]

From: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:29:13 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; lcurrie@geiconsultants.com <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]
Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road

Thank you for your message and comments, [redacted]. As you may be aware, for the Class Environmental Assessment process the consultant is required to identify all options at the outset. Ultimately, after public consultation, Council will make the decision as to which option best serves that area and meets the needs of the residents.

Wayne

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 19, 2024, at 8:01 PM, [redacted]:

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Dear Ms. Vespa and Ms. Currie,

I am a property owner at [redacted] and am writing to provide my feedback respecting the current review of the water servicing strategies for the beachfront communities along Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road.

Based on my review of the information reflected in the Public Information Centre #1 Presentation, it is my understanding that the Town has eliminated Options #1, 2, and 3 and is focusing its water servicing options on Options #4, 5 and 6.

Option #6 deals with the replacement of municipal water servicing with private water servicing (water cisterns).

I am strongly opposed to Option #6 for many reasons, not the least of which is the risk it poses to residents' health and safety.

I cannot believe that the Consultant would propose such an option and moreover that the Town would consider this as a viable option. Water cisterns are known to pose significant health risks to consumers.

In addition to the health and safety risk posed by Option #6, the overall cost and disruption to private property to install water cisterns would be substantial. Specifically, the cost to install water pressure systems in every house, in addition to water filtration systems and the required replumbing of the existing water piping, to accommodate the new system, would be huge.

Moreover, most driveways to the lakefront houses are winding and not wide enough, to get water-tank trucks to the houses - low trees further complicate the situation.

Under Advantages for Option #6, it states: "Improved water quality with private servicing".
I cannot believe the Consultant would make this statement.

As we all know, the Regional water supply is constantly tested in the water treatment plant, and sampled and tested from water sampling stations at different locations along the miles of watermains, to ensure that the water delivered to each household meets the high standards of potable water.

The private water system has far more risk of water contamination. Most, if not all, water delivery services fill their tanker trucks from Regional or Municipal filling stations (the same water that would be in watermains). The water is then trucked to a resident's cistern, where the water is emptied. There is always a risk of contamination at filling and emptying the tankers; however, this is surpassed by the risk of contamination from a cistern.

Cisterns need to be cleaned, disinfected and tested on a regular basis. Filtration systems in the house need to be maintained, to supply a safe and potable water supply. The burden of this responsibility is enormous, and the risks are substantial.

I sincerely question why the Town would suggest that its taxpayers install water systems that were eliminated 100 years ago with the installation of water mains!

Respecting **Options #4 and #5,** my comments are, as follows:

Option #4 makes the most sense for a new watermain system that will last for the next 100 years.

It is true that there will be an environmental impact to installing a new main through some sensitive areas, just as there will be environmental issues installing cisterns in each homeowner's property.

Option #4 has fire hydrants along the new main, so I would assume that the new watermain would be a minimum of 150mm (6 inches) in diameter, to supply enough water for the number of houses and for fire protection.

The GEI report shows all open-cut excavation for installation. Directional drilling or trenchless excavation would definitely be an option for parts of Option #4.

Option #5 refers to a smaller diameter watermain. What is being considered as a 'smaller watermain'? Material costs for different sized watermains will be minimal compared to the overall cost of the project.

The GEI report shows all of the watermains in Option #5 as being trenchless. Firstly, that is not feasible since some open-cut excavation would be required and secondly, trenchless excavation is usually more expensive than open-cut excavation. Additionally, there will be the extra expense of widening roadways to accommodate fire pumper and tanker trucks.

I would estimate that the overall cost between Option #4 and #5 would be minimal. The biggest difference would be that Option #4 has fire hydrants, which is a must.

The Town of Fort Erie cannot be too short sighted in its decision to upgrade its infrastructure, and should be committed to a decision that has a long-lasting positive impact on its communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments on this critical water servicing decision.

[redacted]

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Water main Replacement Bay Colony, Windmill Point and Staniland Park Road
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 8:23:37 AM

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From: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 6:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Re: Water main Replacement Bay Colony, Windmill Point and Staniland Park Road

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hello [redacted],

Thank you for copying on your comments and perspective.

Joan

Sent from HCL Verse

[redacted] --- Water main Replacement Bay Colony, Windmill Point and Staniland Park Road ---

From: [redacted]
To: LVespi@forterie.ca, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
Cc: JChristensen@forterie.ca, [redacted]
Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2024 12:04 p.m.
Subject: Water main Replacement Bay Colony, Windmill Point and Staniland Park Road

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Dear Ms. Vespi and Ms. Currie,

I am a property owner at [redacted] and am writing to provide my feedback regarding the current review of the water servicing strategies for the beachfront neighbourhoods along Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West, and Staniland Park Road.

I attended the presentation on July 15 put on by the Town of Fort Erie along with the consultants regarding the replacement of the eighty plus year old water main that services three historical communities along the waterfront. This area is rich in history and adds unique value to the Town of Fort Erie. It is clear that an upgrade needs to be made.

From my review of the information contained in the Public Information Centre #1 presentation, I understand that the Town has narrowed the water servicing options to Options #4, 5, and 6.

I support option #4 to service these properties. I respect the burden of a significant capital investment however when amortized over the expected longevity of the new upgrades it is clear that it is money well spent. We can not and will not accept going backwards in water service.

We are opposed to Option #5 as it is not going to improve our current situation or provide us with longevity in the project. It also does nothing for the improvement of fire protection in the area.

I am strongly opposed to Option #6 for the following reasons:

- Saddling residents with the considerable cost, burden and risk of a private service for water should not be a valid option. I am surprised and, frankly, stunned that this option was not screened out with Options #1-3 in the course of the environmental assessment. Option #6 would put residents' water safety at risk, as it relies on residents to undertake cleaning, disinfection and testing to ensure water safety. This is a significant burden and risk.

- Option #6 would further burden residents with the additional costs associated with private water servicing, including the cost of water delivery, the cost of installing a cistern, the cost of additional insurance, the cost of new plumbing upgrades and changes, and the potential cost of a water filtration system. Further, I understand that many insurance providers refuse to provide insurance for waterfront properties that lack fire hydrant access, which would result if the current municipal water delivery was replaced with private water servicing.

- Option #6 would lead to a reduction of property values in the area, as a result of the lack of municipal water delivery and the lack of adequate fire protection. This is unfair to residents, many of whom have contributed to paying for municipal water delivery through municipal taxes for decades.

- Option #6 will lead to increased large truck traffic for private water delivery and such traffic will increase the long-term emission of greenhouse gases, an issue which the Town should be considering in its assessment of the environmental impacts of Option #6.

- Many of the residences in the area are now year-round residences and this trend is increasing. With Option #6, residents would need to rely on private water delivery year-round, including during the winter when road conditions may not be amenable to such delivery, particularly in this waterfront area, which tends to experience more weather-related events than other areas of Fort Erie.

- Water cisterns are vulnerable to extreme weather conditions and such conditions (including flooding) are occurring with greater frequency, particularly in areas along the waterfront.

- Although there may be a higher capital cost associated with installing new water mains, water mains are expected to last decades and benefit from the central treatment and testing of water. As noted in a recent overview of water delivery systems by the MacDonald Laurier Institute "cisterns need to be cleaned and disinfected regularly" and may pose "health risks to consumers".

- Option #6 would increase large truck traffic in the Area and require upgrades to many driveways (my property, for example, is inaccessible by larger trucks). The regular large truck traffic (cisterns typically need to be filled weekly or bi-weekly) may also negatively impact wildlife, including endangered species, living in the area such as, for example, damaging Fowler's Toad habitat and killing vulnerable Fowler's Toad (Fowler's Toad is listed as Endangered in the federal *Species at Risk Act* and in Ontario in the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*).

- Option #6 presents a significant reputational and litigation risk for the Town as it is a virtual certainty that some residents and/or homeowners' associations will not accept a gratuitous removal of service before exhausting all potential remedies that may be available through regulatory bodies and the courts.

I hope that the Town will seriously consider the above and remove Option #6 from the potential options to be further considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Strong Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:20:14 AM

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From: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:18 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Re: Strong Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you you for your message and comments, [redacted]

Wayne

Sent from my iPad

> On Aug 19, 2024, at 5:03 PM, [redacted] wrote:
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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Strong Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:19:25 AM

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Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>; [redacted]
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Cc: "Joan Christensen" <jchristensen@forterie.ca>, WRedekop@forterie.ca, [redacted]
Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2024 5:03 p.m.
Subject: Strong Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

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To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 8:23:47 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 6:17 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; George McDermott <GMcDermott@forterie.ca>; Nick Dubanow <NDubanow@forterie.ca>; Darren Flagg <DFlagg@forterie.ca>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Tom Lewis <TLewis@forterie.ca>; Ann-Marie Noyes <ANoyes@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you for your message and comments, [redacted]

Wayne

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> On Aug 20, 2024, at 3:43 PM, [redacted] wrote:
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> Dear Ms. Vespi and Ms. Currie,
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> As members of a family who have resided at the same properties for over 100 years the possibility of no mains water is quite disturbing. We are not sure when the current main was put in place but would certainly agree it is need of replacement. We are also certain that the water consumption records will clearly show that water delivery trucks would have trouble keeping up with demand, especially during summer. It would seem unimaginable to see big water trucks regularly trying to navigate our narrow lane and would surely render access to our properties very difficult, not to mention the damage it would do to our lanes.
>
> Hydrants are a very important factor and need to be available from a safety and insurance point of view.

It would require major work to the roadways to enable access for water and fire trucks to service most properties.The disruptive effect on the environmental conditions should be kept to minimum, not to mention impact on the Fowler toad conservancy. Clearly Option 6 would be unacceptably disruptive.
>
> Please consider the health and safety of your constituents when making your decision.
>
> 100 years of investment and hard work would be put in jeopardy if the water main is not replaced to give a constant and high quality supply.
>
> We strongly feel that Options 5 & 6 are second rate solutions and that Option 4 is the only logical way to proceed.
>
> Thank you for considering our opinions.
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> Yours sincerely,
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> [redacted]
>
> [redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Waterfront Water Servicing Study - Staniland Park
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 8:25:37 AM

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From: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 10:14 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Waterfront Water Servicing Study - Staniland Park

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Thank you for your message and comments, [redacted]

Wayne

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> On Aug 20, 2024, at 8:15 PM, [redacted] wrote:
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> Good afternoon, we have yet not met formally. My name is [redacted] and I have been elected to the position of association President of the Staniland Park Property Owners Association. I have hosted several meetings with the members of our association, shared the materials the study leaders have compiled and sought their opinions, feedback and sought

any possible alternatives that might be offered outside the 6 under evaluation. I have also met with the executive committees of the Thunder Bay and Windmill Point Property Owners Associations and it appears that we have independently arrived at the same place.

I have compiled the feedback received from our membership and would like to share some critical considerations regarding the available options. Having reviewed the proposals, we believe that Option 4 is the only feasible solution for our community.

In summary, here is why our membership has come to no other option other than Option 4:

Insurance Coverage: Several of our members (including myself) queried their current property insurance providers. While it appears that insurance could be provided, there was hesitancy and a statement was made that a formal assessment of insurability would be required. As the nearest fire station to Staniland Park is approximately 5km, in any direction and fire suppression would be limited to fire equipment carrying their own water supply, there would be a substantial increase in insurance rates. I was told to expect a 20-50% increase in annual charges.

Property Value Preservation: Without adequate fire protection and potentially unstable water servicing via one of the alternatives suggested, our property values risk significant decline. We have invested substantially in our homes, and it's vital that we maintain their value by ensuring they remain safe and insurable.

Fire Safety: Reliable fire protection is paramount. Traditional hydrants provide the necessary water flow to safeguard our homes during emergencies, a safety measure that cannot be compromised.

Long-Term Maintenance and Quality: Relocating the water main along existing roadways, as proposed in Option 4, will greatly enhance access for maintenance and improve water quality. The homeowners on Staniland have enjoyed a Town provided water source, it would be quite unreasonable to ask these association members to now fend for themselves. The sustainable solution, Option 4, addresses both current and future needs.

Financial Impact on Homeowners: Any option besides Option 4 would impose substantial upfront costs on homeowners, as well as recurring yearly expenses. This financial burden would be unreasonable and unfair to our community members.

Seasonal Residents: In the study materials that were shared a comment was made that the impact would be less burdensome as many homeowners in the study area are seasonal residents. I believe this to be an erroneous assumption and not one that has any bearing. There are 17 members of our association and 13 of the residents live in Staniland Park in their homes as their primary dwellings or they reside nearby and their alternative home is one they visit weekly all year round. Whether full-time or part-time residents we all pay property taxes as full-time homeowners.

It's crucial to understand that Option 4 provides the most comprehensive and reliable solution for our community.

While other options might seem more economical initially for the TOFE, they come with hidden risks and recurring costs that could negatively impact the residents' security and financial well-being. Option 4 ensures robust fire protection with the installation of traditional hydrants, significantly improves access and maintenance by relocating the water main along the roadways, and offers enhanced water quality.

Though the initial investment is higher, this option fully addresses our community's needs without sacrificing safety or the sustainability of our infrastructure.

Additionally, it's important to note again that the city has provided water services in this area since the mid-1940s. Removing this service now could set a concerning precedent for other parts of the city, particularly regarding the withdrawal of basic infrastructure. Legally, this could be seen as a failure to maintain essential public utilities, potentially exposing the city to challenges from residents who rely on consistent and reliable municipal services. Such a move could be interpreted as a violation of the implied contract between the city and its residents to maintain essential services, potentially leading to legal disputes and a loss of public trust.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight again that many of us live in [redacted]

[redacted] full-time. This decision could place us at considerable risk if the fire department is ever called to respond to an emergency. The absence of adequate fire protection would compromise our safety and well-being.

Considering these factors, I strongly urge you to support Option 4. The initial investment may be high, but it is essential for the continued safety, value, and insurability of our homes.

Thank you for your diligent work on this project and for considering our community's needs. We trust that your assessment will reflect the best interests of our residents.

Thank you,

[redacted]

FENA
INSURANCE
SOLUTIONS INC.

August 20, 2024

To The Town of Fort Erie

Re: Water Servicing for The Thunder Bay Colony Association

To Whom it May Concern:

I am the Insurance broker for The Thunder Bay Colony Association and many of the homes within the Association.

As an insurance professional, I would highly recommend proceeding with Alternative #4 to replace the existing watermain and hydrants along the existing roadway. This alternative provides the best choice for the association and homeowners from an insurance perspective.

If any of the other alternatives were chosen, it would result in a much higher risk of the homes burning to the ground since the fire department could only use the water contained on their trucks. Fire hydrants provide the necessary water supply to extinguish fires safely and effectively. Without fire hydrants the Association and the homeowners will experience much higher premiums as well as significant reduction in insurance coverages.

I urge you to consider the long-term impact on the Community. Option #4 ensures that we maintain the safety and insurability of the Association and the homeowners of the Association.

The higher capital cost associated with Option #4 is a necessary investment to safeguard the properties and the Community wellbeing.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me.



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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Beach Water Main Strategy: Insurance Opinion & Input Letter
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 8:23:29 AM
Attachments: 20240820140959.pdf

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From: Thunder Bay Colony Association <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 4:29 PM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Cc: jchristensen@forterie.ca; WRedekop@forterie.ca; [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Beach Water Main Strategy: Insurance Opinion & Input Letter

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Ms. Vespi and Ms. Currie,

I hope this message finds you well!

Attached is a letter of opinion from a TBCA Insurance Broker regarding the options for the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy for Colony Road, Windmill Point, and Staniland.

Please include it as important input for the project. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Best regards,

Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA) Board Executives

[redacted]

From: Lisa Vespi
To: Anastasio, Sandra
Cc: Jobson, Steven
Subject: [EXT] Fw: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
Date: September 19, 2025 4:34:37 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

[redacted]

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: August 26, 2024 11:29 AM
To: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Cc: lcurrie@geiconsultants.com <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems

Your involvement and responses to date have been accurate and appreciated!

Thank you,
Lisa

> ----- Original message -----
> From: Joan Christensen/FortErie
> To: Lisa Vespi/FortErie@TownOfFortErie
> Cc: Wayne Redekop/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
> Subject: Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
> Date: Mon, Aug 26, 2024 10:25 AM
>
> Thank you for your responses to my Ward 4 constituents, Lisa. I understand the environmental assessment process and its similarity to public policy development, including the necessity for comprehensive options development and analysis. My purpose in responding was simply to acknowledge their emails and ensure that residents who haven't worked in EA or policy fields have a general understanding of how options development fits into the overall process.
>
> I look forward to observing the next phases of the project and reviewing the report.
>
> Joan
> **Joan M. Christensen**
> **Councillor, Ward 4**
> **Town of Fort Erie**
>
> **E-mail:** JChristensen@forterie.ca

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Cc: lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
Subject: Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
Date: Mon, Aug 26, 2024 8:23 AM

Good morning Mayor Redekop and Councillor Christensen,

Thank you for your email responses on all of these inquires and engagement from the residents to date. I wanted to let you know that I am working with our consultant on an FAQ sheet this week that we will post to the project webpage.

You can appreciate that we are taking these emails as input, and also need to maintain the integrity of the EA and complete comprehensive evaluations. Our consultant is currently modelling the water quality, pressure and age of the options. As well, for your information, we consulted with Fire Chief Schmitt (who lives in the Colony Rd area) during the development and shortlisting of the options. Each option would have the similar levels of service and fire protection.

Thank you again for your involvement!
Lisa

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To: "Thunder Bay Colony Association" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
Cc: joan.christensen@forterie.ca, howardneubauer@gmail.com, holdingswmp@gmail.com, "Eric Clauss" <eclauss@claussinsurance.com>, "Tricia Aldridge" <triciaaldridge@hotmail.com>, Lisa Vespi/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
Subject: Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2024 6:30 PM

Ms. Black:

The Town's water/wastewater system is similar to a utility. All customers are charged a similar rebate for base service and a variable rate for usage. The funds raised are used to pay the Region of Niagara for treatment costs for both water and wastewater, maintenance of the existing systems and the cost of any expansion of the systems. Residential customers pay a lesser amount than commercial or industrial users based on the size of the water service to the building or facility. Some funding is received from development charges if an expansion of either system is based on growth, cost-sharing programs with the Region, or the provincial or federal government for specific projects awarded grants on an application basis.

Municipal property taxes have not been used to subsidize water/wastewater services in Fort Erie for many, many years.

Wayne

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> On Aug 22, 2024, at 5:26 PM, Thunder Bay Colony Association <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com> wrote:
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Dear Councillor Christensen and Mayor Redekop,

We hope this message finds you well. Thank you for your prompt responses to Colony Road residents in our association regarding the Beach Water Main strategy options.

We are seeking clarification for everyone regarding your recent statements about the funding of the water and wastewater systems in our town.

You both mentioned that these systems are not funded through the property tax base but are entirely supported by the waste and wastewater system rates charged to all customers in the Town.

Could you please educate us if the funding for the water and wastewater systems is distributed equally among all customers in the town, or if there are variations in how these costs are allocated?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Best regards,

Catherine M. Black
TBCA President

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Subject: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 12:02:56 PM

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To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; [redacted]; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; [redacted] Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Subject: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you for including me in your email and providing me with your perspective, [redacted]

Joan
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> Cc: [redacted]
> Subject: Subject: Support for Option 4: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
> Date: Sun, Aug 18, 2024 3:52 PM
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Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

As a resident of [redacted], I'm writing to express my support for option 4. It is essential for maintaining fire safety, property values, and water quality in our community.

Fire hydrants are crucial for insurance and safety. Without them, our properties are at risk of becoming uninsurable. Additionally, moving to cisterns or wells will reduce water quality, which the town is responsible for maintaining. Our board, the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is reviewing property taxes and water services to help translate the financial impact of this decision. We have consulted with insurance and medical experts to understand the implications of reverting to cisterns or wells, especially for home insurance.

It's also important to note that many of us are full-time residents, and many families have invested in these properties with plans to retire full-time. We all pay HIGH waterfront taxes and should be treated equally in this decision. Last year, I stayed in a hotel in [redacted] and 1/2 of the structure burned to the ground because there were no fire hydrants. The flames were 70 feet high, and it took the fire trucks over an hour to arrive as they had to bring in water and pumps. The wind carried the flames to nearby houses and wiped out neighborhoods. It is irresponsible to think it is ok to endanger residents, families, children, and members of our fire dept. This puts the fire dept at risk, subjecting them to possible out-of-control fires while the structure waits for water.

Please choose Option 4 to protect our homes and community.

Best regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: Currie, Lindsay
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Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Option #4
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> Cc: jchristensen@forterie.ca, WRedekop@forterie.ca, thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com, [redacted]
> Subject: Option #4
> Date: Wed, Aug 21, 2024 5:28 PM

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Dear Lisa and Lindsay,
As a lifelong member of the T[redacted]y since 1937 and now owner of t[redacted]perty at [redacted] since the passing of my [redacted], I am wr[redacted]ress my total support for op[redacted]4. I feel, as do others, that the elimination of fire hydrants would create a dire safety issue for the homeowners in the Thunder Bay Colony. Along with the safety issue we have been told by our insurance company that it is essential for us to have access to a fire hydrant for them to be able to insure our property. By not having fire protection the value of our homes would be impacted.
The issue of water service and the quality of the water is also a major concern for our family and also other residents of the Colony. As I understand it water service is the responsibility of the town and the idea of reverting back to a system of wells or cisterns (option #6) is unconscionable. The individual homeowner would then be exposed, at huge expense, to a system that was scrapped many decades ago because it was so unsanitary. The water quality would suffer and therefore create a major health concern for all of the individual residents. I was stunned when I saw option #6. It should be struck from this report. If changes are to be made they should be made for the improvement of the existing system. The Colony is now home for many full time families and they should have access to the same services that are afforded other residents of Fort Erie.
I thank you for all of your time and effort in these matters. They are of extreme importance to all concerned.

[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: Beachfront Water Servicing Report for area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane & Staniland Park
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 9:24:42 AM

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Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Report for area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane & Staniland Park

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you Mayor; I appreciate your prompt response.

Sent from the handheld device of [redacted]

On Aug 22, 2024, at 9:17 AM, Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca> wrote:

Thank you for your message and comments, [redacted]

For clarity, I would point out that the water/wastewater system in Fort Erie is funded from the water rates, not municipal property taxes.

Wayne

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 21, 2024, at 5:02 PM, [redacted] wrote:

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Dear Ms. Vespi, Mayor Redekop and Councillor Christensen:

[redacted] and I are owners of a cottage located at [redacted]. I am writing to express our support for Option No. 4 in the above report. Having recently lost the water line from our cottage to the existing main [redacted] because of a storm, and replacing it at significant expense, we fully understand the need to have a more stable, long-term solution for the water supply to beachfront properties. As summer residents, we believe that option 4 is the best one to maintain fire safety and water quality.

As our cottage is not winterized, we can only use it during the summer months. Because we are not full-time residents around to maintain the property, one of the regular issues we confront is obtaining adequate property insurance. The insurance that we have requires us to be in a hydrant protected area. Should we lose the fire hydrants (as suggested in options 5 & 6), I suspect we will become ineligible to insure our property. Given the age and construction of our home, bringing in a water truck would be too little too late.

As for requiring the installation and use of cisterns or well water, we strongly oppose Option 6. Our family has had less than positive experiences with cisterns and well water, and using those systems add significant costs for locating, installation, replumbing, maintenance, filtration, in addition to the potential for health risks that are not present with the current water supply.

While we are summer residents, we greatly enjoy being part of the Thunder Bay / Ridgeway community and hope that we are treated like the other residence along Thunder Bay Road that currently receive water service through the mains running down Thunder Bay Road. Based on the last ten years of annual reports, there is an average annual capital expenditure of approximately $1,414,000 in water meters & main replacement by the Town. The higher property taxes that the waterfront residents paid have supported

these efforts, and we hope that the Town will continue to use our taxes to improve water infrastructure, like it has for other locations.

Please choose option 4.

Regards,

[redacted]

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Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 8:34:14 AM

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From: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
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Subject: [EXT] Re: Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you for your message and comments, [redacted]

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> On Aug 22, 2024, at 2:24 PM, [redacted] wrote:
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> Dear Lisa and Lindsay,
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> I hope this message finds you well. As full-time Canadian residents at [redacted] I'm reaching out to express my strong support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. Our family's health and well-being and

the community’s are at the heart of this decision, and I believe that Option 4 is the only responsible choice.

Fire safety is a primary concern for us. As a young family, the security that fire hydrants provide is non-negotiable. Quick and effective emergency response times are crucial, and this option not only enhances fire flow conditions but also improves water quality, offering a sustainable solution for our community. This neighbourhood is our life—it’s where we’ve chosen to raise our children and build our future.

Beyond safety, there’s a significant financial concern. Without access to fire hydrants, our waterfront homes could become uninsurable. This isn’t just an inconvenience; it could lead to a drastic decrease in property values. We’ve all invested heavily in our homes, and it’s essential to protect that investment.

The prospect of moving towards cisterns or wells worries me deeply. Such a shift could lead to a deterioration in water quality. As residents, we’ve reviewed the document "Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A Guide for Members of Municipal Councils," and it’s evident that the town has a duty to maintain and enhance our water services. The “Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002” makes it clear: Ontarians have a right to safe drinking water, and the town must safeguard this by regulating and controlling our water systems.

Our board, the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is already examining what we pay in property taxes and the current state of water services. We’re working to translate these numbers into clear, actionable insights for the decision-making process. We’ve also consulted with insurance and medical professionals to understand the real implications of reverting to cistern or well water sources. This change could have serious consequences for home insurance, particularly for those of us who are the highest taxpayers in Fort Erie.

I was struck by the assumption in the Presentation Boards that we’re all seasonal residents. That couldn’t be further from the truth. My family, like many others, has chosen to live here full-time, and many more intend to retire here permanently. We pay the same high tax rates as everyone else and deserve equal consideration.

To take away our access to safe drinking water would be an affront to the families who live here, now and in the future. We’re Canadian citizens, contributing to our community and country, and we deserve basic services that justify the taxes we pay. Anything less makes it impossible to justify staying here.

I trust you will consider the long-term impacts on our community, especially on families like ours. Option 4 is the only choice that supports our safety, health, future, and the value of our homes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Waterfront Water Servicing Study - Staniland Park
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 12:25:26 PM

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Subject: [EXT] Re: Waterfront Water Servicing Study - Staniland Park

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I appreciate receiving information on the residents' perspective.

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> To: LVespi@forterie.ca, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
> Cc: jchristensen@forterie.ca, "wredekop@forterie.ca" <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
> Subject: Waterfront Water Servicing Study - Staniland Park
> Date: Tue, Aug 20, 2024 8:15 PM
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reliable.

Good afternoon, we have yet not met formally. My name is [redacted] and I have been elected to the position of association President of the Staniland Park Property Owners Association. I have hosted several meetings with the members of our association, shared the materials the study leaders have compiled and sought their opinions, feedback and sought any possible alternatives that might be offered outside the 6 under evaluation. I have also met with the executive committees of the Thunder Bay and Windmill Point Property Owners Associations and it appears that we have independently arrived at the same place.

I have compiled the feedback received from our membership and would like to share some critical considerations regarding the available options. Having reviewed the proposals, we believe that Option 4 is the only feasible solution for our community.

In summary, here is why our membership has come to no other option other than Option 4:

Insurance Coverage: Several of our members (including myself) queried their current property insurance providers. While it appears that insurance could be provided, there was hesitancy and a statement was made that a formal assessment of insurability would be required. As the nearest fire station to Staniland Park is approximately 5km, in any direction and fire suppression would be limited to fire equipment carrying their own water supply, there would be a substantial increase in insurance rates. I was told to expect a 20-50% increase in annual charges.

Property Value Preservation: Without adequate fire protection and potentially unstable water servicing via one of the alternatives suggested, our property values risk significant decline. We have invested substantially in our homes, and it's vital that we maintain their value by ensuring they remain safe and insurable.

Fire Safety: Reliable fire protection is paramount. Traditional hydrants provide the necessary water flow to safeguard our homes during emergencies, a safety measure that cannot be compromised.

Long-Term Maintenance and Quality: Relocating the water main along existing roadways, as proposed in Option 4, will greatly enhance access for maintenance and improve water quality. The homeowners on Staniland have enjoyed a Town provided water source, it would be quite unreasonable to ask these association members to now fend for themselves. The sustainable solution, Option 4, addresses both current and future needs.

Financial Impact on Homeowners: Any option besides Option 4 would impose substantial upfront costs on homeowners, as well as recurring yearly expenses. This financial burden would be unreasonable and unfair to our community members.

Seasonal Residents: In the study materials that were shared a comment was made that the impact would be less burdensome as many homeowners in the study area are seasonal residents. I believe this to be an erroneous assumption and not one that has any bearing. There are 17 members of our association and 13 of the residents live in Staniland Park in their homes as their primary dwellings or they reside nearby and their alternative home is one they visit weekly all year round. Whether full-time or part-time residents we all pay property taxes as full-time homeowners.

It's crucial to understand that Option 4 provides the most comprehensive and reliable solution for our community.

While other options might seem more economical initially for the TOFE, they come with hidden risks and recurring costs that could negatively impact the residents' security and financial well-being. Option 4 ensures robust fire protection with the installation of traditional hydrants, significantly improves access and maintenance by relocating the water main along the roadways, and offers enhanced water quality.

Though the initial investment is higher, this option fully addresses our community's needs without

sacrificing safety or the sustainability of our infrastructure.

Additionally, it's important to note again that the city has provided water services in this area since the mid-1940s. Removing this service now could set a concerning precedent for other parts of the city, particularly regarding the withdrawal of basic infrastructure. Legally, this could be seen as a failure to maintain essential public utilities, potentially exposing the city to challenges from residents who rely on consistent and reliable municipal services. Such a move could be interpreted as a violation of the implied contract between the city and its residents to maintain essential services, potentially leading to legal disputes and a loss of public trust.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight again that many of us live in [redacted] full-time. This decision could place us at considerable risk if the fire department is ever called to respond to an emergency. The absence of adequate fire protection would compromise our safety and well-being.

Considering these factors, I strongly urge you to support Option 4. The initial investment may be high, but it is essential for the continued safety, value, and insurability of our homes.

Thank you for your diligent work on this project and for considering our community's needs. We trust that your assessment will reflect the best interests of our residents.

Thank you,

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Windmill Point Association Resident Feedback - Beachfront Water Servicing Proposals
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:43:52 PM

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The rationale behind our support of this option is multifaceted. First, this plan provides more directly accessible fire hydrants, which are not only critical for safety and protection of these older, wood framed homes but it also secures our ability to obtain the proper insurance to protect our properties and those of our community. With the growing population in Fort Erie and the buying power of the TGA buyers, these protections are a key selling point and property value driver. Further, this option best ensures protection of the quality of drinking water, by maintaining the public management of this utility. This helps the local municipal government remain consistently compliant with its obligations under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 2002, but it also retains a civic service that we have paid into as tax payers for over 60

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Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road
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Good morning [redacted]

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Thank you again for your comments and engagement.

Regards,

Lisa

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Cc: WRedekop@forterie.ca, gmcdermott@forterie.ca, ndubanow@forterie.ca, dflagg@forterie.ca, jchristensen@forterie.ca, tlewis@forterie.ca, anoyes@forterie.ca
Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road
Date: Tue, Aug 20, 2024 3:43 PM

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Dear Ms. Vespi and Ms. Currie,

As members of a family who have resided at the same properties for over 100 years the possibility of no mains water is quite disturbing. We are not sure when the current main was put in place but would certainly agree it is need of replacement. We are also certain that the water consumption records will clearly show that water delivery trucks would have trouble keeping up with demand, especially during summer. It would seem unimaginable to see big water trucks regularly trying to navigate our narrow lane and would surely render access to our properties very difficult, not to mention the damage it would do to our lanes.

Hydrants are a very important factor and need to be available from a safety and insurance point of view. It would require major work to the roadways to enable access for water and fire trucks to service most properties.The disruptive effect on the environmental conditions should be kept to minimum, not to mention impact on the Fowler toad conservancy. Clearly Option 6 would be unacceptably disruptive.

Please consider the health and safety of your constituents when making your decision.

100 years of investment and hard work would be put in jeopardy if the water main is not replaced to give a constant and high quality supply.

We strongly feel that Options 5 & 6 are second rate solutions and that Option 4 is the only logical way to proceed.

Thank you for considering our opinions.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:54:37 PM

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 8:27 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning [redacted]

Thank you for taking the time to email us. Your feedback is valuable to us, we will note the same as [redacted]

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> ----- Original message -----
> From: Joan Christensen/FortErie

To: [redacted]
Cc: lcurrie@geiconsultants.com, Lisa Vespi/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, Wayne Redekop/FortErie@TownOfFortErie
Subject: RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road
Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2024 2:50 PM

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for copying me on your email and comments. I am sure that staff will respond in greater detail and with more technical information than I. However, I wanted to note that the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process requires options identification and analysis to underpin sound public policy development. As I understand the current status of the assessment, the meeting and option identification/analysis is part of phase 2. Staff and the consultant will take your input as part of the overall project's public consultation required before a report is brought to Council.

Joan
Joan M. Christensen
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Town of Fort Erie

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Cc: "Lisa Vespi" <LVespi@forterie.ca>, "lcurrie@geiconsultants.com" <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>, "Joan Christensen" <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Subject: RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road
Date: Tue, Aug 20, 2024 12:36 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am a property owner on [redacted] and [redacted]. I will save you all another lengthy email, but I fully support and agree with everything [redacted] wrote in [redacted] email. I strongly encourage the Council to decide as [redacted] has advised.

Thank you,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:26 PM
To: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; lcurrie@geiconsultants.com; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]
Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point

Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road

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Thank you Wayne for your reply.

Looking forward to staff and council's favourable decision on this project.

[redacted]

From: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:29:13 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; lcurrie@geiconsultants.com <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]
Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West and Staniland Park Road

Thank you for your message and comments, [redacted] As you may be aware, for the Class Environmental Assessment process the consultant is required to identify all options at the outset. Ultimately, after public consultation, Council will make the decision as to which option best serves that area and meets the needs of the residents.

Wayne

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> On Aug 19, 2024, at 8:01 PM, [redacted] wrote:
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> Dear Ms. Vespa and Ms. Currie,
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> I am a property owner at [redacted] and am writing to provide my feedback respecting the current review of the water servicing strategies for the beachfront communities along Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road.
>
> Based on my review of the information reflected in the Public Information Centre #1 Presentation, it is my understanding that the Town has eliminated Options #1, 2, and 3 and is focusing its water servicing options on Options #4, 5 and 6.

Option #6 deals with the replacement of municipal water servicing with private water servicing (water cisterns).

I am strongly opposed to Option #6 for many reasons, not the least of which is the risk it poses to residents' health and safety.

I cannot believe that the Consultant would propose such an option and moreover that the Town would consider this as a viable option. Water cisterns are known to pose significant health risks to consumers.

In addition to the health and safety risk posed by Option #6, the overall cost and disruption to private property to install water cisterns would be substantial. Specifically, the cost to install water pressure systems in every house, in addition to water filtration systems and the required replumbing of the existing water piping, to accommodate the new system, would be huge.

Moreover, most driveways to the lakefront houses are winding and not wide enough, to get water-tank trucks to the houses - low trees further complicate the situation.

Under Advantages for Option #6, it states: "Improved water quality with private servicing".
I cannot believe the Consultant would make this statement.

As we all know, the Regional water supply is constantly tested in the water treatment plant, and sampled and tested from water sampling stations at different locations along the miles of watermains, to ensure that the water delivered to each household meets the high standards of potable water.

The private water system has far more risk of water contamination. Most, if not all, water delivery services fill their tanker trucks from Regional or Municipal filling stations (the same water that would be in watermains). The water is then trucked to a resident's cistern, where the water is emptied. There is always a risk of contamination at filling and emptying the tankers; however, this is surpassed by the risk of contamination from a cistern.

Cisterns need to be cleaned, disinfected and tested on a regular basis. Filtration systems in the house need to be maintained, to supply a safe and potable water supply. The burden of this responsibility is enormous, and the risks are substantial.

I sincerely question why the Town would suggest that its taxpayers install water systems that were eliminated 100 years ago with the installation of water mains!

Respecting **Options #4 and #5,** my comments are, as follows:

Option #4 makes the most sense for a new watermain system that will last for the next 100 years.

It is true that there will be an environmental impact to installing a new main through some sensitive areas, just as there will be environmental issues installing cisterns in each homeowner's property.

Option #4 has fire hydrants along the new main, so I would assume that the new watermain would be a minimum of 150mm (6 inches) in diameter, to supply enough water for the number of houses and for fire protection.

The GEI report shows all open-cut excavation for installation. Directional drilling or trenchless excavation would definitely be an option for parts of Option #4.

Option #5 refers to a smaller diameter watermain. What is being considered as a 'smaller watermain'? Material costs for different sized watermains will be minimal compared to the overall cost of the project.

The GEI report shows all of the watermains in Option #5 as being trenchless. Firstly, that is not feasible since some open-cut excavation would be required and secondly, trenchless excavation is usually more expensive than open-cut excavation. Additionally, there will be the extra expense of widening roadways to accommodate fire pumper and tanker trucks.

I would estimate that the overall cost between Option #4 and #5 would be minimal. The biggest difference would be that Option #4 has fire hydrants, which is a must.

The Town of Fort Erie cannot be too short sighted in its decision to upgrade its infrastructure, and should be committed to a decision that has a long-lasting positive impact on its communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments on this critical water servicing decision.

[redacted]

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Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Water main Replacement Bay Colony, Windmill Point and Staniland Park Road
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:50:12 PM

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From: LVespi@forterie.ca <LVespi@forterie.ca>
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To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]com; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Water main Replacement Bay Colony, Windmill Point and Staniland Park Road

EXTERNAL EMAIL

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Cc: JChristensen@forterie.ca, [redacted]
Subject: Water main Replacement Bay Colony, Windmill Point and Staniland Park Road
Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2024 12:04 PM

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Dear Ms. Vespi and Ms. Currie,

I am a property owner at [redacted] and am writing to provide my feedback regarding the current review of the water servicing strategies for the beachfront neighbourhoods along Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane East/West, and Staniland Park Road.

I attended the presentation on July 15 put on by the Town of Fort Erie along with the consultants regarding the replacement of the eighty plus year old water main that services three historical communities along the waterfront. This area is rich in history and adds unique value to the Town of Fort Erie. It is clear that an upgrade needs to be made.

From my review of the information contained in the Public Information Centre #1 presentation, I understand that the Town has narrowed the water servicing options to Options #4, 5, and 6.

I support option #4 to service these properties. I respect the burden of a significant capital investment however when amortized over the expected longevity of the new upgrades it is clear that it is money well spent. We can not and will not accept going backwards in water service.

We are opposed to Option #5 as it is not going to improve our current situation or provide us with longevity in the project. It also does nothing for the improvement of fire protection in the area.

I am strongly opposed to Option #6 for the following reasons:

- Saddling residents with the considerable cost, burden and risk of a private service for water should not be a valid option. I am surprised and, frankly, stunned that this option was not screened out with Options #1-3 in the course of the environmental assessment. Option #6 would put residents' water safety at risk, as it relies on residents to undertake cleaning, disinfection and testing to

ensure water safety. This is a significant burden and risk.

- Option #6 would further burden residents with the additional costs associated with private water servicing, including the cost of water delivery, the cost of installing a cistern, the cost of additional insurance, the cost of new plumbing upgrades and changes, and the potential cost of a water filtration system. Further, I understand that many insurance providers refuse to provide insurance for waterfront properties that lack fire hydrant access, which would result if the current municipal water delivery was replaced with private water servicing.

- Option #6 would lead to a reduction of property values in the area, as a result of the lack of municipal water delivery and the lack of adequate fire protection. This is unfair to residents, many of whom have contributed to paying for municipal water delivery through municipal taxes for decades.

- Option #6 will lead to increased large truck traffic for private water delivery and such traffic will increase the long-term emission of greenhouse gases, an issue which the Town should be considering in its assessment of the environmental impacts of Option #6.

- Many of the residences in the area are now year-round residences and this trend is increasing. With Option #6, residents would need to rely on private water delivery year-round, including during the winter when road conditions may not be amenable to such delivery, particularly in this waterfront area, which tends to experience more weather-related events than other areas of Fort Erie.

- Water cisterns are vulnerable to extreme weather conditions and such conditions (including flooding) are occurring with greater frequency, particularly in areas along the waterfront.

- Although there may be a higher capital cost associated with installing new water mains, water mains are expected to last decades and benefit from the central treatment and testing of water. As noted in a recent overview of water delivery systems by the MacDonald Laurier Institute “cisterns need to be cleaned and disinfected regularly” and may pose “health risks to consumers”.

- Option #6 would increase large truck traffic in the Area and require upgrades to many driveways (my property, for example, is inaccessible by larger trucks). The regular large truck traffic (cisterns typically need to be filled weekly or bi-weekly)

may also negatively impact wildlife, including endangered species, living in the area such as, for example, damaging Fowler's Toad habitat and killing vulnerable Fowler's Toad (Fowler's Toad is listed as Endangered in the federal *Species at Risk Act* and in Ontario in the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*).

- Option #6 presents a significant reputational and litigation risk for the Town as it is a virtual certainty that some residents and/or homeowners' associations will not accept a gratuitous removal of service before exhausting all potential remedies that may be available through regulatory bodies and the courts.

I hope that the Town will seriously consider the above and remove Option #6 from the potential options to be further considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Strong Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:48:26 PM

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Subject: [EXT] Re: Strong Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning [redacted]

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and interest on the project. Your feedback is valuable to us.

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Cc: "Joan Christensen" <jchristensen@forterie.ca>, WRedekop@forterie.ca, [redacted]
Subject: Strong Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2024 5:03 PM

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Dear Ms Vespi and Ms Currie,

We hope this message finds you well. Thank you for all your hard work on this project. It has many moving parts and with your presentation you have communicated the options and concerns well. We particularly like the request for input on such a decision that would impact our property in so many ways.

As homeowners at [redacted] we are writing to express our strong support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. We have heard that options 1 to 3 have been deemed unfeasible by the Town. Of the remaining options, Option 4, is the only acceptable solution for our community's needs, and here's why:

1. **Insurance Requirements:** Insurance companies will not insure waterfront homes without access to a fire hydrant. Without this essential infrastructure, our homes will be deemed uninsurable, posing a significant risk to homeowners along Colony Road.

2. **Property Values:** The absence of adequate fire protection will drastically lower our property values. Many of us are **Canadian citizens** and have invested heavily in our properties, and any decrease in value will be substantial if we do not maintain proper municipal water services. With devaluation of our property, inevitably property taxes will also be adversely affected.

3. **Fire Safety:** Ensuring fire protection through traditional hydrants is not just a matter of convenience; it is a critical safety issue. The reliability and efficiency of fire hydrants during emergencies cannot be overstated, especially for the homes along Colony Road, where quick response times are vital.

4. **Sustainability and Maintenance:** Option 4 will likely improve fire flow conditions and address the issues related to access and maintenance. New infrastructure along roadways, including Colony Road, will enhance water quality and provide a more sustainable solution in the long term.

5. **Water Quality:** If the town regresses to cisterns or wells, water quality will undoubtedly decline. We understand through the Ontario "Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002" that the town, councillors, and municipality in Ontario have responsibilities for water maintenance. We trust that you will take this legal obligation seriously and prioritize maintenance and improvement over the removal of essential water services.

6. **Resident Status and Taxation:** The presentation boards suggested that we are all seasonal owners, which is not factual. As many of our neighbors and families along [redacted] are full-time **Canadian** residents. Many families, including us, have invested in these properties long-term with the intention of retiring full-time. Regardless, we all pay the same higher tax rate due to our waterfront properties and should be treated equally in the decision-making process.

Additionally, I must stress that there could be significant backlash if the proper solution is not selected. The community is deeply invested in this matter, and a decision that undermines our safety and property values will undoubtedly lead to strong opposition. Specifically, within the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), there are numerous residents, including full-time occupants, who will be directly impacted by this decision.

Our board, the TBCA, is actively investigating property taxes and current water services to help translate these financials into the decision-making process. We have also consulted with insurance and medical professionals to understand the implications of reverting to cistern or well water sources, especially regarding home insurance for the highest waterfront taxpayers in Fort Erie.

We urge you to consider the long-term impacts on our community. Option 4 ensures we maintain the safety, value, and insurability of our homes. While the capital cost associated with this option is high, it is a necessary investment to safeguard our properties and community well-being.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. We trust that the planners of this project will find the best solution that supports the needs and safety of our community. We would also like to count on the Council and Mayor to follow the recommendations for healthy municipal water service and the best solution to ensure the fire safety of our homes and the firefighters who work in this amazing Town.

Best regards,
[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:55:44 PM

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Subject: [EXT] Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Your involvement and responses to date have been accurate and appreciated!

Thank you,
Lisa

> ----- Original message -----
> From: Joan Christensen/FortErie
> To: Lisa Vespi/FortErie@TownOfFortErie
> Cc: Wayne Redekop/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
> Subject: Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
> Date: Mon, Aug 26, 2024 10:25 AM
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> Thank you for your responses to my Ward 4 constituents, Lisa. I understand the environmental assessment process and its similarity to public policy development, including the necessity for comprehensive options development and analysis. My purpose in responding was simply to acknowledge their emails and ensure that residents who haven't worked in EA or policy fields have a general understanding of how options development fits into the overall process.
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> I look forward to observing the next phases of the project and reviewing the report.
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> Joan
> **Joan M. Christensen**
> **Councillor, Ward 4**
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From: Lisa Vespi/FortErie
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Cc: lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
Subject: Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
Date: Mon, Aug 26, 2024 8:23 AM

Good morning Mayor Redekop and Councillor Christensen,

Thank you for your email responses on all of these inquires and engagement from the residents to date. I wanted to let you know that I am working with our consultant on an FAQ sheet this week that we will post to the project webpage.

You can appreciate that we are taking these emails as input, and also need to maintain the integrity of the EA and complete comprehensive evaluations. Our consultant is currently modelling the water quality, pressure and age of the options. As well, for your information, we consulted with Fire Chief Schmitt (who lives in the Colony Rd area) during the development and shortlisting of the options. Each option would have the similar levels of service and fire protection.

Thank you again for your involvement!
Lisa

----- Original message -----
From: Wayne Redekop/FortErie
To: "Thunder Bay Colony Association" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
Cc: joan.christensen@forterie.ca, [redacted], Lisa Vespi/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
Subject: Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2024 6:30 PM

[redacted]

The Town's water/wastewater system is similar to a utility. All customers are charged a similar rebate for base service and a variable rate for usage. The funds raised are used to pay the Region of Niagara for treatment costs for both water and wastewater, maintenance of the existing systems and the cost of any expansion of the systems. Residential customers pay a lesser amount than commercial or industrial users based on the size of the water service to the building or facility. Some funding is received from development charges if an expansion of either system is based on growth, cost-sharing programs with the Region, or the provincial or federal government for specific projects awarded grants on an application basis.

Municipal property taxes have not been used to subsidize water/wastewater services in Fort Erie for many, many years.

Wayne

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> On Aug 22, 2024, at 5:26 PM, Thunder Bay Colony Association <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> Dear Councillor Christensen and Mayor Redekop,

We hope this message finds you well. Thank you for your prompt responses to Colony Road residents in our association regarding the Beach Water Main strategy options.

We are seeking clarification for everyone regarding your recent statements about the funding of the water and wastewater systems in our town.

You both mentioned that these systems are not funded through the property tax base but are entirely supported by the waste and wastewater system rates charged to all customers in the Town.

Could you please educate us if the funding for the water and wastewater systems is distributed equally among all customers in the town, or if there are variations in how these costs are allocated?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Best regards,

Catherine M. Black
TBCA President

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Option #4
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:52:19 PM

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Subject: [EXT] Re: Option #4

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Cc: jchristensen@forterie.ca, WRedekop@forterie.ca, thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com, [redacted]
Subject: Option #4
Date: Wed, Aug 21, 2024 5:28 PM

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Dear Lisa and Lindsay,
As a lifelong member of the T[redacted]y since 1937 and now owner of t[redacted]perty at [redacted] since the passing of my [redacted], I am wr[redacted]ress my total support for op[redacted]4. I feel, as do others, that the elimination of fire hydrants would create a dire safety issue for the homeowners in the Thunder Bay Colony. Along with the safety issue we have been told by our insurance company that it is essential for us to have access to a fire hydrant for them to be able to insure our property. By not having fire protection the value of our homes would be impacted.
The issue of water service and the quality of the water is also a major concern for our family and also other residents of the Colony. As I understand it water service is the responsibility of the town and the idea of reverting back to a system of wells or cisterns (option #6) is unconscionable. The individual homeowner would then be exposed, at huge expense, to a system that was scrapped many decades ago because it was so unsanitary. The water quality would suffer and therefore create a major health concern for all of the individual residents. I was stunned when I saw option #6. It should be struck from this report. If changes are to be made they should be made for the improvement of the existing system. The Colony is now home for many full time families and they should have access to the same services that are afforded other residents of Fort Erie.
I thank you for all of your time and effort in these matters. They are of extreme importance to all concerned.

[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Currie, Lindsay
To:	Farrell, Kristen
Subject:	FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
Date:	Monday, August 26, 2024 2:52:55 PM

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 8:14 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
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Regards,

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To: [redacted]
Cc: lcurrie@geiconsultants.com, Lisa Vespi/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2024 2:49 PM

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Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W, and Staniland Park Road
Date: Tue, Aug 20, 2024 11:06 AM

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Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

I hope this message finds you well.

As a homeowner of [redacted], we are writing to express our strong support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. We feel this option is the only acceptable solution for our community's needs based upon the following:

Insurance Requirements: Insurance companies will not insure waterfront homes that do not have access to a fire hydrant. Without this essential infrastructure, our homes will be deemed uninsurable, posing a significant risk to homeowners along Colony Road.

- **Property Values:** The absence of adequate fire protection will drastically lower our property values. Many of us have invested heavily in our properties, and any decrease in value will be substantial if we do not maintain proper municipal water services.

- **Fire Safety:** Ensuring fire protection through traditional hydrants is not just a matter of convenience; it is a critical safety issue. The reliability and efficiency of fire hydrants during emergencies cannot be overstated, especially for the homes along Colony Road, where quick response times are vital.

- **Sustainability and Maintenance:** Option 4 will likely improve fire flow conditions and address the issues related to access and maintenance. New infrastructure along roadways, including Colony Road, will enhance water quality and provide a more sustainable solution in the long term.

- **Water Quality:** If the town regresses to cisterns or wells, water quality will undoubtedly decline. We understand through the document "Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A Guide for Members of Municipal Councils" the water maintenance responsibilities of the town, councillors, and municipality in Ontario. We trust that you will take this obligation to heart. We look forward to maintenance and improvement, not the removal of existing essential water services.

- **Resident Status and Taxation:** In the Presentation Boards distributed, there is a suggestion that we are all seasonal owners. This is not factual; many of our neighbors and families along [redacted] are full-time residents. Many families have invested in these properties long-term with the intention of retiring full-time. Regardless, we all pay the same higher tax rate due to our waterfront properties and should be treated equally in the decision-making process.

The community is deeply invested in this matter, and a decision that undermines our safety and property values will undoubtedly lead to strong opposition. Specifically, within the Thunder Bay Colony Association, there are numerous residents, including full-time occupants, who will be directly impacted by this decision.

We urge you to consider the long-term impacts on our community. Option 4 ensures we maintain the safety, value, and insurability of our homes. While the capital cost associated with this option is high, it is a necessary investment to safeguard our properties and community well-being.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. We trust that you will make the decision that best supports the needs and safety of our community.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Water Main Project Staniland Park Rd
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:48:13 PM

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From: LVespi@forterie.ca <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 7:42 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Water Main Project Staniland Park Rd

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning [redacted]

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Thank you again for your comments and engagement.

Regards,

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> From: [redacted]
> To: Lvespi@forterie.ca, Lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
> Cc:

Subject: Water Main Project Staniland Park Rd
Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2024 2:54 PM

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Hello Lisa and Lindsay

My name is [redacted] and I live on [redacted]
I am sorry that I missed the meeting on your water main study a few weeks back.
The reason I did not attend as I am sure is the same reason as many of the residents of the area was because I assumed you were just going to lay out the process of the obvious means of replacing our water lines and fire hydrants. But it seems your group has done anything but that.
You have come up with wild expensive strategies that will take much more time and money than needed and also cause every single residents home values to drop and their home insurance to rise due to possibly taking away our fire hydrants.
Maybe I am crazy and not an expert in laying out water lines, but why are we not digging in a new line somewhere down the middle of our properties across our front yards and then running shorter individual lines into our homes, then placing hydrants along the way where necessary?
No one here will mind if you dig up a few tree roots and cut a couple lines across the existing driveways.
Your study seems to be treating all of the residents here as if they dont matter and you are way off on suggesting this is only a seasonal area. My family has only been here for [redacted] years but in that time we have seen our area go from 70% seasonal homes to 70% full time residents. This trend is going to increase with time to hold almost all permanent residents.
We need our homes to be safe and have fire hydrants close by and to have safe running water available at all times.
Please rethink your stance on this project and treat our neighbourhood as is if you yourselves lived here.

Thanks for considering my thoughts

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Report for area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane & Staniland Park
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:52:42 PM

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From: LVespi@forterie.ca <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 8:12 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; [redacted] thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Report for area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane & Staniland Park

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you Councillor Christensen and Mayor Redekop.

Good morning [redacted]

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Regards,

Lisa

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From: [redacted]
To: "Joan Christensen" <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Cc: [redacted] "lcurrie@geiconsultants.com" <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>, "Lisa Vespi" <LVespi@forterie.ca>, [redacted] "thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>, "Wayne Redekop" <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Report for area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane & Staniland Park
Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2024 1:02 PM

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Thank you Councillor Christensen.

Sent from the handheld device of [redacted]

On Aug 22, 2024, at 12:38 PM, Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca> wrote:

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Cc: "lcurrie@geiconsultants.com" <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>, "thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>, [redacted]
Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Report for area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane & Staniland Park
Date: Wed, Aug 21, 2024 5:02 PM

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Dear Ms. Vespi, Mayor Redekop and Councillor Christensen:

My [redacted] and I are owners of a cottage located at [redacted]. I am writing to express our support for Option No. 4 in the above report. Having recently lost the water line from our cottage to the existing main [redacted] because of a storm, and replacing it at significant expense, we fully understand the need to have a more stable, long-term solution for the water supply to beachfront properties. As summer residents, we believe that option 4 is the best one to maintain fire safety and water quality.

As our cottage is not winterized, we can only use it during the summer months. Because we are not full-time residents around to maintain the property, one of the regular issues we confront is obtaining adequate property insurance. The insurance that we have requires us to be in a hydrant protected area. Should we lose the fire hydrants (as suggested in options 5 & 6), I suspect we will become ineligible to insure our property. Given the age and construction of our home, bringing in a water truck would be too little too late.

As for requiring the installation and use of cisterns or well water, we strongly oppose Option 6. Our family has had less than positive experiences with cisterns and well water, and using those systems add significant costs for locating, installation, replumbing, maintenance, filtration, in addition to the potential for health risks that are not present with the current water supply.

While we are summer residents, we greatly enjoy being part of the Thunder Bay / Ridgeway community and hope that we are treated like the other residence along Thunder Bay Road that currently receive water service through the mains running down Thunder Bay Road. Based on the last ten years of annual reports, there is an average annual capital expenditure of approximately $1,414,000 in water meters & main replacement by the Town. The higher property taxes that the waterfront residents paid have supported these efforts, and we hope that the Town will continue to use our taxes to improve water infrastructure, like it has for other locations.

Please choose option 4.

Regards,

[redacted]

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Windmill Point Association Resident Feedback - Beachfront Water Servicing Proposals
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:52:07 PM

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Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 8:05 AM
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To: LVespi@forterie.ca, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
Cc: jchristensen@forterie.ca, WRedekop@forterie.ca, [redacted]
Subject: Windmill Point Association Resident Feedback - Beachfront Water Servicing Proposals
Date: Fri, Aug 23, 2024 7:37 PM

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Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

I am a homeowner at [redacted] writing to express my strong support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Project. Our community was built in the early 1900s and has been a steward of the waterfront ecosystem for over 100 years. We have been home owners at this property for over 60 years and are deeply invested in the community. We have taken great care to maintain the bucolic nature of our property, maintaining and protecting the native environment, hence this decision is critically important to us as homeowners and community members.

First, I want to acknowledge the work that has gone into assessing the various options and am very appreciative that local resident feedback is not only solicited but strongly considered in the decision making process. I think we can all agree that we need to find a solution that meets all the objectives of the various stakeholders in the community - and I firmly believe that Option 4 is the best choice to meet those needs, hence its the optimal path forward.

The rationale behind our support of this option is multifaceted. First, this plan provides more directly accessible fire hydrants, which are not only critical for safety and protection of these older, wood framed homes but it also secures our ability to obtain the proper insurance to protect our properties and those of our community. With the growing population in Fort Erie and the buying power of the TGA buyers, these protections are a key selling point and property value driver. Further, this option best ensures protection of the quality of drinking water, by maintaining the public management of this utility. This helps the local municipal government remain consistently compliant with its obligations under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 2002, but it also retains a civic service that we have paid into as tax payers for over 60 years. A private drinking water option is riddled with risk and cost from a quality and environmental disruption perspective. One again, public drinking water is not only the best long term option but it is another selling point for perspective buyers. Finally, this option leverages the current roadways as a means to move the water service to a better location and results the best balance of disruption and feasibility for home owners and the municipality considering the overall project. It's my understanding that the cost differential between the open trench and trenchless options may not be as significant initially estimated , so these cost estimates should be rigorously evaluated between the three remaining options. I am confident that you will find that overall cost between the remaining options is not the most significant driver of the decision as the costs to the totality of stakeholders may be a wash.

Finally, I do want to call your attention to the issue of seasonal vs full year residency. The report makes some assumptions that these homes are primarily seasonal and that is no longer factual. This may have been true 15-20 years ago, but in the post COVID, remote work era - more and more TGA residents have moved to these properties and adapted them to be primary residences. This is an important consideration when you think about the local community response and your local constituents.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our community's needs. I hope you will choose Option 4 to ensure the safety and value of our homes.

Best regards,

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:53:07 PM

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To: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
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Subject: [EXT] Re: Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

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Subject: Re: Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2024 2:47 PM

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Subject: Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2024 2:24 PM

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Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

I hope this message finds you well. As full-time Canadian residents at [redacted] I'm reaching out to express my strong support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. Our family's health and well-being and the community's are at the heart of this decision, and I believe that Option 4 is the only responsible choice.

Fire safety is a primary concern for us. As a young family, the security that fire hydrants provide is non-negotiable. Quick and effective emergency response times are crucial, and this option not only enhances fire flow conditions but also improves water quality, offering a sustainable solution for our community. This neighbourhood is our life—it's where we've chosen to raise our children and build our future.

Beyond safety, there's a significant financial concern. Without access to fire hydrants, our [redacted] homes could become uninsurable. This isn't just an inconvenience; it could lead to a drastic decrease in property values. We've all invested heavily in our homes, and it's essential to protect that investment.

The prospect of moving towards cisterns or wells worries me deeply. Such a shift could lead to a deterioration in water quality. As residents, we've reviewed the document "Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A Guide for Members of Municipal Councils," and it's evident that the town has a duty to maintain and enhance our water services. The "Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002" makes it clear: Ontarians have a right to safe drinking water, and the town must safeguard this by regulating and controlling our water systems.

Our board, the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is already examining what we pay in property taxes and the current state of water services. We're working to translate these numbers into clear, actionable insights for the decision-making process. We've also consulted with insurance and medical professionals to understand the real implications of reverting to cistern or well water sources. This change could have serious consequences for home insurance, particularly for those of us who are the highest taxpayers in Fort Erie.

I was struck by the assumption in the Presentation Boards that we're all seasonal residents. That couldn't be further from the truth. My family, like many others, has chosen to live here full-time, and many more intend to retire here permanently. We pay the same high tax rates as everyone else and deserve equal consideration.

To take away our access to safe drinking water would be an affront to the families who live here, now and in the future. We're Canadian citizens, contributing to our community and country, and we deserve basic services that justify the taxes we pay. Anything less makes it impossible to justify staying here.

I trust you will consider the long-term impacts on our community, especially on families like ours. Option 4 is the only choice that supports our safety, health, future, and the value of our homes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beach Water Main Strategy: Insurance Opinion & Input Letter
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:49:58 PM

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Subject: [EXT] Re: Beach Water Main Strategy: Insurance Opinion & Input Letter

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi [redacted]

We have received your letter and will include it with our files.

The Fire Department has been a key stakeholder in this project. We are targeting similar levels of service and fire protection with each option of water servicing.

Thank you again for your interest. As I mentioned previously, we are reviewing the input received from the residents as we continue on in the next stages of the project.

Regards,
Lisa

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> From: "Thunder Bay Colony Association" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
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> Cc: jchristensen@forterie.ca, WRedekop@forterie.ca, "Eric Clauss" <eclauss@claussinsurance.com>, [redacted]
> Subject: Beach Water Main Strategy: Insurance Opinion & Input Letter

Date: Tue, Aug 20, 2024 4:28 PM

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Dear Ms. Vespi and Ms. Currie,

I hope this message finds you well!

Attached is a letter of opinion from a TBCA Insurance Broker regarding the options for the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy for Colony Road, Windmill Point, and Staniland.

Please include it as important input for the project. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Best regards,

Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA) Board Executives



From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:54:52 PM

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Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 8:32 AM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Cc: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you, Lisa. I am not sure how each of the identified options would provide a similar level of service and protection. I look forward to the report on this matter.

Wayne

Sent from my iPad

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Thank you again for your involvement!
Lisa

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To: "Thunder Bay Colony Association" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
Cc: joan.christensen@forterie.ca, [redacted], Lisa Vespi/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
Subject: Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2024 6:30 PM

[redacted]

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Best regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 2:55:44 PM

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To: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Cc: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Your involvement and responses to date have been accurate and appreciated!

Thank you,
Lisa

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> From: Joan Christensen/FortErie
> To: Lisa Vespi/FortErie@TownOfFortErie
> Cc: Wayne Redekop/FortErie@TownOfFortErie, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
> Subject: Re: Water Main Service: Clarification on Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems
> Date: Mon, Aug 26, 2024 10:25 AM
>
> Thank you for your responses to my Ward 4 constituents, Lisa. I understand the environmental assessment process and its similarity to public policy development, including the necessity for comprehensive options development and analysis. My purpose in responding was simply to acknowledge their emails and ensure that residents who haven't worked in EA or policy fields have a general understanding of how options development fits into the overall process.
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> I look forward to observing the next phases of the project and reviewing the report.
>
> Joan
> **Joan M. Christensen**
> **Councillor, Ward 4**
> **Town of Fort Erie**
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Best regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Subject: Advocacy for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strate
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 8:11:04 AM

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 4:17 PM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Cc: jchristensen@forterie.ca; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; WRedekop@forterie.ca
Subject: [EXT] Subject: Advocacy for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strate

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Subject: Advocacy for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

I am writing to you as a homeowner at [redacted] to express my support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. I appreciate the efforts you've made to find a solution that meets our community's needs, and I believe this option is the most viable path forward.

Fire hydrants are critical for both fire safety and insurance purposes. Without access to this infrastructure, our homes may become uninsurable, which would severely impact property values. Option 4 not only maintains these essential services but also offers the potential to improve water quality and long-term sustainability.

Furthermore, the quality of our water is a significant concern. Reverting to cisterns or wells could degrade water quality. The town has a responsibility, as outlined in the document "Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A Guide for Members of Municipal Councils," to maintain these services, and I trust that this will be taken seriously.

Additionally, our board, the Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), is investigating what we all pay in property taxes and water services to provide a clear financial perspective in this decision-making process. We've also consulted with insurance and medical experts to understand the implications of a shift back to cisterns or wells, particularly in terms of home insurance for waterfront properties in Fort Erie.

It's also important to note that the assumption in the Presentation Boards that we are all seasonal residents is incorrect. Many of us live here full-time, and many families have invested in these properties long-term with plans to retire as full-time residents. Despite this, we all contribute equally through higher waterfront taxes and should be considered equally in this decision.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our community's needs. I hope you will choose Option 4 to ensure the safety and value of our homes.

Best regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Water pipes
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 8:05:31 AM

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From: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 1:53 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
Subject: [EXT] Re: Water pipes

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you for copying me on your message and comments, [redacted].

Wayne

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> On Aug 27, 2024, at 10:14 AM, [redacted] wrote:
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> Good Morning,
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> First, let me thank you for the work done to identify the issues with water service along Colony Road.
>
> I have a few observations to mention. My home at [redacted] is the property in the [redacted]

[redacted]. Over the past 50 years, the pipe has been exposed five or six years total during the winter months. There has never been a serious attempt to insulate this pipe as solutions generally amounted to piling up sand or hay bales which washes out days later. These fire hydrant lines could be insulated properly at a minimum cost to the town. Seasonal flushing should not be difficult or expensive.

I believe that the current pipes are effective although I am not a part of the engineering work that has been done to evaluate the options. I also do not believe that the solution should be based on seasonal versus full time occupancy as all taxpayers deserve equivalent service. Unlike past history, there are now a substantial number of full time residents occupying these properties.

If the current water lines are to be replaced, then option 4 with proper water lines and hydrant placement makes the most sense. Option 6 would be a huge retrograde step, forcing homeowners to spend thousands of dollars to build and maintain individual water systems and monitor their own water quality. It would also eliminate the fire hydrants. If the fire hydrants are going to be eliminated, then it would be far easier to just cap the current hydrant lines at the beach junction and keep the current water line to the individual homes.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work

Sincerely

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Water Services: Follow-Up on Funding for Town Services
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 12:41:25 PM

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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Mayor Redekop,

Thank you for your response and the detailed explanation regarding the funding structure for the Town's water and wastewater systems. I will be sure to pass this information along to our Association members.

One additional question has arisen among our members: Are the Town's Fire Services and Emergency Services funded through property tax collection, or do they follow a similar utility-based funding model as the water and wastewater systems?

If additional funding is needed from the province or federal government to ensure the continued maintenance and improvement of our water systems, please let us know if there is anything our Association can do to support these efforts.

Your clarification and guidance on these matters would be greatly appreciated as we continue to inform and guide our members.

We look forward to supporting your efforts in maintaining and improving our community's water service and emergency services.

Thank you again for your time and assistance.

Best regards,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

MEMO

To: Elected Fort Erie Officials and Interested Parties
From: [redacted]
Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: August 31, 2024

Dear Elected Officials and Interested Parties,

While we respect and appreciate your service to Fort Erie, we question the process to date regarding the "Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy". It appears to lack genuine feedback and input from residents and taxpayers.

Further, your communication to date is troubling as it relates to the following options put forward by your consultant.

Specifically:

- It is our understanding that the Town has eliminated Options #1, 2 and 3 and is focusing its water servicing options on Options #4, 5 and 6.

- Option #6 deals with the potential of replacing municipal water servicing with water cisterns, which makes NO sense and would pose significant health and safety issues, reduce property values, and increase costs to install water pressure systems to each house. Additionally, the East/West lanes at Windmill Point will not be able to accommodate water-tank trucks to the houses and low trees will further complicate the situation and/or need to be removed at another additional cost to lot owners.

As this process moves forward, we encourage you to adopt Option #4 for a new watermain system that will ensure your residents, taxpayers and those that come after us have a safe, reliable, and long-lasting water supply. It also ensures the fire hydrants remain in place and our homeowner's insurance is somewhat stable.

As a family who has been in residence at [redacted] since 1917, we thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this process and urge you to give careful consideration to our needs and also our Windmill Point, Staniland Park, and Thunder Bay neighbors.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:39:03 AM
Attachments: MEMO.docx Fort Erie.pdf

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Sent: Saturday, August 31, 2024 10:52 AM
To: wredekop@forterie.ca; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

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[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront water servicing in the area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lanes and Staniland Park
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:40:33 AM

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From: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Sent: Saturday, August 31, 2024 8:36 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront water servicing in the area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lanes and Staniland Park

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thank you for copying me on your comments and perspective on the options presented during this phase of the overall Municipal Class Environmental Assessment project, [redacted]

Joan
Joan M. Christensen
Councillor, Ward 4
Town of Fort Erie

E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

> ----- Original message -----
> From: [redacted]
> To: "LVespi@forterie.ca" <LVespi@forterie.ca>, "lcurrie@geiconsultants.com" <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>, "Wayne Redekop" <WRedekop@forterie.ca>, "Joan Christensen" <jchristensen@forterie.ca>
> Cc:
> Subject: Beachfront water servicing in the area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lanes and Staniland Park
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With copy to Mayor Wayne Redekop and Town Councilor Joan Christensen

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Please let me know if there will be another public information session. I would also appreciate being kept informed as this issue progresses to Town Council. If there is an opportunity to speak at a Council meeting, I would be happy to attend.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:41:39 AM

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Option #6 should have been discounted with Options #1 - 3. I find it hard to believe that the Town would consider it as a viable alternative. It is completely unacceptable to think that my Town would consider putting the health and safety of my neighborhood at risk. I truly hope the Town will continue to provide proper services to all homes, including those on Colony Road, Windmill Point Lanes, and Staniland Park.

Please let me know if there will be another public information session. I would also appreciate being kept informed as this issue progresses to Town Council. If there is an opportunity to speak at a Council meeting, I would be happy to attend.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

From:	Currie, Lindsay
To:	Farrell, Kristen
Subject:	FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd
Date:	Wednesday, September 4, 2024 2:31:33 PM

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From: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 11:50 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; [redacted]; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
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Joan
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> ----- Original message -----
> From: [redacted]
> To: <LVespi@forterie.ca>, <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>, <WRedekop@forterie.ca>, <jchristensen@forterie.ca>
> Cc: [redacted]
> Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd
> Date: Mon, Sep 2, 2024 11:11 AM
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From: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 2:41 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd

EXTERNAL EMAIL

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Wayne

Sent from my iPad

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Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:42:07 AM

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2024 5:03 PM
To: Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good afternoon, Mayor, Thank you for the clarification. Enjoy your holiday. [redacted]

On Sun, Sep 1, 2024 at 8:33 AM Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca> wrote:

> [redacted]
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> Thank you for your message. The process being followed by the consultant hired by the Town is legislatively prescribed by the Province. To date, Council has had no formal involvement in the process, a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is to be expected. Ultimate decisions regarding the matter will be made by Council having taken into account public comments.
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> Wayne
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> Sent from my iPad
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> On Aug 31, 2024, at 10:52 AM, [redacted]

[redacted] wrote:

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Attached please find a communication to Fort Erie with regards to the pending Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. Thank you.

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[redacted]

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy: Colony Road, Staniland Park Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W
Date: Friday, September 6, 2024 8:32:00 AM

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From: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 6:33 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy: Colony Road, Staniland Park Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good evening, [redacted]

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Joan
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> To: "Lisa Vespi" <LVespi@forterie.ca>, "Lindsay Currie" <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
> Cc: "Joan Christensen" <jchristensen@forterie.ca>, "Wayne Redekop" <WRedekop@forterie.ca>, "Thunder Colony Association" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
> Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy: Colony Road, Staniland Park Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W
> Date: Thu, Sep 5, 2024 4:09 PM
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Dear Lisa and Lindsay,

I hope this message finds you well.

As a homeowner of [redacted] I am writing to express my strong support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. This option is the only acceptable solution for our community's needs for the following reasons:

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We urge you to consider the long-term impacts on our community. Option 4 ensures we maintain the safety, value, and insurability of our homes. While the capital cost associated with this option may be high, it is a necessary investment to safeguard our properties and community well-being and preserve our access to reliable and clean drinking water.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy input
Date: Monday, September 9, 2024 11:29:16 AM

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From: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2024 4:28 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com; Wayne Redekop <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy input

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi [redacted]

Thank you for copying me on your email and conveying your comments and perspective with regard to the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy.

Joan
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Town of Fort Erie

E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

> ----- Original message -----
> From: [redacted]
> To: lvespi@forterie.ca, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
> Cc: wredekop@forterie.ca, jchristensen@forterie.ca, "Thunder Bay Colony Association" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>, [redacted]
> Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy input
> Date: Fri, Sep 6, 2024 3:29 PM
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> Please see my attached submission regarding the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy proposals. I

look forward to discussing these issues at future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]

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To: Farrell, Kristen
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Date: Monday, September 9, 2024 11:29:29 AM

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Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Thunder Bay Colony Association <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>; [redacted]
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Thank you for your message and comments, [redacted]

Wayne

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Nancy Robertson
Cc: Lisa Vespi
Subject: RE: [EXT] Beachfront water servicing in the area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lanes and Staniland Park
Date: Monday, September 23, 2024 1:20:20 PM

Good afternoon [redacted]

Apologies for the slow reply, I was on vacation last week. We are working through the evaluation of alternatives that were presented at PIC #1. At this time, a second PIC has not yet been scheduled but you have been added to our contact list and will be notified when one has been scheduled. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 5:47 PM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Beachfront water servicing in the area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lanes and Staniland Park

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Lindsay
Has there been any development on this issue? A second public information session? Can you please provide me with an update? Thank you very much.
[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:16:02 AM

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From: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 12:21 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

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> Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
> Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2024 12:10 PM
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Hi Ms Vespi and Councillor Christensen,

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Kindly advise.

Best regards,

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Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. We trust that the planners of this project will find the best solution that supports the needs and safety of our community. We would also like to count on the Council and Mayor to follow the recommendations for healthy municipal water service and the best solution to ensure the fire safety of our homes and the firefighters who work in this amazing Town.

Best regards,

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: [redacted] Lisa Vespi
Cc: [redacted]; Joan Christensen; [redacted] WRedekop@forterie.ca; [redacted]
Subject: RE: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:10:53 PM

Hi [redacted]

At this stage we are working through the evaluation of short-listed alternatives. We do not have any public meetings scheduled at this time. Your email is included in our stakeholder list and as public meetings are scheduled you will be contacted.

Thank you,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: October 15, 2024 18:48
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Cc: [redacted] Joan Christensen <jchristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]; WRedekop@forterie.ca; [redacted] <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Ms Vespi and Ms Currie,

Unfortunately, I haven't heard an update regarding a scheduled meeting regarding this topic either for more input or when it will be taken to town council for a vote.

As it is vital to our water in our community, we all are looking forward to representing our interests.

Can you kindly let me know when the dates will be ?

Many thanks,

[redacted]

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Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. We trust that the planners of this project will find the best solution that supports the needs and safety of our community. We would also like to count on the Council and Mayor to follow the recommendations for healthy municipal water service and the best solution to ensure the fire safety of our homes and the firefighters who work in this amazing Town.

Best regards,
[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 11:43:28 AM

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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: Thunder Bay Colony Association <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
Sent: October 21, 2024 11:33
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Cc: [redacted] Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; [redacted]; Joan Christensen <jchristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]; [redacted]; WRedekop@forterie.ca
Subject: Re: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Excellent, thank you for the update, we look forward to hearing from you and some members seem anxious about this topic being slated for town council meeting without being able to attend.

Thanks,
[redacted]

On Wed, Oct 16, 2024 at 1:10 PM Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com> wrote:

> Hi [redacted]
>
> At this stage we are working through the evaluation of short-listed alternatives. We do not have any public meetings scheduled at this time. Your email is included in our stakeholder list and as public meetings are scheduled you will be contacted.
>
> Thank you,
>
> LINDSAY CURRIE, M.Sc., P.Eng. (She/Her)
> Project Manager

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From: [redacted]
Sent: October 15, 2024 18:48
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Cc: [redacted] Joan Christensen <jchristensen@forterie.ca>; [redacted]; WRedekop@forterie.ca; [redacted] <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Ms Vespi and Ms Currie,

Unfortunately, I haven't heard an update regarding a scheduled meeting regarding this topic either for more input or when it will be taken to town council for a vote.

As it is vital to our water in our community, we all are looking forward to representing our interests.

Can you kindly let me know when the dates will be ?

Many thanks,

[redacted]

On Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 12:21 PM Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca> wrote:

> Hello [redacted]
>
> Thank you for including me in your email. I am sure that staff will be able to provide updates with respect to the status of the project, timing of future public meetings or consultation, etc.
>
> Joan
> **Joan M. Christensen**
> **Councillor, Ward 4**
> **Town of Fort Erie**

E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

----- Original message -----
From: [redacted]
To: "Lisa Vespi" <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Cc: lcurrie@geiconsultants.com, [redacted] "Joan Christensen" <jchristensen@forterie.ca>, [redacted]
Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy
Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2024 12:10 PM

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Hi Ms Vespi and Councillor Christensen,

Just following up on any updates there may be on this issue and wondering if there has been any progress on decisions, meeting with the community dates or a scheduled vote date for town council.

Kindly advise.

Best regards,

[redacted]

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On Tue, Aug 20, 2024 at 8:46 AM Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca> wrote:

> Thank you for copying me on your comments, [redacted]
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> Joan
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> Sent from HCL Verse
>
> [redacted] --- Strong Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy ---
> From: [redacted]
> To: lcurrie@geiconsultants.com, LVespi@forterie.ca
> Cc: "Joan Christensen" <jchristensen@forterie.ca>, WRedekop@forterie.ca, [redacted]

Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2024 5:03 p.m.
Subject: Strong Support for Option 4 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

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Dear Ms Vespi and Ms Currie,

We hope this message finds you well. Thank you for all your hard work on this project. It has many moving parts and with your presentation you have communicated the options and concerns well. We particularly like the request for input on such a decision that would impact our property in so many ways.

As homeowners at [redacted] we are writing to express our strong support for Option 4 of the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy. We have heard that options 1 to 3 have been deemed unfeasible by the Town. Of the remaining options, Option 4, is the only acceptable solution for our community's needs, and here's why:

1. **Insurance Requirements:** Insurance companies will not insure waterfront homes without access to a fire hydrant. Without this essential infrastructure, our homes will be deemed uninsurable, posing a significant risk to homeowners along Colony Road.

2. **Property Values:** The absence of adequate fire protection will drastically lower our property values. Many of us are **Canadian citizens** and have invested heavily in our properties, and any decrease in value will be substantial if we do not maintain proper municipal water services. With devaluation of our property, inevitably property taxes will also be adversely affected.

3. **Fire Safety:** Ensuring fire protection through traditional hydrants is not just a matter of convenience; it is a critical safety issue. The reliability and efficiency of fire hydrants during emergencies cannot be overstated, especially for the homes along Colony Road, where quick response times are vital.

4. **Sustainability and Maintenance:** Option 4 will likely improve fire flow conditions and address the issues related to access and maintenance. New infrastructure along roadways, including Colony Road, will enhance water quality and provide a more sustainable solution in the long term.

5. **Water Quality:** If the town regresses to cisterns or wells, water quality will undoubtedly decline. We understand through the Ontario "Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002" that the town, councillors, and municipality in Ontario have responsibilities for water maintenance. We trust that you will take this legal obligation seriously and prioritize maintenance and improvement over the removal of essential water services.

6. **Resident Status and Taxation:** The presentation boards suggested that we are all seasonal owners, which is not factual. As many of our neighbors and families along Colony Road are full-time **Canadian** residents. Many families, including us, have invested in these properties long-term with the intention of retiring full-time. Regardless, we all pay the same higher tax rate due to our waterfront properties and should be treated equally in the decision-making process.

Additionally, I must stress that there could be significant backlash if the proper solution is not selected. The community is deeply invested in this matter, and a decision that undermines our safety and property values will undoubtedly lead to strong opposition. Specifically, within the

Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA), there are numerous residents, including full-time occupants, who will be directly impacted by this decision.

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Best regards,
[redacted]

From: Colleen Bain
To: Lisa Vespi
Cc: Carly Mason; Brendan Buggeln; Anastasio, Sandra; Jobson, Steven
Subject: [EXT] RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Status Update and Alternatives
Date: Friday, May 30, 2025 5:34:09 PM
Attachments: image001.png

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Lisa,

Thank you for providing the PIC #2 slides. NPCA staff do not have any concerns/comments on the preferred strategy for the Beachfront water servicing project. Please circulate us on the final draft report when it is completed and we will review and provide comments.

Kind regards,

Colleen Bain (she/her), MES Planning
Senior Watershed Planner, Environmental Planning & Policy

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Please be advised that my availability and response time over the next couple of weeks (March 26-June 6) will be impacted by staff training, and dealing with a personal family matter. I greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.

The NPCA completed its Watershed-based Resource Management and Conservation Area Strategies, paving the way for sustainable conservation across the Niagara Peninsula watershed. It's Watershed Natural Asset Analysis and Valuation for the Niagara Peninsula watershed offers new insights that redefine how we view nature. **Explore them today!**

From: Brendan Buggeln <bbuggeln@npca.ca>
Sent: May 28, 2025 9:42 AM
To: Colleen Bain <CBain@npca.ca>
Subject: FW: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Status Update and Alternatives

Brendan Buggeln (He/Him) M.Sc., P.Eng.
Manager – Natural Hazard Management and Resiliency

From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: May 16, 2025 8:48 AM

To: Carly Mason <cmason@npca.ca>; Brendan Buggeln <bbuggeln@npca.ca>
Cc: Anastasio, Sandra <SAnastasio@geiconsultants.com>; sjobson <sjobson@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Status Update and Alternatives

Morning Carly and Brendan,

I'm following up if NPCA has any questions on the preferred strategy for the Beachfront water servicing project.

While we are in the final reporting stages, would you like to set up a meeting? You will be circulated the final draft report as a whole once completed.

Thank you!
Lisa

From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 1:07:02 p.m.
To: Carly Mason <cmason@npca.ca>; Brendan Buggeln <bbuggeln@npca.ca>
Cc: Anastasio, Sandra <SAnastasio@geiconsultants.com>; sjobson <sjobson@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Status Update and Alternatives

Hi Carly and Brendan,

We hosted our final Public Meeting on February 25th for the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy (in the area of Colony Road and Windmill Point, if you recall).

GEI is in the process of compiling the EA Report. NPCA is on our list of reviewers in June, prior to filing with MECP.

In the meantime, we were wondering if NPCA would like to meet to review the preferred strategy.

Here is a link to the latest PIC slides:

PIC Slides: https://letstalk.forterie.ca/download_file/520/602

Please advise if you'd like to meet with us.

Thank you,

Lisa Vespi
Project Manager
Infrastructure Services, Engineering Division

From: Carly Mason <cmason@npca.ca>
Sent: October 18, 2024 1:35 PM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Cc: Brendan Buggeln <bbuggeln@npca.ca>; LCurrie@geiconsultants.com <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Status Update and Alternatives

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Good Afternoon Lisa,

Please include Brendan Buggeln (cc'd) as well. He is our new manager of Natural Hazards and Resiliency.

Thanks,
Carly

From: LVespi@forterie.ca <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: October 18, 2024 1:14 PM
To: David Deluce <ddeluce@npca.ca>
Cc: Carly Mason <cmason@npca.ca>; LCurrie@geiconsultants.com; Jordan Frost <JFrost@forterie.ca>
Subject: RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Status Update and Alternatives

Good afternoon,

Thanks for confirming your availability. I was off a few days, sorry for my delay!

Lindsay - can you please book us Oct 25 morning, say 10am? Please include Jordan Frost as optional.

Thanks
Lisa

> ----- Original message -----
> From: "David Deluce" <ddeluce@npca.ca>
> To: "Carly Mason" <cmason@npca.ca>, "Lisa Vespi" <LVespi@forterie.ca>
> Cc: "LCurrie@geiconsultants.com" <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
> Subject: RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Status Update and Alternatives
> Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2024 8:52 AM

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Those times work for me except between 1 pm and 2 pm on the 25th.

Best Regards,

David Deluce, MCIP, RPP
Director, Planning & Development

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From: Carly Mason <cmason@npca.ca>
Sent: October 10, 2024 10:53 AM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; David Deluce <ddeluce@npca.ca>
Cc: LCurrie@geiconsultants.com
Subject: RE: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Status Update and Alternatives

Good Morning Lisa,

My availability is as follows:

- Monday October 21, 11am-12pm
- Friday October 25, 8am-4pm

Thanks,
Carly

From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: October 8, 2024 4:55 PM
To: David Deluce <ddeluce@npca.ca>; Carly Mason <cmason@npca.ca>
Cc: LCurrie@geiconsultants.com
Subject: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA - Status Update and Alternatives

Hi David and Carly,

We are progressing along on the Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy EA project, and it feels like a good time to set up a status meeting to review our progress on the alternatives and evaluation with you. We'd like to focus on natural environment impacts and mitigation, future permitting, etc with yourselves.

Can you please let me know your availability (I'm off later this week and most of next week, so is GEI's technical lead):

- Monday October 21, 11am-12pm
- Tuesday October 22, 8-11am, 12-4pm

- Thursday October 24, 1pm-3:30pm
- Friday October 25, 8am-4pm

Thank you!
Lisa

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From: Lisa Vespi
To: [redacted]
Cc: Joan Christensen; Anastasio, Sandra
Subject: [EXT] Re: TBCA Annual General Meeting + Water Update?
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:54:33 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi [redacted]

I do apologize for my delay! I will provide responses to the questions below. We are in the final stages of the project. The final project report will be sent to agencies soon.

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Is there opportunity for the Town to understand the support from the association members on the new easement? Obviously logistics would need to be worked out later during design, but as a preliminary understanding if there is support for entering into the easement agreement with the Town, knowing that an easement already exists.

Happy to have a phone call if needed so I can explain further!

Thank you,
Lisa

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 8:13:21 AM
To: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Cc: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <lcurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: TBCA Annual General Meeting + Water Update?

Hi Lisa and Joan!

Hope you're enjoying the sunshine and squeezing in some summer fun when you can! Is it here yet?

We just wanted to give you a quick heads-up that the Thunder Bay Colony Association's Annual Homeowners' Meeting is happening July 5th at 5pm. As you can imagine, water servicing is still the hot topic on everyone's minds (hotter than the weather!).

[redacted] has really come up with a an essential list of questions below… all of them were brought up at our last Board Meeting.

If you have any fresh updates or info to share about the water study or project status, we'd be incredibly grateful — and if your schedule allows, we'd love to have you join us in person at the meeting. It would mean a lot to our members to hear from you directly and have a chance to ask a few questions face-to-face (plus, we promise good vibes and snacks).

I've been keeping an eye on the TOFE Council Meeting agendas, too, but haven't seen anything pop up recently, so we're all ears if there's anything new to report

Thanks so much in advance — hope we'll see you soon!

Warmly,

Catherine Black

Thunder Bay Colony Association

On Mon, Jun 16, 2025 at 7:52 AM [redacted] > wrote:

> Unfortunately, we did not receive a reply so I am resending a request to bring it to the top of your email folder. We have our annual Home Owner's Association meeting a week from today and we know that our members are most interested in an update on the status of the water servicing study / project. I hope that you might have some current information to share, in fact, if your schedule allows you are welcome to join our meeting and attend in person. I monitor the TOFE Council Meeting Agendas but have not seen any recent information.
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> For example;
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> - Are the engineering and environmental studies now complete and can that information be shared?
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> - Is the final routing of the replacement water main now confirmed and can that be shared?
>
> - The most recent information that I have read is that the project will proceed, west to

east, beginning with the Colony Road Association, then the Windmill Point Association and then the Staniland Park Association. The schedule, as I understand it, was to begin in 2025 and conclude in 2026. Is that information still accurate? Has the project commenced and are any more details of the schedule available to be shared?

- I suspect that many or most of the members of the individual associations live on private and sometimes single access roads. Will the project temporarily prevent access to our homes? Will the project cause damage to our private roads or driveways and will the TOFE address any necessary road repairs?

- I understand that connectivity to the new water main will be the home owner's responsibility. Will the 3 associations be given an opportunity to negotiate with the TOFE or your chosen contractor to enter into an agreement that might be more cost effective and of consistent scope and quality?

Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you.

Howard Neubauer, Staniland Park Home Owner's Association

On May 28, 2025, at 4:10 PM, [redacted] wrote:

Good afternoon Ms Christensen, George Bellows and I are on the Executive Board of the Staniland Park Property Owners Association and will be hosting our association Annual Meeting in about 3 1/2 weeks. We would like to provide a current, updated status and plans for the water main replacement project effecting Colony Road, Windmill Point and our owners on Staniland. Is there any new information that you can share with us that we can then in turn share with our members?

Thank you,
Howard Neubauer (President SPPOA)

On Aug 22, 2024, at 12:10 PM, Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca> wrote:

Hello Howard:

Thank you for your email and comments. The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) is required to identify options to underpin sound public policy development. As I understand the current status of the assessment, the meeting and option identification/analysis is part of phase 2. The staff and consultant will take your input as part of the

overall public consultation required before a report is brought to Council.

I appreciate receiving information on the residents' perspective.

Joan

Joan M. Christensen
Councillor, Ward 4
Town of Fort Erie

E-mail: JChristensen@forterie.ca

----- Original message -----
From: [redacted]
To: LVespi@forterie.ca, lcurrie@geiconsultants.com
Cc: jchristensen@forterie.ca, "wredekop@forterie.ca" <WRedekop@forterie.ca>
Subject: Waterfront Water Servicing Study - Staniland Park
Date: Tue, Aug 20, 2024 8:15 PM

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Good afternoon, we have yet not met formally. My name is Howard Neubauer and I have been elected to the position of association President of the Staniland Park Property Owners Association. I have hosted several meetings with the members of our association, shared the materials the study leaders have compiled and sought their opinions, feedback and sought any possible alternatives that might be offered outside the 6 under evaluation. I have also met with the executive committees of the Thunder Bay and Windmill Point Property Owners Associations and it appears that we have independently arrived at the same place.

I have compiled the feedback received from our membership and would like to share some critical considerations regarding the available options. Having reviewed the proposals, we believe that Option 4 is the only feasible solution for our community.

In summary, here is why our membership has come to no other option other than Option 4:

Insurance Coverage: Several of our members (including myself) queried their current property insurance providers. While it appears that insurance could be provided, there was hesitancy and a statement was made that a formal assessment of insurability would be required. As the nearest fire station to Staniland Park is approximately 5km, in any direction and fire suppression would be limited to fire equipment carrying their own water supply, there would be a substantial increase in insurance rates. I was told to expect a 20-50% increase in annual charges.

Property Value Preservation: Without adequate fire protection and potentially unstable water servicing via one of the alternatives suggested, our property values risk significant decline. We have invested substantially in our homes, and it’s vital that we maintain their value by

ensuring they remain safe and insurable.

Fire Safety: Reliable fire protection is paramount. Traditional hydrants provide the necessary water flow to safeguard our homes during emergencies, a safety measure that cannot be compromised.

Long-Term Maintenance and Quality: Relocating the water main along existing roadways, as proposed in Option 4, will greatly enhance access for maintenance and improve water quality. The homeowners on Staniland have enjoyed a Town provided water source, it would be quite unreasonable to ask these association members to now fend for themselves. The sustainable solution, Option 4, addresses both current and future needs.

Financial Impact on Homeowners: Any option besides Option 4 would impose substantial upfront costs on homeowners, as well as recurring yearly expenses. This financial burden would be unreasonable and unfair to our community members.

Seasonal Residents: In the study materials that were shared a comment was made that the impact would be less burdensome as many homeowners in the study area are seasonal residents. I believe this to be an erroneous assumption and not one that has any bearing. There are 17 members of our association and 13 of the residents live in Staniland Park in their homes as their primary dwellings or they reside nearby and their alternative home is one they visit weekly all year round. Whether full-time or part-time residents we all pay property taxes as full-time homeowners.

It's crucial to understand that Option 4 provides the most comprehensive and reliable solution for our community.

While other options might seem more economical initially for the TOFE, they come with hidden risks and recurring costs that could negatively impact the residents' security and financial well-being. Option 4 ensures robust fire protection with the installation of traditional hydrants, significantly improves access and maintenance by relocating the water main along the roadways, and offers enhanced water quality.

Though the initial investment is higher, this option fully addresses our community’s needs without sacrificing safety or the sustainability of our infrastructure.

Additionally, it's important to note again that the city has provided water services in this area since the mid-1940s. Removing this service now could set a concerning precedent for other parts of the city, particularly regarding the withdrawal of basic infrastructure. Legally, this could be seen as a failure to maintain essential public utilities, potentially exposing the city to challenges from residents who rely on consistent and reliable municipal services. Such a move could be interpreted as a violation of the implied contract between the city and its residents to maintain essential services, potentially leading to legal disputes and a loss of public trust.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight again that many of us live in [redacted] full-time. This decision could place us at considerable risk if the fire department is ever called to respond to an emergency. The absence of adequate fire protection would compromise our safety and

well-being.

Considering these factors, I strongly urge you to support Option 4. The initial investment may be high, but it is essential for the continued safety, value, and insurability of our homes.

Thank you for your diligent work on this project and for considering our community's needs. We trust that your assessment will reflect the best interests of our residents.

Thank you,

Howard & Theresa Neubauer
Staniland Park Property Owners Association,
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Lisa Vespi
To: [redacted]
Cc: Anastasio, Sandra
Subject: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Project - Update
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 6:47:29 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Brad,

I hope you're doing well. I believe you tried connecting with me awhile back. I wanted to give you an update on the Beachfront Water Servicing project. We are in the final stages of the project. The final project report will be sent to agencies soon.

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Happy to have a phone call if needed so I can explain further!

Thank you,
Lisa

From: Howard Neubauer
To: Lisa Vespi
Cc: Anastasio, Sandra
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy - Project Update
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 12:17:59 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

I appreciate the heads up Lisa. I would be happy to distribute your information to our members and share their feedback. Just so that I am clear, the new water main location and easement would be along Staniland Park Road on the south side (lakeside) of the road. Perhaps 3 to 5 feet from the current road surface?

Thanks, Howard Neubauer

> On Jun 27, 2025, at 8:00 AM, Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca> wrote:
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> Hi Howard,
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> I wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with an update on the Beachfront Watermain project. We are in the final stages of reporting, and it's nearly ready for agency review.
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> We are submitting a provincial funding application this week for the project. We believe this project is well suited for the application and are very hopeful to obtain the funding.
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> As part of the application process, we are asked to provide status of the land ownership, or in this case, the easement. There is an existing easement in place for the existing watermain that will need to be revoked once the new watermain is operational. During design, likely early next year, a new easement will be initiated for the new alignment. We are hoping that the new watermain will be located within the existing roadway wherever possible.
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Thank you,
Lisa

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From: Lisa Vespi
To: [redacted]
Cc: Anastasio, Sandra
Subject: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy - Project Update
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 8:00:20 AM
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EXTERNAL EMAIL

HI Brad,

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Thank you,
Lisa

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From: Lisa Vespi
To: [redacted]; Joan Christensen
Cc: [redacted]; Anastasio, Sandra; Jobson, Steven
Subject: [EXT] Re: Water Main project
Date: Monday, July 7, 2025 2:52:16 PM
Attachments: image.png

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi [redacted],

Thank you for reaching out, and apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

Are you able to share your addition plans with me? The watermain in this area will be a bit tricky. We will not have a final alignment until detailed design.

Here is what we have on file for the existing near your property (any surveys that you've done may show it more exact):

Lisa Vespi
Project Manager
Infrastructure Services, Engineering Division

From: [redacted]
Sent: June 27, 2025 8:52 AM
To: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Water Main project

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Hello Joan and Lisa,

We own a home at [redacted]. We have been planning an addition for over a year. Our hope was the contractor, [redacted] could begin this Fall, once we have the town's approval and variances in order. Recently, I've been apprised of the water main project that may begin in 2026.

Is there anyone I can meet with to see if our addition would compromise the installation of the new water line?

Thank you.

Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: Lisa Vespi; Jobson, Steven; [redacted]; Anastasio, Sandra; JChristensen@forterie.ca
Subject: [EXT] [redacted]
Date: Monday, July 7, 2025 3:34:06 PM
Attachments: [redacted]

EXTERNAL EMAIL

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Please advise. Appreciate your getting back to me on this.

Regards.
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From: Lisa Vespi
To: Howard Neubauer
Cc: Anastasio, Sandra; [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy - Project Update
Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025 5:21:43 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Howard,

Thank you for your response back. We are working on a response and will be back in touch next week!

Thank you,
Lisa

From: [redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 1:22:29 PM
To: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Cc: Anastasio, Sandra <sanastasio@geiconsultants.com>; [redacted]
Subject: Re: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy - Project Update

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Lisa, thank you for the head's up and good luck with your funding request. I have canvassed our association and the members tentatively agree to the easement request in principle, pending the written details of the pre-construction and water main placement plan and notification of replacement schedule that can be reviewed and approved prior to commencement.

Those details include, but are not limited to:

- All members of our association must have property access during construction, particularly since Staniland Park Road has only single access in and out.
- A commitment to rebuild and restore the roadway and driveway entrances after the water main and hydrant installation. Assuming the existing water main (or at least the hydrants) are to be removed, restoration of the affected properties.
- I am unaware of the last time that the current water lines and hydrants have been flushed and water tested. Our expectation is that water testing and maintenance schedule will include the replacement infrastructure.

Thank you, Howard Neubauer, Staniland Park Property Owners Association

- Another question was raised by one association member. There is a property at [redacted] (currently unoccupied) that while not part of our association it abuts to a member's property. What is the status of the water main project as it applies to that property specifically? Thanks again.

On Jun 27, 2025, at 8:00 AM, Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca> wrote:

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From: Lisa Vespi
To: [redacted]
Cc: Joan Christensen; Anastasio, Sandra
Subject: [EXT] Re: Colony Road: Easement and Watermain Update & Next Steps
Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025 5:32:31 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Catherine,

Thank you for your response back.

These requests will be worked out during detailed design and construction planning, along with the exact easement details and logistics.

Thank you,
Lisa

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 8:57:08 AM
To: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Cc: Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>; Anastasio, Sandra <sanastasio@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: Colony Road: Easement and Watermain Update & Next Steps

Hi Lisa,

Thanks so much for the update — great to hear the project is heading into the final stretch! Fingers crossed on the provincial funding — it sounds like a great fit and we're hopeful it comes through.

We appreciate the clarity on the easement process. As you know, there's an existing easement along the beach, and our preference would be to transfer that to the new location (and formally cancel the old one) once the new line is in place.

The Thunder Bay Colony Association (TBCA) is on board with entering into a new easement agreement in principle. That said, our support will depend on a few key points being addressed as we head into design and construction:

- **Maintaining property access** during construction
- **Road and driveway restoration** — clear plans for how things will be rebuilt or repaired
- **Transparent communication** throughout the process and after (watermain, fire hydrant, water tests, etc.)

One other topic that came up at our AGM: homeowners are curious about the timing, process, and potential costs of connecting to the new water main. We know this may fall under a later phase, but even rough estimates or early planning considerations would help people start budgeting.

Of course, the final easement will need to be reviewed by TBCA's legal counsel, and we'll work through the finer points then.

In the meantime, we're happy to keep the conversation going and appreciate being looped in early. Let us know if a quick call would help clarify anything — always happy to connect!

Best regards,

Catherine M. Black
on behalf of the TBCA Board Members

On Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 3:54 PM Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca> wrote:

> Hi Catherine,
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> I do apologize for my delay! I will provide responses to the questions below. We are in the final stages of the project. The final project report will be sent to agencies soon.
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> We are submitting a provincial funding application this week for the project. We believe this project is well suited for the application and are very hopeful to obtain the funding.
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From: Lisa Vespi
To: [redacted]; Jobson, Steven; [redacted]; Anastasio, Sandra; Joan Christensen
Subject: [EXT] Re: 2421 Staniland addition plans
Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025 5:43:51 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi [redacted],

Thank you for sharing these plans with us.

As I mentioned, our plans are preliminary right now. This portion of the watermain is where it will transition from Windmill Pt Rd E to Staniland Park Rd. It will likely follow sections of existing easement and then we will need to get it to Staniland Park through a new bit of easement.

We will keep these plans on file, and please keep us posted with any updates. We will coordinate with you throughout the design phase.

Thank you,
Lisa

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 3:33:49 p.m.
To: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>; sjobson <sjobson@geiconsultants.com>; [redacted] sanastasio@geiconsultants.com <sanastasio@geiconsultants.com>; Joan Christensen <JChristensen@forterie.ca>
Subject: 2421 Staniland addition plans

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Since we are at the end of the street, we have concerns where the new main will be placed. If we knew the plan for that, it may make it easier for us to proceed.

Please advise. Appreciate your getting back to me on this.

Regards.

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 1:28:37 PM
Attachments: FE_PIC1_Boards_Final_AODA.pdf

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:40 PM
To: thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Catherine,

Hope you're doing well! I'm touching base after our first public meeting in July. Did you hear anything from your members on the PIC material? We'd love to receive input if residents have any ideas, comments or concerns.

I've attached the PIC boards that were posted to the web in July for information.

Also, in the spirit of consultation for this project, do you by chance know the contact information for the other associations in the area? We have heard from the Windmill Point Association, but believe there to be 1 or 2 additional groups that we do not have contact information for (i.e. Staniland Park). If you're able to put me in touch with them or share my contact information with them, that would be much appreciated!

Thank you,
Lisa

> ----- Original message -----
> From: LVespi@forterie.ca
> To: thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
> Cc: jubell@geiconsultants.com
> Subject: Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
> Date: Fri, Jun 21, 2024 2:31 PM
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> Hi Catherine,
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> Thank you for your patience with my response!

We are hosting our first Public Information Centre on **Monday, July 15, 2024 at 5-7 pm**. You are invited to attend to learn more about the study, provide input, and to ask questions about the study.

Similar to the Six Mile Creek project, display boards and other relevant information for this project will be posted to our webpage:

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

Thank you for the information on the extents of your association.

Lisa

Lisa Vespi, P. Eng.
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From: "Thunder Bay Colony Association" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
To: LVespi@forterie.ca
Cc: jubell@geiconsultants.com
Subject: Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
Date: Tue, May 28, 2024 4:41 PM

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Sorry for the late response. The Thunder Bay Colony Association represents 31 cottages. We have a tenanted property [redacted] where our property manager lives. Here is a list of our owners attached in pdf format:

[redacted]

We all are excited that the process is beginning, as the water shut offs over the last few years have been disruptive. This is positive news that a plan is being developed.

We are keen to help out and have heard that the water main may be moving from the beach. Everyone is interested in where and when... and how it will affect them.

Look forward to working together!

Best regards,

Catherine Black
TBCA President

On Fri, May 3, 2024 at 10:55 AM <LVespi@forterie.ca> wrote:

Hi Catherine,

Thank you for reaching out and we are happy to keep you informed of the study as it progresses. We are still targeting a public meeting this summer and will send the notice along once the date is set.

I'd love to hear more about what area the Thunder Bay Colony Association covers. Can you please provide a map or boundary through email so we can best understand.

Thank you,
Lisa

----- Original message -----
From: "Thunder Bay Colony Association" <thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com>
To: LVespi@forterie.ca, "julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca" <julien.bell@gmblueplan.ca>
Cc:
Subject: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
Date: Wed, May 1, 2024 5:19 PM

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Greetings Lisa and Julien,

Our Thunder Bay Colony Association is looking forward to all your work regarding the:

Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road, Windmill Point Lane E/W and Staniland Park Road

As a group we would like to be kept posted on any public meeting or strategy events. We would also like to help in any way we can. I heard that perhaps the Summer public meeting has already been scheduled. Can you please share that date with me so I can forward it to the owners?

Thanks,

Catherine Black
TBCA President.

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing
Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 3:06:10 PM

Please file in the project folder. I will follow up with her.

Thank you,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 2:56 PM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Lindsay,
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Thank you,
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[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Currie, Lindsay
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lisa Vespi
Subject: RE: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing
Date: Friday, August 2, 2024 2:51:26 PM

Hi[redacted],

Thank you for reaching out and it was great speaking with you on the phone this afternoon. As mentioned, here is a link to the slides that were presented at Public Information Centre #1 which explain the details of the project and our short list of alternatives. I have copied Lisa Vespi, the Town's Project Manager – please feel free to forward on to your neighbours and to let us know your thoughts about the project materials.

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Thank you,

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lisa Vespi
Subject: RE: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing
Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 3:22:08 PM
Attachments: FE_PIC1_Boards_toSend.pdf

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Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 9:19 PM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Subject: Re: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing
Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 2:15:55 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 2:10 PM
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Cc: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Subject: Re: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Lindsay
Thank you for forwarding this on to me. I will pass it along.
My formal comments to follow.
[redacted]

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] RE: Notice of Public Information Centre #1 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd
Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 10:01:44 AM
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From: LVespi@forterie.ca <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 9:52 AM
To: Jake.McGowan@niagararegion.ca
Cc: Valentina.Escobar@niagararegion.ca; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] RE: Notice of Public Information Centre #1 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Jake,

Thank you for this. We will prepare a response and incorporate as needed.

Thanks
Lisa

> ----- Original message -----
> From: "McGowan, Jake" <Jake.McGowan@niagararegion.ca>
> To: "LVespi@forterie.ca" <LVespi@forterie.ca>
> Cc: "Escobar, Valentina" <Valentina.Escobar@niagararegion.ca>
> Subject: RE: Notice of Public Information Centre #1 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd
> Date: Mon, Jul 15, 2024 9:54 AM
>
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> Lisa,

Regional staff have reviewed the notice of public information, Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd,
Windmill Point Ln E/W and Staniland Park Rd.

This area of Fort Erie is serviced by private septic systems for each lot. In your overall review for the watermain options Regional staff would like to note the following:

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- For lots where the watermain location may change existing septic system locations are to be determined to ensure the system is not disturbed by the rerouting of the water service to the property (majority of the septic systems are in the front yards)
- If there is a connection near Shirley and Thunder Bay Road, Regional staff would like to advise that the Shirley Road Sewage Pumping Station Force main is located at this intersection and heads east. Any future construction plans in the area are to be provided to the Region for review and approval to ensure the Force main is not disturbed during construction.

One addition thing to note is policy 6.4.2.4 which outlines That the Town of Fort Erie is to determine if an Archaeological Assessment(s) is required, as well as conduct the assessment(s) (if applicable), based on the NOP's Schedule K Areas of Archaeological Potential as part of the EA process.

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Respectfully

Jake McGowan
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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: June 21, 2024 2:48 PM

To: Brunet, John <john.brunet@niagararegion.ca>; Paget, Peter <Peter.Paget@niagararegion.ca>; Lambert, Phill <Phill.Lambert@niagararegion.ca>; Cimino, Tony <tony.cimino@niagararegion.ca>; Miller, Michelle <Michelle.Miller@niagararegion.ca>; jocelyn.williams@niagararergion.ca
Cc: JuBell@geiconsultants.com; LCurrie@geiconsultants.com; Chris Pisaric <cpisaric@forterie.ca>
Subject: Notice of Public Information Centre #1 - Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd

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Hello,

The Town of Fort Erie is progressing in the Water Servicing Strategy in the area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln and Staniland Park Rd. As previously mentioned, the Town has retained GEI (previously GM BluePlan) to complete the Class EA project and an enhanced conceptual design.

You are invited to our first public meeting on Monday, July 15, 2024 from 5 to 7pm at the Crystal Ridge Library. If you are unable to attend the meeting or would like a separate meeting with our team, please let us know, and we will arrange that!

The PIC boards will be posted on the webpage if you'd like to view them (alternatives are being presented, but there is no preferred solution that is selected yet).

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

Thank you,
Lisa

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 1:28:37 PM
Attachments: FE_PIC1_Boards_Final_AODA.pdf

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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:40 PM
To: thunderbaycolonyassociation@gmail.com
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request

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> Cc: jubell@geiconsultants.com
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Subject: FW: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Project - Windmill Point
Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 1:29:24 PM
Attachments: FE_PIC1_Boards_Final_AODA.pdf
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From: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:27 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Project - Windmill Point

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi [redacted],

I received your voicemail but I'm in the US for a mini-vacation. I wanted to send you a quick email to let you know that we are interested in hearing from your association members but won't be able to attend the association meeting in August.

I have attached the display boards from our Public Information Centre held last month. Please share it with your members and we can review any comments with you. They are also welcome to submit their own comments online:

https://letstalk.forterie.ca/beachfront-water-servicing-strategy-in-the-area-of-colony-road-windmill-point-lane-e-w-and-staniland-park-road/surveys/questions1

Thank you again for your interest and help facilitating feedback from your members!

Regards,

Lisa

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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: Farrell, Kristen
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request
Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024 2:52:02 PM

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Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 2:44 PM
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Cc: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Colony Road Association - Water Servicing Strategy Request

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Lisa!

Thank you for following up! We are having a board meeting tonight to discuss the options and state our favourite option(s).

I have been in touch with the Windmill Point Association, but do not have any contacts at the moment for Staniland. I have reached out to someone who may have a contact there.

I will let you know the outcome of our group discussion tonight. We had 2 members in attendance at the July 15th meeting and they were most impressed with how much thought and effort your committee has put into the project.

From all of us at Colony Road we are most appreciative of you keeping us in the loop.

Cat Black
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From: Currie, Lindsay
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd Inbox
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 8:41:35 AM

Can you please file this in the communications folder?

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: February 7, 2025 11:27
To: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd Inbox

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning Lindsay
We have spoken before, after the first Public Information session. I see that the second public meeting has been announced. Are you able to share the preferred solution in advance? I would be grateful to know in advance of the meeting.
Thank you very much,
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Anastasio, Sandra
To: [redacted]
Cc: Jobson, Steven
Subject: RE: [EXT] Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Rd, Windmill Point Ln E/W, and Staniland Park Rd Inbox
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 8:19:00 AM

Good Morning [redacted],

I apologize for the delay in responding to your email. I appreciate your patience and understanding. In case you were not able to attend the Public Information Centre (PIC) online event in February, PIC materials are available for review on the project website. I have included links below to both the project website and PIC 2 materials.

- Project Website: Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy in the Area of Colony Road | Let's Talk Fort Erie
- PIC 2 Materials: Public Information Centre #2

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,
Sandra

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
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Jobson, Steven

From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 9:49 PM
To: Jobson, Steven
Subject: [EXT] Fw: Public meeting -Notice PIC EA -Town of Fort Erie
Attachments: 623180_FE Colony Rd_stakeholder list_2025-02-27.xlsx

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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Did this get noted in comments file?

Thank you,
Lisa

From: Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 2:03:02 PM
To: Lisa Vespi <lisa.vespi@levelprojectmanagement.com>; Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>
Subject: RE: Public meeting -Notice PIC EA -Town of Fort Erie

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Hi Lisa,

FYI I don't have any MTO contacts on my version of the stakeholder list (attached).

Thanks,

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From: Rattigan, Vereen (MTO) <Vereen.Rattigan@ontario.ca>
Sent: March 7, 2025 12:08
To: Lisa Vespi <LVespi@forterie.ca>; Currie, Lindsay <LCurrie@geiconsultants.com>
Subject: [EXT] Public meeting -Notice PIC EA -Town of Fort Erie

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hello Lisa and Lindsay,

This Class EA is outside the ministry's permit control area. Therefore, no further notice is required about it.

Thank you,
Vereen Rattigan. P.Eng., FEC (She/Her)
Corridor Management Engineer | Central Region West | Operations Division
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Jobson, Steven

From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2025 1:54 PM
To: Joan.DelVillarCuicas@ontario.ca; EA Notices to WCRegion (MECP)
Cc: Jobson, Steven; Tommy Peazel
Subject: [EXT] Draft Project File Report Submission for MECP Review – Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

EXTERNAL EMAIL

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:

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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,

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Jobson, Steven

From: Kaurin, Kady (MECP) <Kady.Kaurin2@ontario.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 2:16 PM
To: Lisa Vespi; EA Notices to WCRegion (MECP)
Cc: Jobson, Steven; Tommy Peazel
Subject: [EXT] RE: Draft Project File Report Submission for MECP Review – Fort Erie Beachfront Water Servicing Strategy

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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.

1) 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.

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4) 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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6) The proponent should continue to engage with all communities that have been engaged with to date as the Class EA process proceeds.

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out suitable wording that would be acceptable to MCFN. MECP recommends the proponent remain open and willing to work with/meet MCFN to continue dialogue and building a good working relationship.

Thank You

Kady Kaurin
Environmental Resource Planner/EA Coordinator | Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Environmental Assessment Branch
kady.kaurin2@ontario.ca

From: Lisa Vespi <lvespi@forterie.ca>
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To: Del Villar Cuicas, Joan (MECP) <Joan.DelVillarCuicas@ontario.ca>; EA Notices to WCRegion (MECP) <eanotification.wcregion@ontario.ca>
Cc: sjobson <sjobson@geiconsultants.com>; Tommy Peazel <TPeazel@forterie.ca>
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Should we expect additional comments from MECP on the other aspects on the PFR?

Thank you,
Lisa

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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.

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. MECP is unable to comment on financial accommodation for SNGR's Environmental Levy and Accommodation Strategy policy. MECP recommends the proponent seek input for their legal counsel with respect to financial accommodation of perceived impacts to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.

6. The proponent should continue to engage with all communities that have been engaged with to date as the Class EA process proceeds.

7. In the MCFN, June 30, 2025 (pg 714 of 831) letter, concerns over wording in the archaeological report prepared by Archaeological Services Inc. are raised. It is unclear if there was a response to this letter. MECP recommends that the proponent reach out to Archaeological Services Inc. and see if they can work out suitable wording that would be acceptable to MCFN. MECP recommends the proponent remain open and willing to work with/meet MCFN to continue dialogue and building a good working relationship.

Thank You

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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,

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