



Notice of Public Meeting #2

Six Mile Creek Flooding Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

The Study

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to develop a solution to address the flooding in the Thunder Bay area, specifically in the Six Mile Creek subwatershed. The preliminary study area for the project is the Friendship Trail to the north, Neva Road to the west, Colony Road alignment to the east, Lake Erie to the south. Although the area is within the documented Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 100-year riverine floodplain, it is suspected that the localized flooding occurs primarily due to the seiche effect from Lake Erie. The Town and residents have experienced flooding over the past decades, and more recently in 2019, 2020, and 2022.

The Town has retained Matrix Solutions to complete the EA project and an enhanced conceptual design. The study will:

- Define the study area
- Describe the existing conditions in the study area
- Develop and evaluate solutions to address flooding
- Determine a feasible solution
- Identify methods to avoid or minimize impacts

Public Meeting #1, held on December 14, 2023 was the first opportunity for the public to provide input to the project. Input provided at Public Meeting #1 was used to help understand the impacts of flooding and the relative flood risk in the study area. These inputs helped to develop the alternative solutions to be presented at Public Meeting #2. No decisions have been made on preferred solution(s). Public Meeting #2 is your opportunity to provide input to this decision.

Purpose of this Public Meeting #2

The project team is hosting a public meeting to provide an update on the Class EA process for the study area and obtain feedback from residents. This meeting will be an open house. There is no formal presentation planned.

The information provided will summarize the study updates since the last public meeting, which include an analysis of Lake Erie water levels, an investigation into the hydraulics and hydrologic conditions in Six Mile Creek, a Level of Service investigation, and supporting study investigations (environmental, archaeological, geotechnical and hydrogeological).

The project team will also summarize the alternative solutions and preliminary evaluation criteria being considered as part of the study. Residents and stakeholders will be encouraged to provide feedback on the study. Specifically, we will be looking for feedback on the evaluation criteria and category weightings, as well as input to refine the long-list of alternative solutions prior to evaluation of the alternatives.

Public Meeting Date/Time: June 24, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Meeting Place: Crystal Ridge Library, 89 Ridge Road S, Ridgeway

Have Your Say

We welcome input at the public meeting. To submit a comment or question via email, or if you have accessibility requirements, please contact one of the representatives below:

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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. Project information will be available at:

<https://letstalk.forterie.ca/>

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