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Métis Nation of Ontario (Peterborough Department) Suite 102 – 1054 Monaghan Road Peterborough, ON K9J 5L3

Attention: Caryn MacLoghlin Peterborough Department Contact

Dear Caryn MacLoghlin,

Re: Millbrook Water Storage Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Request to Consult

Proponent

The Township of Cavan Monaghan (The Township) is the proponent undertaking the Millbrook Water Storage Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA). The Township is supported by R.V. Anderson Associates Limited (RVA) as the engineering consultant for this project.

The purpose of this letter is to:

- 1. Provide notification of the commencement of the Class EA process.
- 2. Invite you to participate in the Class EA process. Possible avenues to participate may include attending meetings, participating in field investigations, receiving and reviewing reports and/or providing comments.

Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Process

The purpose of this Class EA process is to determine the preferred location for a new water storage facility

in the Township of Cavan Monaghan to service projected population increases in the Township up to 2051.

This Class EA project is informed by the previously completed Master Servicing Study (MSS) which identified new water storage being needed to support anticipated population growth by 2027.

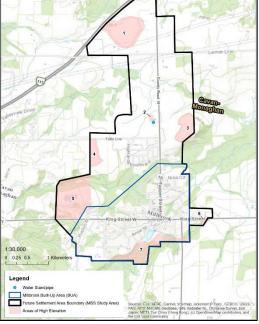


Figure 1: Class EA Study Area





Scope and Location

The scope of the study is to take the next step after the MSS with a Class EA to confirm the location, capacity, and storage type for the new water storage solution (i.e. standpipe, elevated tank or inground storage reservoir) which will service the anticipated growth in the Millbrook Settlement Area as identified in the previously completed Growth Management Study and MSS. The potential locations of the new storage facility are outlined in Figure 1. A full-sized version of Figure 1 has been attached to this document.

Effects on Métis Nation of Ontario & Traditional Territories

The study area is in the treaty territories of the Williams Treaty of 1923. The project team acknowledges the historical and current presence of Métis citizens in the project area. Additional studies and investigations are required for major works and analysis, as described below (Studies). The Region intends to consult with Métis Nation of Ontario during these investigations.

Proposed Consultation Process

- Provide project Notices (Notice of Commencement, Notice of Public Information Centre, Notice of Completion)
- Provide project updates at key project milestones coinciding with the above project notices. Arrange meetings as required to review any concerns or details.
- Provide copies of available environmental, archaeological and cultural heritage studies
- Provide reasonable advanced notice and invitation to communities in the Williams Treaty staff to attend field investigations (archaeological, cultural heritage and environmental), and coordinate scheduling where possible.
- Two-way knowledge sharing and, at Williams Treaty Nations's discretion, sharing of oral histories for archaeological and cultural heritage studies
- Receive input from Williams Treaty First Nations pertaining to major points of the project as they occur for consideration into project.
- Continue to consult with the Williams Treaty Nations during the design and construction phases of the project, as required. The Township aims to complete the Storage Class EA in 2025.

Studies

This Class EA will use the Archaeological and Cultural Heritage studies completed as part of the previously completed MSS and/or other completed studies. Depending on the location chosen for the storage facility, there may be other available reports completed for the Township or third parties from other projects. Alternatively, field studies may occur within the study area (Figure 1) only.

Documents for Review Available

We have attached to this correspondence the previously completed MSS. The appendices of the MSS include the previously completed Archaeological, Cultural Heritage and Natural Heritage

studies – that have already been filled with the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) – which inform this Class EA project for future Water Storage.

Approvals

Approvals associated with the current Class EA process, include filing with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

Other approvals such as a Drinking Water Works Permit (DWWP) and a Permit to Take Water (PTTW) from the MECP might be required in the future.

Invitation to Participate and Important Dates

We are committed to establishing a mutually beneficial relationship, rooted in respect, open communication and a shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

We would be pleased to discuss the project in further detail and welcome the opportunity for Métis Nation of Ontario representatives to educate the Township and consult team members about the important historical, political and geographical context, as well as Métis Nation of Ontario's interests as it relates to this project.

We are happy to arrange a meeting at a time and in a format that suits you in the coming weeks.

We anticipate the public issue of the Notice of Commencement for the project on the week of April 15th, 2025, and our Public Information Centre (PIC) in late June of 2025. It is the intention of the project team to provide notification of major updates to the project as updates become available.

To work towards effective consultation with Métis Nation of Ontario on an on-going basis, we would appreciate if you **could designate one person as your primary contact** or share your preferred communication method at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to engaging with your community, and we thank you for your time and consideration.

Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss this further. My contact information is below, and the project team's contact information is attached.

Yours very truly,

Wayne Hancock, P.Eng. Director of Public Works Township of Cavan Monaghan

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