THE TOWN OF EAST GWILLIMBURY CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WATER AND WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN UPDATES **NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT**

Project Description

The Town of East Gwillimbury is undertaking a Town-wide Master Plan for Water and Wastewater Services. The Master Plan will identify long-term strategies for servicing current and future populations, in accordance with the Town's growth projections to the ultimate planning horizon of 2041. The Study will meet the Town's Water and Wastewater Services Mission:

The Town of East Gwillimbury is projected to experience significant population and employment growth over the next 30 years. As a result of this growth, a safe, efficient, and reliable supply of water and wastewater services to the Town will become increasingly important and challenging and the Town's water and wastewater systems will need to be expanded as necessary to accommodate this growth.

The Water and Wastewater Master Plan will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015). The Town of East Gwillimbury is completing this Master Plan addressing Phase 1 – Problem or Opportunity, and Phase 2 – Alternative Solutions of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Class EA process. The study is conducted at a broad level of assessment in which site-specific Class EA's for all recommended Schedule 'B' projects are to be completed in the future, closer to the time of the projects' implementation.

Public Feedback Required

Public consultation is vital to the success of this Master Plan. We encourage all resident to provide input throughout the duration of the Study. Various forms of public consultation are planned throughout the Master Planning Process. Public Information Centres (PICs) will take place to present the Study, proposed alternatives, and recommended solutions, inviting the public to interact directly with the project team. Notification of the PICs will be made in advance by means of newspaper advertisements and hardcopy or electronic mailings. At the completion of the Study, the Master Plan will be filed for public review.

Project updates and notices will be posted on the Town's website (<u>http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/projects</u>) to inform the public of the progress of the Water and Wastewater Master Plan. Residents and interested parties are encouraged to regularly visit the website to find out more about the Study. In addition to project updates and Notices posted on the Town's website, residents and interested parties can contact a member of the project team to receive e-mail updates/notices in regards to the project.

Questions/Mailing List

If you have any questions or concerns, and/or would like to be added to the study mailing list to receive update notices via e-mail, please contact a member of the project team, listed below:

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Comments and information regarding this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are being collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become a part of the public record. For further information please contact a member of the project team.