## **Notice of Commencement**

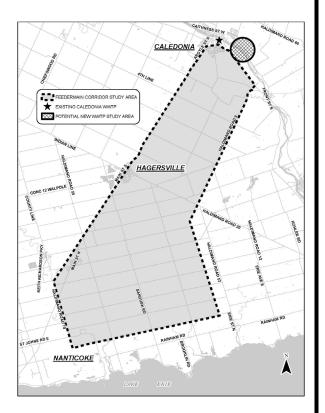
## Caledonia Wastewater Treatment Plant Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Haldimand County is undertaking a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to determine the preferred wastewater treatment alternative to increase wastewater treatment capacity for Caledonia.

STUDY BACKGROUND: In December 2020, a Draft Wastewater Master Servicing Plan (MSP) Update was undertaken which updated the wastewater servicing components of the 2006 Caledonia MSP. The Draft MSP Update reflected updated land use and growth forecasts in the study area. As part of the MSP Update, near-term and future wastewater treatment needs were identified and wastewater treatment alternatives were evaluated to address projected treatment capacity constraints.

CURRENT STATUS: In early 2022, Empire Communities proposed developing a new community at the Lake Erie Industrial Park (LEIP) in Nanticoke, ON, which includes a new proposed LEIP Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). As part of this Class EA process, the evaluation of treatment servicing alternatives from the MSP Update is being revisited to re-confirm the preferred wastewater treatment alternative, including adding a new alternative to pump wastewater flows from Caledonia to Nanticoke for treatment at the proposed LEIP WWTP. The goal of the updated evaluation is to re-evaluate treatment alternatives based on updated growth projections in Caledonia and evaluate the new alternative under the Municipal Class EA process.

**THE PROCESS:** This study is being completed as a Schedule C Municipal Class EA. Public, agency and rightsholders consultation is a key element of the process and input will be sought throughout the Class EA process. Based on the previously completed work, the next step in the Class EA process is re-evaluating and selecting the preferred wastewater treatment alternative. As part of the Class EA, studies of the area archeology, cultural heritage, and ecology will be undertaken to assist with evaluating alternative design concepts for the preferred alternative.



## **HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

A mailing list for notification of study status and opportunities for public input is being compiled. If you wish to add your contact information to the study mailing list, or if you have any questions regarding the study, please contact one of the people listed below. Project information will also be available to the public on the County's website "Caledonia Wastewater Treatment Plant Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment" (opens in web browser).

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Haldimand County is conducting this study according to the requirements of Phases 1 to 4 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act. This Notice was originally posted August 25, 2022.

Haldimand County will collect information in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Except for personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact a Project Team member listed above.