

**Class EA for Regional Services for
the Central Pickering Development Plan**

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Works Department

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Public Notice

The Study

The Regional Municipality of Durham is currently undertaking a study for the provision of Regional services, including water, wastewater, transportation, transit and service facility infrastructure, to service the lands identified as the Central Pickering Development Plan (CPDP) Area. The CPDP was completed by the Province in May 2006 and requires the Region to proceed with planning the infrastructure works required for the area. In order to meet this requirement, a study is underway to meet the environmental assessment (EA) requirements, by developing a servicing plan based on environmental considerations, as well as technical and financial efficiencies.

The Study consists of three projects:

1. Water and Wastewater Infrastructure (e.g. watermains, sewers, pumping stations, reservoirs);
2. Transportation (e.g. roads, bridges, cycling paths/lanes and sidewalks in Regional road rights-of-way) and Transit Infrastructure; and
3. Service facilities (e.g. works yard).

The study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association's *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA)* document (October 2000, as amended in 2007 & 2011). The Environmental Assessment for the Study will be fulfilling the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EAA).

The three projects that form part of the Study must meet different Schedules under the Class EA process, as follows:

1. & 3. Schedule B – Water and wastewater infrastructure and service facilities
2. Schedule C – Transportation infrastructure

Study Status

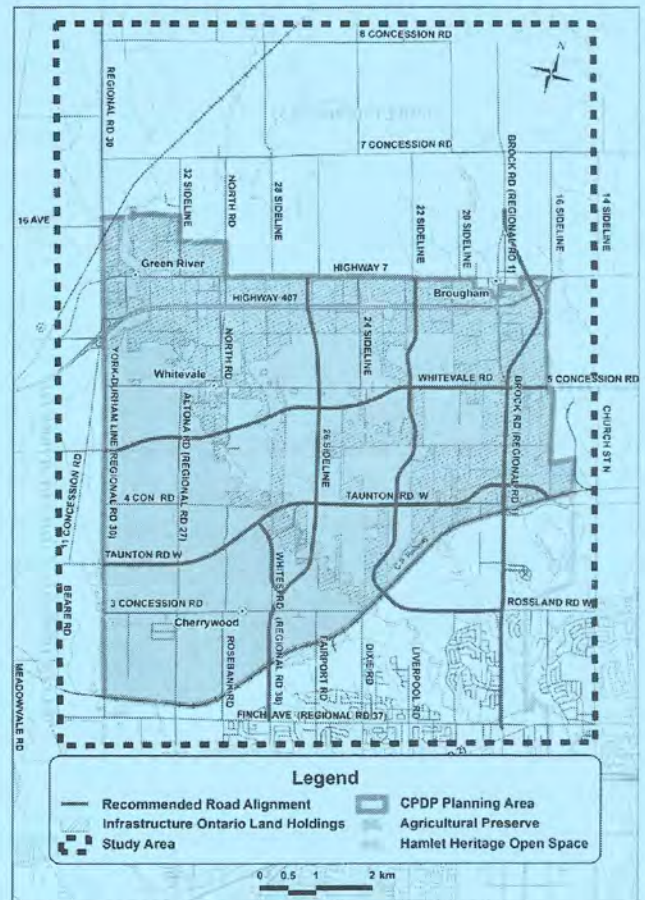
The Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Services for the Central Pickering Development Plan is currently approaching completion. The anticipated Environmental Study Report (ESR) filing date is the end of June 2014. The study to date:

- Refined the water, wastewater, and transportation system servicing alternatives based on input from the ongoing consultation activities and further studies.
- Confirmed the preferred water, wastewater and transportation system servicing alternatives.
- Completed the preferred water and wastewater, transportation and transit infrastructure preliminary designs and the draft ESR.

Proposed Modifications to the Study

Since Public Information Centre (PIC) No. 12 in June 2012, additional work has been done on the Study. Based on this work the following modifications are now being proposed:

- The preferred Zone 4 Water Reservoir Site has been moved to the west side of Sideline 26 - Siting for the Zone 4 Reservoir was based on lands that could be purchased from Transport Canada. Since the initial evaluation was completed, Transport Canada has indicated a preference for the Region to locate on a large site that could potentially accommodate all 3 water components (Zone 5 Elevated Tank and Pumping Station and the Zone 4 Reservoir).
- The Zone 5 Elevated Tank was initially proposed on lands south of Highway 7 and just west of Sideline 24. Discussions with Transport Canada determined that the Zone 5 Elevated Tank



could potentially be located on the north side of Highway 7 at the site on the west side of Sideline 26 with the Zone 4 Reservoir. If it is later determined that this site is unsuitable due to potential conflicts with a future airport, the Zone 5 Elevated Tank can be located at a site south of Highway 7 adjacent to Sideline 26.


- Whites Road from Finch Avenue to Taunton Road has been improved to better facilitate continuous and effective High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane operations by increasing from 4 to 6 lanes.
- One of the amendments to the Municipal Class EA passed in October 2011 altered the Class EA Schedule from a C to a B for service facilities. Based on this it was decided that the Region's service facilities project would also change from being Schedule C to Schedule B.


Additional project specific information on the proposed modifications can be viewed on the Durham Region website, www.durham.ca/cdeap, or the City of Pickering's Seaton Community website, www.pickering.ca/en/cityhall/services.asp. If you prefer a hardcopy of this information please contact one of the project contacts noted below to request this.

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns you may have related to the proposed modifications to this Class EA Study. Comments received before June 6th, 2014 will be included as part of the ESR document. Comments will be maintained for reference throughout the project and will become part of the public record. Under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person. For further information or to provide your comments, please contact one of the following:

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